



Aaron Rents Promotes Four To Vice President

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ATLANTA, Aug. 13 /PRNewswire/ -- Aaron Rents, Inc. (NYSE: RNT - news), one of the nation's leading furniture rental and sales companies, today announced the promotion to vice president of four key managers of the Aaron's Rental Purchase division.

``This action by our Board of Directors signifies the growing importance and responsibilities of these officers in our fast-expanding rental purchase business," said R. Charles Loudermilk, Sr., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Aaron Rents. He announced the following new officers:

James D. Almond, Vice President, Franchise Operations, previously Director of Franchise Development. He has been with the Company since 1991.

David M. Deignan, Vice President, Marketing and Merchandising, previously Director of those areas; he has been with Aaron Rents since 1994.

Todd Evans, Vice President, Franchise Development, previously Director of Franchise Development. He has been with the Company since 1991.

Michael B. Hickey, Vice President, Management Development, previously Director of Management Development since joining the Company in 1995.

Aaron's Rental Purchase division has grown from 49 stores at year-end 1993 to 308 stores open at June 30, 1998. Franchised stores, the fastest-growing part of the business, increased to 119 since the franchise operation was launched in 1992.

Aaron Rents, Inc., based in Atlanta, currently has a total of 420 stores in 32 states for the rental and sale of residential and office furniture and accessories, consumer electronics, household appliances and convention furnishings. The Company manufactures furniture at five plants in Georgia and Florida.