

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report: **June 7, 2017** (Date of earliest event reported: **June 7, 2017**)

**RBC BEARINGS INCORPORATED**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**333-124824**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**95-4372080**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**One Tribology Center**  
**Oxford, CT 06478**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**(203) 267-7001**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**N/A**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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### **Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On June 7, 2017 the Company entered into an Amended and Restated Employment Agreement with Dr. Michael J. Hartnett, effective April 2, 2017, pursuant to which Dr. Hartnett will continue to be employed as President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company.

The new Amended and Restated Employment Agreement amends the Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated effective as of April 1, 2013 between the Company and Dr. Michael J. Hartnett, filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated July 2, 2013 and described therein. A copy of the new Amended and Restated Employment Agreement is filed as Exhibit 10.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Dr. Hartnett's new Amended and Restated Employment Agreement has a three year initial term with automatic annual renewals thereafter and is substantially similar to his existing Amended and Restated Employment Agreement except that it provides for a 20 percent reduction of his current base salary. His annual performance bonus matrix remains unchanged and he will continue to be designated as an Eligible Executive under the Company's Executive Officer Performance Based Compensation Plan.

The foregoing description of Dr. Hartnett's employment terms does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by, prior related disclosures by Registrant and reference to the provisions of the new Amended and Restated Employment Agreement attached as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

On June 7, 2017 the Company entered into Employment Agreement with Daniel A. Bergeron, effective April 2, 2017, pursuant to which Mr. Bergeron will be promoted to the position of Vice President, Chief Operations Officer, and Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Bergeron will also continue as a Director of the Company. As Chief Operations Officer, Mr. Bergeron will increase his management responsibilities of more operational divisions. He will continue his responsibilities as Chief Financial Officer, assisted by Mr. Hawkins as noted below.

Mr. Bergeron's Employment Agreement has a three year initial term with automatic annual renewals thereafter, is similar in format to Dr. Hartnett's agreement, provides for a 25 percent increase to his current base salary and sets forth a performance bonus matrix. Mr. Bergeron is also designated as an Eligible Executive under the Company's Executive Officer Performance Based Compensation Plan.

The foregoing description of Mr. Bergeron's employment terms does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by, and reference to the provisions of the Employment Agreement attached as Exhibit 10.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

On June 7, 2017, RBC Bearings Inc. (the "Company") announced that Ernie Hawkins has been appointed Vice President of Finance, Chief Accounting Officer effective June 7, 2017. Mr. Hawkins was previously the Corporate Controller of the Company's Sargent Aerospace & Defense Division. He joined RBC Bearings in 2015 as part of the Sargent Aerospace & Defense acquisition. He was employed by Sargent's previous parent company, Dover Corporation, since 2002. Mr. Hawkins graduated from Ball State University and is a Certified Public Accountant. Mr. Hawkins will be responsible for overseeing Corporate Accounting and SEC Reporting, and the Company's Information Technology Group. He will also support Mr. Bergeron on Mergers and Acquisitions, Investor Relations, and Treasury matters. Mr. Hawkins is currently 51 years old.

As a new officer of the Company, Mr. Hawkins will be an at-will employee and entitled to participate in the same general benefits and incentive opportunities as other officers. This includes a base salary and incentive opportunities under the Company's Annual Incentive Compensation Plan, Long-Term Equity Incentive Program and Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan.

For further details, please refer to the press release filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report, which is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(c) Item 1.01 is incorporated herein by reference.

(e) Item 1.01 is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On June 7, 2017, the Company issued a press release announcing the appointment of Mr. Bergeron as Vice President, Chief Operations Officer, and Chief Financial Officer and the appointment of Mr. Hawkins as Vice President of Finance, Chief Accounting Officer, both to be effective June 7, 2017. A copy of the press release announcing the foregoing is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
10.1	New Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, effective April 2, 2017, between the Registrant and Dr. Michael J. Hartnett.
10.2	Employment Agreement, effective April 2, 2017, between the Registrant and Daniel A. Bergeron.
99.1	Press release dated June 7, 2017 announcing the appointments of Daniel Bergeron and Ernie Hawkins.

**SIGNATURES**

According to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

Date: June 7, 2017

**RBC BEARINGS INCORPORATED**

By:           /s/ Thomas J. Williams            
Name: Thomas J. Williams  
Title: General Counsel & Secretary

RESTATED AND AMENDED EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT  
WITH  
MICHAEL J. HARTNETT

This Employment Agreement (the "Employment Agreement") is amended and restated effective as of this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2017 (the "Commencement Date") and made between RBC Bearings Incorporated, a Delaware corporation ("Employer" or the "Company") and Michael J. Hartnett Ph.D. ("Employee"). Prior to and through the time of their entry into this Agreement, Employee has served as Employer's President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of its Board of Directors pursuant to an Employment Agreement dated April 1, 2013 ("Prior Employment Agreement"). Both parties wish to continue this employment relationship under the terms reflected in this Agreement.

Therefore, Employer hereby employs Employee and Employee hereby accepts employment, on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

1. DEFINITIONS.

As used in this Agreement, and unless the context requires a different meaning, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

"Change in Control" is as defined in the RBC 2005 or 2013 Long-Term Equity Incentive Plan as amended or any subsequent long-term equity incentive plan approved by and on behalf of the Company.

"Competing Business" means any business (including, without limitation, research and development) that is carried on by Employer in any material respect, and with which Employee is actively involved, during the Term.

"EBITDA" shall mean the income of the Employer increased by interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, calculated in a manner consistent with the calculation of the Plan.

"Good Reason" shall mean for the 24 month period following a Change in Control any of the following which occur subsequent to the Commencement Date without your express written consent:

- (i) a substantial reduction in the Employee's title, position, duties, responsibilities and status with the Company inconsistent with the Employee's title, duties, responsibilities and status immediately prior to a change in the Employee's titles or offices, or any removal of the Employee from or any failure to reelect the Employee to any of such positions, except in connection with the termination of his employment for disability, retirement or Cause or by the Employee other than for Good Reason;
- (ii) a relocation of Employee's principal work location without his consent to a location more than 25 miles from the Company's headquarters at Oxford, Connecticut;
- (iii) any material breach by the Company of any provision of this Agreement; or (iv) any failure by the Company to obtain the assumption of this Agreement by any successor or assign of the Company.

