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**RANKIN MIG CARBIDE AUTOMATION CREATED WITH ACQUISITION OF
INNOVATIVE RODGER W. SPRIGGS COMPANY**

RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA (MAY 8, 2008) – Rankin Industries™ has acquired Rodger W. Spriggs Company, an innovative developer and manufacturer of automated MIG Carbide systems for hardfacing applications. It will become the newest division of Rankin Industries™ under the banner Rankin MIG Carbide Automation.

The Rodger W. Spriggs Company was founded in 1990 and the company's systems are known for their extraordinary efficiency in making tungsten carbide deposits for extreme wear applications.

“Creating Rankin MIG Carbide Automation from the Spriggs foundation is a very positive addition to the wear resistance and hardfacing application options we offer our customers,” said Richard Ferry, President of Rankin Industries, Inc. “The systems offer higher production at lower cost which is increasingly important in today's economic climate. Our customers are looking for performance and value.”

The Rankin MIG Carbide Automation systems support extreme efficiency and utilization of ground engagement tools in the construction, agriculture, mining, dredging, and energy and oil industries, many of which are currently served by Rankin Industries™ and its sister companies, Broco® Inc., and Strong Welding Products™ today.

The systems now offered by Rankin MIG Carbide Automation range from the handheld MIG Carbide Vibratory Feeders and Light Weight Automatic MIG Carbide Systems to Heavy Weight Automatic MIG Carbide Systems such as Coal Pulverizing machines and Gyratory Mantle machines. Rankin MIG Carbide Automation also offers the capabilities to manufacture custom machines to specific customer requirements. Special features of the systems include well-packaged single and multiple weld head systems used to easily make uniform tungsten carbide deposits.

Rodger Spriggs will join Rankin MIG Carbide Automation as a consultant to develop more break-through solutions for today's hardfacing applications and wear resistance challenges.

Rankin Industries™ is a designer and manufacturer of build-up and hardfacing products and offers a range of specialty alloys including dental brazing, hard surfacing and specialty brazing performs. Its sister companies include Broco®, Inc., the world leader in exothermic cutting and underwater welding systems; and Strong Welding Products™,

Inc. which offers a selection of cost-effective welding and industrial products. The companies serve industrial maintenance and repair, and welding and cutting professionals. Corporate headquarters is located in Rancho Cucamonga, California and products are available through a global distributor network. Visit www.RANKIN.com for more information.

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