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## Elkay announces executive changes

OAK BROOK, ILL. — Ronald C. Katz and the Elkay board of directors have announced that Katz intends to retire from his position as chairman and chief executive officer of Elkay Manufacturing Company effective December 1, 2007. At that time, Katz will assume the position of executive chairman of the board of directors.

Katz, who has served as CEO since 1985, began his employment with Elkay nearly 55 years ago on January 8, 1953 as a product inspector at the company's Cicero, Ill. plant. After serving in the Air Force for four years, from 1953-1957, Katz held several managerial and executive positions with the company including corporate secretary, production control manager, purchasing agent, V.P. corporate planning, executive vice president, president and chief operating officer and in 1985 vice chairman and chief executive officer. Katz was named chairman of the board in 1986.

John P. (Jack) Edl has also announced his plans to retire from his position as president and chief operating officer, effective December 1, 2007. Edl will continue to serve on Elkay's board of directors and will assume the position of vice chairman. In this position, he will serve as an advisor to Ron Katz and to Elkay's newly appointed president and CEO, Timothy J. Jahnke.

Timothy J. Jahnke, most recently group president, Home and Family Products Group of Newell Rubbermaid, will join this global manufacturer of plumbing and cabinetry products as president and chief executive officer at its corporate headquarters in Oak Brook, Illinois. Jahnke brings an exceptional 21-year track record of accomplishments as the president and group executive of several consumer business units, as the top human resource executive and as a corporate officer. ■