"Plan" shall mean the operating plan established by the Employee, in his status as CEO of Employer and as approved by the Board within ninety (90) days following the beginning of each fiscal year, as applicable to Employer and as applicable to the determination of bonuses payable to others of Employer's employees to the extent such bonuses are calculated by reference to operating results.

"Person" means any natural person, partnership, corporation, trust, company or other entity.

"Territory" means the geographical area in which the Employer engages in any business (other than an insignificant amount of business), with which Employee is actively involved, during the Term.

"Equity Vesting Triggering Event" means the occurrence of any of the following:

- (i) the expiration of the Term of this Agreement pursuant to Section 2;
- (ii) the termination of this Agreement pursuant to Section 8(a) upon Employee's death or Total Disability;
- (iii) the termination of this Agreement by the Employer pursuant to Section 8(c) without Cause; or
- (iv) the termination of this Agreement by the Employee pursuant to Section 8(d) for other than Good Reason.

2. TERM.

Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Company shall employ Employee as its President, Chief Executive Officer, and Chairman of its Board of Directors for a term commencing on the Commencement Date hereof and continuing until March 31, 2020 or until earlier terminated pursuant to the provisions of Section 8 hereof (the "Initial Term"). Upon expiration of the Initial Term, this Agreement will automatically renew for additional one (1) year periods (each a "Renewal Term") unless either party notifies the other of its intent not to so renew within ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of the Initial Term or any Renewal Term. (The Initial Term and all Renewal Terms shall collectively be referred to as the "Term").

3. DUTIES.

(a) During the Term, Employee agrees to serve Employer as its President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of its Board of Directors (the "Board") reporting to the Board, and in such other executive capacities as may be agreed from time to time by the Board (or a duly authorized committee thereof) and Employee; provided that (i) Employee's duties shall at all times be limited to those commensurate with the foregoing offices, and (ii) Employee shall not be obligated, without his consent, to relocate his principal office location from Oxford, Connecticut (or the surrounding reasonable commuting area), although the foregoing limitation is not intended to limit Employee's requirement, in the normal course of business, to travel to the Employer's other business locations. Employee shall serve, if elected, as a director of, and if agreed by Employee and the board of directors of the organization in question, shall serve as an officer and render appropriate services to, corporations directly or indirectly controlled by Employer ("Employer's Affiliates") as Employer may from time to time reasonably request (but only such services as shall be consistent with the duties Employee is to perform for Employer and with Employee's stature and experience). All duties and services contemplated by this Section 3 are hereinafter referred to as the "Services."

(b) During the Term, Employee will devote his full business time and attention to, and use his good faith efforts to advance, the business and welfare of Employer; provided that the foregoing shall not restrict Employee's rights to engage in passive investment activities, to serve on the boards of directors of other entities (so long as such activities are not violative of Section 4 below), or to engage in civic, charitable and other similar activities.

4. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE.

(a) Employee hereby agrees that, during the Term and thereafter, he will not disclose to any Person, or otherwise use or exploit in competition with Employer or Employer's Affiliates, any of the proprietary or confidential information or knowledge treated by the Employer or Employer's Affiliates as confidential, including without limitation, trade secrets, processes, records of research, information included in proposals, reports, methods, processes, techniques, computer software or programming, or budgets or other financial information, regarding Employer or Employer's Affiliates, its or their business, properties or affairs obtained by him at any time (i) during the Term or (ii) during any employment of Employee with the Employer or any of Employer's Affiliates prior to the Commencement Date ("Prior Employment"), except to the extent required to perform the Services; PROVIDED that the foregoing shall not apply to: (A) information in the public domain other than by reason of a violation of this Agreement by Employee, or (B) information that Employee is compelled to disclose by operation of law or legal process (so long as Employee provides Employer with prior notice of any such compelled disclosure and an opportunity to defend against such disclosure), or (C) information generally known to Employee by reason of his particular expertise that is not specific to the Employer.

(b) Employee hereby agrees that during the Term and for a period of two years thereafter (the “Non-Compete Term”), he will not (i) engage in or carry on, directly or indirectly, any Competing Business in any Territory in which such Competing Business is then engaged in by the Employer, (ii) allow his name to be used by any Person engaged in any Competing Business, (iii) invest in, directly or indirectly, any Person engaged in any Competing Business, or (iv) serve as an officer or director, employee, agent, associate or consultant of any Person engaged in a Competing Business (other than Employer or any Employer’s Affiliate). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Non-Compete Term shall be only for the Term hereof in the event Employee’s employment hereunder is terminated by the Employer hereunder without Cause (as provided in Section 8(c) below) and shall be for a period of twelve (12) months following such termination by the Employee with Good Reason (as provided in Section 8(d) below). Subject to Section 3 (b) hereof, nothing herein shall prohibit the Employee from (A) investing in any business that is not a Competing Business or (B) investing in a publicly-held entity if such investment (individually or as part of a group) is limited to not more than five percent (5%) of the outstanding equity issue of such entity.

(c) All intellectual properties developed by Employee during the Term or during any Prior Employment and that is related to the business (or foreseeable business prospects) of the Employer with which Employee is actively involved shall be for the account of the Employer. Employee agrees to enter into such agreements (including transfer documents) as may be reasonably required by Employer to confirm the foregoing.

(d) Employee shall not, during the Non-Compete Term, directly or indirectly, solicit or induce or attempt to solicit or induce any affiliate, director, agent, or employee of Employer or contractor then under contract to the Employer, to terminate his, her or its employment or other relationship with Employer for the purpose of entering into a similar relationship with any Employer’s competitors or for any other purpose or no purpose. Employee shall not, during the Non-Compete Term, directly or indirectly, solicit or induce or attempt to solicit or induce any customer or supplier of Employer to terminate his, her or its relationship with Employer for the purpose of entering into a similar relationship with any competitors of Employer or Employer’s Affiliates or for any other purpose or no purpose.

(e) Employee agrees that the remedy at law for any breach by him of any of any of the covenants and agreements set forth in this Section 4 will be inadequate and will cause immediate and irreparable injury to Employer and that in the event of any such breach, Employer, in addition to the other remedies which may be available to it at law, shall be entitled to seek injunctive relief prohibiting him from the breach of such covenants and agreements.

(f) The parties hereto intend that the covenants and agreements contained in this Section 4 shall be deemed to include a series of separate covenants and agreements, one for each and every county of the states in which the Employer does business. If, in any judicial proceeding, the duration or scope of any covenant or agreement of Employee contained in this Section 4 shall be adjudicated to be invalid or unenforceable, the parties agree that this Agreement shall be deemed amended to reduce such duration or scope to the extent necessary to permit enforcement of such covenant or agreement.

## 5. INDEMNIFICATION.

Employer hereby agrees to indemnify Employee to the maximum extent permitted by Delaware law at the time of the assertion, against any liability against Employee arising out of or relating to his status as an employee, officer or director acting within the course and scope of employment, office or director responsibility of Employer or any Employer’s Affiliate at any time during the Term, whether such liability is asserted during or after the Term.

## 6. COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS.

(a) Commencing April 2, 2017, Employer shall pay Employee a salary at the rate of sixty four thousand five hundred and eighty five dollars (\$ 64,585) per month payable at least as frequently as monthly and subject to payroll deductions as may be necessary or customary in respect of Employer’s salaried employees (“Base Salary”). Commencing not later than December 1, 2017 , the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company (the “Compensation Committee”) shall annually review the Employee’s performance and Base Salary and may increase (but not decrease) such Base Salary, at its sole discretion. Any increased Base Salary shall then constitute the “Base Salary” for purposes of this Agreement. During the term, Employee shall also be entitled to receive the benefits set forth in Schedule A hereto (the “Additional Benefits”) as well as any normal executive benefits of Employer not enumerated in that Schedule.

(b) During the Term, Employee shall also be entitled to receive annual-performance bonuses in amounts and at times as follows:

Employee shall be entitled to an annual performance bonus with respect to each fiscal year of the Employer during which Employee remains an employee of the Company beginning with the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018, in an amount determined as a percentage of Employee's Base Salary, based on the following criteria:

<b>Percentage of Actual EBITDA to Plan</b>	<b>Amount of Bonus</b>
80% to 89.9%	75% of Base Salary
90% to 99.9%	100% of Base Salary
100% to 109.9%	150% of Base Salary
110% to 119.9%	200% of Base Salary
120% or higher	250% of Base Salary

The amount payable under this formula, if any, shall be paid to Employee within fifteen (15) days following the publication of the Company's financial statements for each fiscal year of the Employer during the Term, but in no event later than one hundred twenty (120) days following the end of such fiscal year.

(c) Employee shall be designated as an Eligible Executive under the Company's Executive Officer Performance Based Compensation Plan

7. EXPENSES.

Employer will pay or reimburse Employee for such reasonable travel, entertainment, educational and other expenses as he may incur on behalf of Employer during the Term in connection with the performance of his duties hereunder.

8. TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT.

Notwithstanding Section 1 hereof, the Initial Term may be terminated prior to March 31, 2020, and any Renewal Term may be terminated under the following circumstances:

(a) **DEATH OR TOTAL DISABILITY.** The Term shall automatically and immediately terminate upon Employee's death or "Total Disability." For purposes of this Agreement, "Total Disability" shall mean Employee's physical or mental incapacitation or disability that renders Employee unable to substantially perform the Services as performed prior to such incapacitation or disability for the period of twenty-six (26) consecutive weeks or during anyone hundred fifty (150) business days (whether or not consecutive) during any twelve (12) month period during the Term.

(b) **TERMINATION BY EMPLOYER FOR CAUSE.** Employer, at its election, shall have the right to terminate the Term, by written notice to Employee to that effect, for "Cause". The term "Cause" shall mean:

- (i) any act of fraud, embezzlement, theft or conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude;
- (ii) any material breach by Employee of any material covenant, condition, or agreement in this Agreement ("Employee's Material Breach"); or
- (iii) any chemical dependency by Employee (other than in connection with medicines prescribed for Employee).

To terminate the Term pursuant to this Section 8(b), Employer shall give written notice (“Cause Notice”) to the Employee specifying the claimed Cause. If Employee fails to cure the same within thirty (30) days after the receipt of the applicable Cause Notice (or such longer period as may be reasonably required if such actions are subject to cure), the Term shall terminate at the end of such thirty (30) day period or such longer reasonable period, as the case may be. Notwithstanding anything that may be interpreted to the contrary, it is expressly agreed that no act of the type contemplated by or described in Section 8(b) (i) shall be capable of being cured by Employee and the Employer may terminate Employee immediately without the requirement for such cure period.

(c) **TERMINATION BY EMPLOYER WITHOUT CAUSE.** Employer shall have the right, at its election, to terminate the Term at any time for any reason other than “Cause” upon not less than sixty (60) days prior written notice to Employee.

(d) **TERMINATION BY EMPLOYEE.** Employee shall have the right, at his election, to terminate the Term at any time by written notice to Employer upon not less than one hundred and twenty (120) days prior written notice; provided, however, that (i) such notice period shall be thirty (30) days in the case of a termination for “Good Reason”; and (ii) if such termination is other than for Good Reason the Non-Compete Term, for purposes of Section 4(b) and (d), shall continue through March 31, 2020.

(e) **SALARY AND BENEFITS IN EVENT OF TERMINATION.** Upon termination of the Term, the following shall be applicable, notwithstanding anything to the contrary elsewhere herein:

(i) If the Term is terminated by Employer for Cause pursuant to Section 8 (b) or by Employee pursuant to Section 8 (d) other than for Good Reason, Employee shall thereafter be entitled to the Base Salary and all benefits, including the Special Benefits for six months following the effective date of such termination, unless otherwise agreed by Employer.

(ii) If the Initial Term is terminated (A) due to Employee’s death or Total Disability pursuant to Section 8 (a) hereof, or (B) by the Employer without Cause pursuant to Section 8 (c) hereof, (x) Employer shall pay to Employee on the date of termination the Base Salary due to Employee for the then remainder of the period ending March 31, 2020, net of any benefits paid to Employee pursuant to any policy of disability insurance maintained by Employer, plus a PRO RATA portion of the Employee’s annual bonus for the fiscal year of the Employer in which such termination occurs at your maximum target bonus percentage then in effect (provided that in the case of Employee’s death or Total Disability such payment and benefits shall extend for no longer than for the then remainder of the period ending March 31, 2020), and (y) Employee shall be entitled to all benefits including the Special Benefits described in Section 6 (b) hereof for the then remainder of the period ending March 31, 2020.

(iii) If a Renewal Term is terminated (A) pursuant to Employee’s death or Total Disability pursuant to Section 8 (a) hereof, or (B) by the Employer without Cause pursuant to Section 8 (c) hereof, (x) Employer shall pay to Employee (or Employee’s estate or designated beneficiaries) on the date of termination the Base Salary due to Employee for the then remainder of the Renewal Term, net of any benefits paid to Employee pursuant to any policy of disability insurance maintained by Employer, plus a PRO RATA portion of the Employee’s annual bonus for the fiscal year of the Employer in which such termination occurs at your maximum target bonus percentage then in effect (provided that in the case of Employee’s death or Total Disability such payment and benefits shall extend for no longer than remainder of the Renewal Term), and (y) Employee shall be entitled to all benefits including the Special Benefits described in Section 6 (b) hereof for the then remainder of the Renewal Term.

(iv) If a Change in Control occurs and if within 24 months after a Change in Control, Employee’s employment is either terminated by the Company without Cause or by Employee for Good Reason, Employee shall be entitled to the compensation and benefits set forth in Schedule B, Change in Control Provisions.



(v) If an Equity Vesting Triggering Event occurs, all restricted stock and stock option awards that have been granted to Employee shall immediately and fully vest and all stock options grants shall be exercisable by Employee on or before the day which is thirty nine (39) months from the initial grant date, in the case of stock option grants with three (3) year vesting, and on or before the day which is sixty three (63) months from the initial grant date in the case of stock option grants with five (5) year vesting. Approval of this Agreement by the Company's Board Compensation Committee shall be deemed approval of the amendments of the restricted stock and stock option grants as provided in the immediately preceding sentence for all purposes under the RBC 2005 and 2013 Long-Term Equity Incentive Plan as amended or any subsequent long-term equity incentive plan approved by and on behalf of the Company. The vesting provisions contained in this subsection (v) shall take precedent over any vesting provisions contained in Schedule B.

(f) DELIVERY OF RECORDS UPON TERMINATION. Upon termination of the Term, Employee will deliver to Employer all records of research, proposals, reports, memoranda, computer software and programming, budgets and other financial information, and other materials or records (including any copies thereof) made, used or obtained by Employee in connection with his employment by Employer and/or any Employer's Affiliate.

## 9. MISCELLANEOUS.

(a) MODIFICATION AND WAIVER OF BREACH. No waiver or modification of this Employment Agreement shall be binding unless it is in writing signed by the parties hereto and expressly stating that it is intended to modify this Agreement. No waiver of a breach hereof shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of a future breach, whether of a similar or dissimilar nature.

(b) NOTICES. All notices and other communications required or permitted under this Employment Agreement shall be in writing, served personally on, or made by certified or registered United States mail to, the party to be charged with receipt thereof. Notices and other communications served in person shall be deemed delivered when so served. Notices and other communications served by mail shall be deemed delivered hereunder 72 hours after deposit of such notice or communication in the United States Post Office as certified or registered mail with postage prepaid and duly addressed to whom such notice or communications is to be given, in the case of

(i) Employer:  
RBC Bearings Incorporated  
One Tribology Center  
Oxford, CT 06478  
ATTN : Chief Financial Officer

(ii) Employee:  
Michael J. Hartnett  
385 South Street  
Middlebury, Connecticut 06762

Any party may change said party's address for purposes of this Section by giving to the party intended to be bound thereby, in the manner provided herein, a written notice of such change.

(c) COUNTERPARTS. This instrument may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same Employment Agreement.

(d) GOVERNING LAW. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, this Employment Agreement shall be construed in accordance with, and governed by, the internal laws of the State of Connecticut applicable to agreements executed and to be performed in such state without regard to principles of choice of law or conflicts of laws.

(e) COMPLETE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT. This Employment Agreement and its Exhibits and Schedules, together contain the entire agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter of this Employment Agreement and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous oral and written negotiations, commitments, writings, and understandings with respect to the subject matter of Employee's relationship with Employer, including Prior Employment Agreement which is terminated effective as of the Commencement Date.

(f) NON-TRANSFERABILITY OF EMPLOYEE'S INTEREST. None of the rights of Employee to receive any form of compensation payable pursuant to this Employment Agreement shall be assignable or transferable. Any attempted assignment, transfer, conveyance, or other disposition of any interest in the rights of Employee hereunder shall be void.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Employment Agreement on the day and year first above written.

EMPLOYEE:

/s/ Michael J. Hartnett  
MICHAEL J. HARTNETT

EMPLOYER:

RBC BEARINGS INCORPORATED

By:

/s/ Richard Crowell  
RICHARD CROWELL  
Chairman  
Compensation Committee

SCHEDULE A TO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN MICHAEL J.  
HARTNETT AND RBC BEARINGS INCORPORATED, APRIL 2, 2017

SPECIAL BENEFITS

1. Employee shall be reimbursed by Employer, as valued, determined and approved by the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, for personal expenses up to a total of \$50,000 in any fiscal year. Such personal expenses may include, but not be limited to, use of the Employer's aircraft facility.

2. At Employer's expense,

Executive Medical Coverage (\$10,000 per year supplemental coverage).

Dental insurance.

Prescription drug coverage.

The above medical, dental and prescription drug coverage benefits are subject to change at any time at the discretion of the Board of Directors of Employer; provided that such coverages provided to Employee shall at all times be at least as beneficial to Employee as are the coverages provided to other of Employer's executive employees and shall always be fully paid by the Employer.

The above medical, dental and prescription drug coverage shall be in addition to Employee's participation in any medical, hospitalization of related coverage maintained by Employer for the benefit of all its employees.

3. At Employer's expense, disability insurance at least as beneficial to Employee as the disability provided for Employee immediately preceding the Commencement Date of this Agreement, provided that within that limitation, such insurance may be modified from time to time at the discretion of the Board of Directors of Employer.

4. The Employer shall maintain an appropriate apartment or other dwelling in Los Angeles for use by the Employee throughout the Term. The parties acknowledge that "appropriate" shall mean of at least the quality and convenience of the dwelling maintained for this purpose immediately preceding the Commencement date of the Agreement. .

5. Employee shall be provided six weeks of paid vacation for each twelve month period during the Term, to accrue PRO RATA during the course of each such twelve month period; and payable at Employee's then- effective base salary rate on termination if not used during the Term.

6. Employee shall have unrestricted use of an appropriate automobile throughout the Term at the Employer's expense, including without limitation, fuel, insurance, maintenance and repair. When the Agreement expires or otherwise terminates, Employee shall have the option to assume the lease or purchase the vehicle for its book value as of the Termination date, such option to be exercised within two months of said Termination date. The parties acknowledge that "appropriate" shall mean of at least the quality and convenience of the automobile used for this purpose immediately preceding the Commencement date of the Agreement.

7. During the Initial term and any Renewal Term, Employee shall have the option of purchasing the condominium owned by the Company at 22432 Manacor in Mission Viejo, California for a price equal to the Company's then current book value.

SCHEDULE B TO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN MICHAEL J.  
HARTNETT AND RBC BEARINGS INCORPORATED, APRIL 2, 2017

CHANGE OF CONTROL PROVISIONS

1. (a) If a Change in Control occurs and if within 24 months after a Change in Control, your employment is either terminated by the Company without Cause or by you for Good Reason, the Company will pay you on your date of termination a single lump sum cash payment equal to the sum of:

- The base salary, unused vacation and any annual bonus applicable to a completed fiscal year, which have not yet been paid to you through the date of termination;
- A bonus equal to your annual base salary applicable to you on your termination date, multiplied by your maximum target bonus percentage then in effect and prorated to account for the number of days you were employed by the Company during the Fiscal Year in which you were terminated.
- A severance payment equal to the sum of (i) 250% of your annual base salary, and (ii) 250% of your Target Bonus in effect on such date. "Target Bonus" shall mean the amount payable under all annual incentive compensation plans of the Company in which you participate, waiving any condition precedent to the payment to you and assuming that the performance goals for the period were achieved at the 100% level.
- A reimbursement for all documented expenses, up to \$15,000, actually incurred by you for professional outplacement services within 3 months after your termination.

(b) For the 18 month period following the termination of your employment, the Company (or the subsidiary that employed you) will continue to provide coverage and participation to you at the same participation, coverage and benefit levels (or will provide their equivalent) and pay the full cost of coverage and participation under the employee health and other welfare plans maintained by the Company and applicable to you on your termination date.

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EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT  
WITH  
DANIEL A. BERGERON

This Employment Agreement (the "Employment Agreement") is effective as of this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2017 (the "Commencement Date") and made between RBC Bearings Incorporated, a Delaware corporation ("Employer" or the "Company") and Daniel A. Bergeron ("Employee"). Prior to and through the time of their entry into this Agreement, Employee has served as Employer's Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Both parties wish to continue this employment relationship under the terms reflected in this Agreement.

Therefore, Employer hereby employs Employee and Employee hereby accepts employment, on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

1. DEFINITIONS.

As used in this Agreement, and unless the context requires a different meaning, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

"Change in Control" shall be as defined in the RBC 2005 or 2013 Long-Term Equity Incentive Plan as amended or any subsequent long-term equity incentive plan approved by and on behalf of the Company.

"Competing Business" means any business (including, without limitation, research and development) that is carried on by Employer in any material respect, and with which Employee is actively involved, during the Term.

"EBITDA" shall mean the income of the Employer increased by interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, calculated in a manner consistent with the calculation of the Plan.

"Good Reason" shall mean for the 24 month period following a Change in Control any of the following which occur subsequent to the Commencement Date without your express written consent:

- (i) a substantial reduction in the Employee's title, position, duties, responsibilities and status with the Company inconsistent with the Employee's title, duties, responsibilities and status immediately prior to a change in the Employee's titles or offices, or any removal of the Employee from or any failure to reelect the Employee to any of such positions, except in connection with the termination of his employment for disability, retirement or Cause or by the Employee other than for Good Reason;
- (ii) a relocation of Employee's principal work location without his consent to a location more than 25 miles from the Company's headquarters at Oxford, Connecticut;
- (iii) any material breach by the Company of any provision of this Agreement; or (iv) any failure by the Company to obtain the assumption of this Agreement by any successor or assign of the Company.

"Plan" shall mean the operating plan established by the Employee, in his status as CEO of Employer and as approved by the Board within ninety (90) days following the beginning of each fiscal year, as applicable to Employer and as applicable to the determination of bonuses payable to others of Employer's employees to the extent such bonuses are calculated by reference to operating results.

"Person" means any natural person, partnership, corporation, trust, company or other entity.

"Territory" means the geographical area in which the Employer engages in any business (other than an insignificant amount of business), with which Employee is actively involved, during the Term.

"Equity Vesting Triggering Event" means the occurrence of any of the following:

- (i) the expiration of the Term of this Agreement pursuant to Section 2;

(ii) the termination of this Agreement pursuant to Section 8(a) upon Employee's death or Total Disability; or

(iii) the termination of this Agreement by the Employer pursuant to Section 8(c) without Cause.

2. TERM.

Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Company shall employ Employee as its, Vice President and Chief Operations Officer, and Chief Financial Officer for a term commencing on the Commencement Date hereof and continuing until March 31, 2020 or until earlier terminated pursuant to the provisions of Section 8 hereof (the "Initial Term"). Upon expiration of the Initial Term, this Agreement will automatically renew for additional one (1) year periods (each a "Renewal Term") unless either party notifies the other of its intent not to so renew within ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of the Initial Term or any Renewal Term. (The Initial Term and all Renewal Terms shall collectively be referred to as the "Term").

3. DUTIES.

(a) During the Term, Employee agrees to serve Employer as its Vice President and Chief Operations Officer, and Chief Financial Officer reporting to the Chief Executive Officer, and in such other executive capacities as may be agreed from time to time by the Board (or a duly authorized committee thereof) and Employee; provided that (i) Employee's duties shall at all times be limited to those commensurate with the foregoing offices, and (ii) Employee shall not be obligated, without his consent, to relocate his principal office location from Oxford, Connecticut (or the surrounding reasonable commuting area), although the foregoing limitation is not intended to limit Employee's requirement, in the normal course of business, to travel to the Employer's other business locations. Employee shall serve, if elected, as a director of, and if agreed by Employee and the board of directors of the organization in question, shall serve as an officer and render appropriate services to, corporations directly or indirectly controlled by Employer ("Employer's Affiliates") as Employer may from time to time reasonably request (but only such services as shall be consistent with the duties Employee is to perform for Employer and with Employee's stature and experience). All duties and services contemplated by this Section 3 are hereinafter referred to as the "Services."

(b) During the Term, Employee will devote his full business time and attention to, and use his good faith efforts to advance, the business and welfare of Employer; provided that the foregoing shall not restrict Employee's rights to engage in passive investment activities, to serve on the boards of directors of other entities (so long as such activities are not violative of Section 4 below), or to engage in civic, charitable and other similar activities.

4. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE.

(a) Employee hereby agrees that, during the Term and thereafter, he will not disclose to any Person, or otherwise use or exploit in competition with Employer or Employer's Affiliates, any of the proprietary or confidential information or knowledge treated by the Employer or Employer's Affiliates as confidential, including without limitation, trade secrets, processes, records of research, information included in proposals, reports, methods, processes, techniques, computer software or programming, or budgets or other financial information, regarding Employer or Employer's Affiliates, its or their business, properties or affairs obtained by him at any time (i) during the Term or (ii) during any employment of Employee with the Employer or any of Employer's Affiliates prior to the Commencement Date ("Prior Employment"), except to the extent required to perform the Services; PROVIDED that the foregoing shall not apply to: (A) information in the public domain other than by reason of a violation of this Agreement by Employee, or (B) information that Employee is compelled to disclose by operation of law or legal process (so long as Employee provides Employer with prior notice of any such compelled disclosure and an opportunity to defend against such disclosure), or (C) information generally known to Employee by reason of his particular expertise that is not specific to the Employer.

(b) Employee hereby agrees that during the Term and for a period of two years thereafter (the “Non-Compete Term”), he will not (i) engage in or carry on, directly or indirectly, any Competing Business in any Territory in which such Competing Business is then engaged in by the Employer, (ii) allow his name to be used by any Person engaged in any Competing Business, (iii) invest in, directly or indirectly, any Person engaged in any Competing Business, or (iv) serve as an officer or director, employee, agent, associate or consultant of any Person engaged in a Competing Business (other than Employer or any Employer’s Affiliate). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Non-Compete Term shall be only for the Term hereof in the event Employee’s employment hereunder is terminated by the Employer hereunder without Cause (as provided in Section 8(c) below) and shall be for a period of twelve (12) months following such termination by the Employee with Good Reason (as provided in Section 8(d) below). Subject to Section 3 (b) hereof, nothing herein shall prohibit the Employee from (A) investing in any business that is not a Competing Business or (B) investing in a publicly-held entity if such investment (individually or as part of a group) is limited to not more than five percent (5%) of the outstanding equity issue of such entity.

(c) All intellectual properties developed by Employee during the Term or during any Prior Employment and that is related to the business (or foreseeable business prospects) of the Employer with which Employee is actively involved shall be for the account of the Employer. Employee agrees to enter into such agreements (including transfer documents) as may be reasonably required by Employer to confirm the foregoing.

(d) Employee shall not, during the Non-Compete Term, directly or indirectly, solicit or induce or attempt to solicit or induce any affiliate, director, agent, or employee of Employer or contractor then under contract to the Employer, to terminate his, her or its employment or other relationship with Employer for the purpose of entering into a similar relationship with any Employer’s competitors or for any other purpose or no purpose. Employee shall not, during the Non-Compete Term, directly or indirectly, solicit or induce or attempt to solicit or induce any customer or supplier of Employer to terminate his, her or its relationship with Employer for the purpose of entering into a similar relationship with any competitors of Employer or Employer’s Affiliates or for any other purpose or no purpose.

(e) Employee agrees that the remedy at law for any breach by him of any of any of the covenants and agreements set forth in this Section 4 will be inadequate and will cause immediate and irreparable injury to Employer and that in the event of any such breach, Employer, in addition to the other remedies which may be available to it at law, shall be entitled to seek injunctive relief prohibiting him from the breach of such covenants and agreements.

(f) The parties hereto intend that the covenants and agreements contained in this Section 4 shall be deemed to include a series of separate covenants and agreements, one for each and every county of the states in which the Employer does business. If, in any judicial proceeding, the duration or scope of any covenant or agreement of Employee contained in this Section 4 shall be adjudicated to be invalid or unenforceable, the parties agree that this Agreement shall be deemed amended to reduce such duration or scope to the extent necessary to permit enforcement of such covenant or agreement.

## 5. INDEMNIFICATION.

Employer hereby agrees to indemnify Employee to the maximum extent permitted by Delaware law at the time of the assertion, against any liability against Employee arising out of or relating to his status as an employee, officer or director acting within the course and scope of employment, office or director responsibility of Employer or any Employer’s Affiliate at any time during the Term, whether such liability is asserted during or after the Term.

## 6. COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS.

(a) Commencing April 2, 2017, Employer shall pay Employee a salary at the rate of \$41666.67----- dollars (\$) per month payable at least as frequently as monthly and subject to payroll deductions as may be necessary or customary in respect of Employer’s salaried employees (“Base Salary”). Commencing not later than December 1, 2017, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company (the “Compensation Committee”) shall annually review the Employee’s performance and Base Salary and may increase (but not decrease) such Base Salary, at its sole discretion. Any increased Base Salary shall then constitute the “Base Salary” for purposes of this Agreement. During the term, Employee shall also be entitled to receive the benefits set forth in Schedule A hereto (the “Additional Benefits”) as well as any normal executive benefits of Employer not enumerated in that Schedule.



(b) During the Term, Employee shall also be entitled to receive annual-performance bonuses in amounts and at times as follows:

Employee shall be entitled to an annual performance bonus with respect to each fiscal year of the Employer during which Employee remains an employee of the Company beginning with the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018, in an amount determined as a percentage of Employee's Base Salary, based on the following criteria:

<b>Percentage of Actual EBITDA to Plan</b>	<b>Amount of Bonus</b>
80% to 89.9%	45 % of Base Salary
90% to 99.9%	60 % of Base Salary
100% to 109.9%	90 % of Base Salary
110% to 119.9%	120 % of Base Salary
120% or higher	150 % of Base Salary

The amount payable under this formula, if any, shall be paid to Employee within fifteen (15) days following the publication of the Company's financial statements for each fiscal year of the Employer during the Term, but in no event later than one hundred twenty (120) days following the end of such fiscal year.

(c) Employee shall be designated as an Eligible Executive under the Company's Executive Officer Performance Based Compensation Plan

#### 7. EXPENSES.

Employer will pay or reimburse Employee for such reasonable travel, entertainment, educational and other expenses as he may incur on behalf of Employer during the Term in connection with the performance of his duties hereunder.

#### 8. TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT.

Notwithstanding Section 1 hereof, the Initial Term may be terminated prior to March 31, 2020, and any Renewal Term may be terminated under the following circumstances:

(a) **DEATH OR TOTAL DISABILITY.** The Term shall automatically and immediately terminate upon Employee's death or "Total Disability." For purposes of this Agreement, "Total Disability" shall mean Employee's physical or mental incapacitation or disability that renders Employee unable to substantially perform the Services as performed prior to such incapacitation or disability for the period of twenty-six (26) consecutive weeks or during anyone hundred fifty (150) business days (whether or not consecutive) during any twelve (12) month period during the Term.

(b) **TERMINATION BY EMPLOYER FOR CAUSE.** Employer, at its election, shall have the right to terminate the Term, by written notice to Employee to that effect, for "Cause". The term "Cause" shall mean:

- (i) any act of fraud, embezzlement, theft or conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude;
- (ii) any material breach by Employee of any material covenant, condition, or agreement in this Agreement ("Employee's Material Breach"); or
- (iii) any chemical dependency by Employee (other than in connection with medicines prescribed for Employee).

To terminate the Term pursuant to this Section 8(b), Employer shall give written notice ("Cause Notice") to the Employee specifying the claimed Cause. If Employee fails to cure the same within thirty (30) days after the receipt of the applicable Cause Notice (or such longer period as may be reasonably required if such actions are subject to cure), the Term shall terminate at the end of such thirty (30) day period or such longer reasonable period, as the case may be. Notwithstanding anything that may be interpreted to the contrary, it is expressly agreed that no act of the type contemplated by or described in Section 8(b) (i) shall be capable of being cured by Employee and the Employer may terminate Employee immediately without the requirement for such cure period.

- (c) **TERMINATION BY EMPLOYER WITHOUT CAUSE.** Employer shall have the right, at its election, to terminate the Term at any time for any reason other than “Cause” upon not less than sixty (60) days prior written notice to Employee.
- (d) **TERMINATION BY EMPLOYEE.** Employee shall have the right, at his election, to terminate the Term at any time by written notice to Employer upon not less than one hundred and twenty (120) days prior written notice; provided, however, that (i) such notice period shall be thirty (30) days in the case of a termination for “Good Reason”; and (ii) if such termination is other than for Good Reason the Non-Compete Term, for purposes of Section 4(b) and (d), shall continue through March 31, 2020.
- (e) **SALARY AND BENEFITS IN EVENT OF TERMINATION.** Upon termination of the Term, the following shall be applicable, notwithstanding anything to the contrary elsewhere herein:
- (i) If the Initial Term is terminated (A) due to Employee’s death or Total Disability pursuant to Section 8 (a) hereof, or (B) by the Employer without Cause pursuant to Section 8 (c) hereof, (x) Employer shall pay to Employee on the date of termination the Base Salary due to Employee for the then remainder of the period ending March 31, 2020, net of any benefits paid to Employee pursuant to any policy of disability insurance maintained by Employer, plus a PRO RATA portion of the Employee’s annual bonus for the fiscal year of the Employer in which such termination occurs at your maximum target bonus percentage then in effect (provided that in the case of Employee’s death or Total Disability such payment and benefits shall extend for no longer than for the then remainder of the period ending March 31, 2020), and (y) Employee shall be entitled to all benefits including the Special Benefits described in Section 6 (b) hereof for the then remainder of the period ending March 31, 2020.
- (ii) If a Renewal Term is terminated (A) pursuant to Employee’s death or Total Disability pursuant to Section 8 (a) hereof, or (B) by the Employer without Cause pursuant to Section 8 (c) hereof, (x) Employer shall pay to Employee (or Employee’s estate or designated beneficiaries) on the date of termination the Base Salary due to Employee for the then remainder of the Renewal Term, net of any benefits paid to Employee pursuant to any policy of disability insurance maintained by Employer, plus a PRO RATA portion of the Employee’s annual bonus for the fiscal year of the Employer in which such termination occurs at your maximum target bonus percentage then in effect (provided that in the case of Employee’s death or Total Disability such payment and benefits shall extend for no longer than remainder of the Renewal Term), and (y) Employee shall be entitled to all benefits including the Special Benefits described in Section 6 (b) hereof for the than remainder of the Renewal Term.
- (iii) If a Change in Control occurs and if within 24 months after a Change in Control, Employee’s employment is either terminated by the Company without Cause or by Employee for Good Reason, Employee shall be entitled to the compensation and benefits set forth in Schedule B, Change in Control Provisions.
- (iv) If an Equity Vesting Triggering Event occurs, all restricted stock and stock option awards that have been granted to Employee shall immediately and fully vest and all stock options grants shall be exercisable by Employee on or before the day which is thirty nine (39) months from the initial grant date, in the case of stock option grants with three (3) year vesting, and on or before the day which is sixty three (63) months from the initial grant date in the case of stock option grants with five (5) year vesting. Approval of this Agreement by the Company’s Board Compensation Committee shall be deemed approval of the amendments of the restricted stock and stock option grants as provided in the immediately preceding sentence for all purposes under the RBC 2005 and 2013 Long-Term Equity Incentive Plan as amended or any subsequent long –term equity incentive plan approved by and on behalf of the Company. The vesting provisions contained in this subsection (v) shall take precedent over any vesting provisions contained in Schedule B.

(f) DELIVERY OF RECORDS UPON TERMINATION. Upon termination of the Term, Employee will deliver to Employer all records of research, proposals, reports, memoranda, computer software and programming, budgets and other financial information, and other materials or records (including any copies thereof) made, used or obtained by Employee in connection with his employment by Employer and/or any Employer's Affiliate.

9. MISCELLANEOUS.

(a) MODIFICATION AND WAIVER OF BREACH. No waiver or modification of this Employment Agreement shall be binding unless it is in writing signed by the parties hereto and expressly stating that it is intended to modify this Agreement. No waiver of a breach hereof shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of a future breach, whether of a similar or dissimilar nature.

(b) NOTICES. All notices and other communications required or permitted under this Employment Agreement shall be in writing, served personally on, or made by certified or registered United States mail to, the party to be charged with receipt thereof. Notices and other communications served in person shall be deemed delivered when so served. Notices and other communications served by mail shall be deemed delivered hereunder 72 hours after deposit of such notice or communication in the United States Post Office as certified or registered mail with postage prepaid and duly addressed to whom such notice or communications is to be given, in the case of

(i) Employer:  
RBC Bearings Incorporated  
One Tribology Center  
Oxford, CT 06478  
ATTN : Chief Executive Officer

(ii) Employee:  
Daniel A. Bergeron  
129 Peaceable Street  
Redding, CT 06896

Any party may change said party's address for purposes of this Section by giving to the party intended to be bound thereby, in the manner provided herein, a written notice of such change.

(c) COUNTERPARTS. This instrument may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same Employment Agreement.

(d) GOVERNING LAW. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, this Employment Agreement shall be construed in accordance with, and governed by, the internal laws of the State of Connecticut applicable to agreements executed and to be performed in such state without regard to principles of choice of law or conflicts of laws.

(e) COMPLETE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT. This Employment Agreement and its Exhibits and Schedules, together contain the entire agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter of this Employment Agreement and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous oral and written negotiations, commitments, writings, and understandings with respect to the subject matter of Employee's relationship with Employer, including Prior Employment Agreement which is terminated effective as of the Commencement Date.

(f) NON-TRANSFERABILITY OF EMPLOYEE'S INTEREST. None of the rights of Employee to receive any form of compensation payable pursuant to this Employment Agreement shall be assignable or transferable. Any attempted assignment, transfer, conveyance, or other disposition of any interest in the rights of Employee hereunder shall be void.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Employment Agreement on the day and year first above written.

EMPLOYEE:

/s/ Daniel A. Bergeron

DANIEL A. BERGERON

EMPLOYER:

RBC BEARINGS INCORPORATED

By:

/s/ Michael J. Hartnett

MICHAEL J. HARTNETT

Chief Executive Officer

SPECIAL BENEFITS

1. At Employer's expense,  
  
Executive Medical Coverage (\$10,000 per year supplemental coverage).  
  
Dental insurance.  
  
Prescription drug coverage.

The above medical, dental and prescription drug coverage benefits are subject to change at any time at the discretion of the Board of Directors of Employer; provided that such coverages provided to Employee shall at all times be at least as beneficial to Employee as are the coverages provided to other of Employer's executive employees and shall always be fully paid by the Employer.

The above medical, dental and prescription drug coverage shall be in addition to Employee's participation in any medical, hospitalization of related coverage maintained by Employer for the benefit of all its employees.

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SCHEDULE B TO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN DANIEL A. BERGERON AND RBC  
BEARINGS INCORPORATED, APRIL 2, 2017

CHANGE OF CONTROL PROVISIONS

1. (a) If a Change in Control occurs and if within 24 months after a Change in Control, your employment is either terminated by the Company without Cause or by you for Good Reason, the Company will pay you on your date of termination a single lump sum cash payment equal to the sum of:

- The base salary, unused vacation and any annual bonus applicable to a completed fiscal year, which have not yet been paid to you through the date of termination;
- A bonus equal to your annual base salary applicable to you on your termination date, multiplied by your maximum target bonus percentage then in effect and prorated to account for the number of days you were employed by the Company during the Fiscal Year in which you were terminated.
- A severance payment equal to the sum of (i) 250% of your annual base salary, and (ii) 250% of your Target Bonus in effect on such date. "Target Bonus" shall mean the amount payable under all annual incentive compensation plans of the Company in which you participate, waiving any condition precedent to the payment to you and assuming that the performance goals for the period were achieved at the 100% level.
- A reimbursement for all documented expenses, up to \$15,000, actually incurred by you for professional outplacement services within 3 months after your termination.

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### ***RBC Bearings Announces Senior Leadership Updates***

Oxford, CT - Wednesday, June 7, 2017 - RBC Bearings Incorporated (Nasdaq: ROLL), a leading international manufacturer of highly-engineered precision bearings and components for the industrial, defense and aerospace industries, today announced, through the Board of Directors, internal promotions in line with a longer-term succession plan for the Company's senior leadership team. The plan addresses the roles of Daniel Bergeron, Director, Vice President, and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), and Ernie Hawkins, Corporate Controller of the Sargent Aerospace & Defense Division.

Mr. Bergeron has been promoted to Chief Operating Officer (COO) and will remain Director, Vice President and CFO. He will no longer perform the duties of the Assistant Secretary. As COO, Mr. Bergeron will increase his management responsibilities of more operational divisions, will continue his responsibilities as CFO, assisted by Ernie Hawkins.

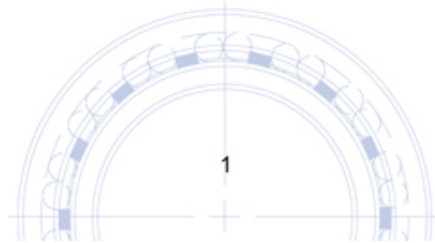
Mr. Hawkins has been promoted to Vice President of Finance, Chief Accounting Officer. Mr. Hawkins will now be responsible for overseeing Corporate Accounting and SEC Reporting, and the Company's Information Technology Group. He will also support Mr. Bergeron on Mergers and Acquisitions, Investor Relations, and Treasury.

These promotions will allow Dr. Hartnett to maintain his focus on executing the Company's strategy, while remaining Chairman of the Board and CEO.

Dr. Hartnett commented, "On behalf of the Board, I'd like to congratulate Dan and Ernie on their new responsibilities. The plan our board has set in motion today further strengthens our current leadership team, while also setting the stage for our future success. We are confident that Dan and Ernie will continue to support the strategic direction of our Company."

Daniel A. Bergeron is Director, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. He joined the Company in May 2003 as Vice President, Finance and has been a Director since June 2013. On August 5, 2003, he was appointed Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Bergeron holds a B.S. in Finance from Northeastern University and a M.B.A. from the University of New Haven.

Ernie Hawkins is Corporate Controller of the Company's Sargent Aerospace & Defense Division. He joined RBC Bearings in 2015 as part of the Sargent Aerospace & Defense acquisition. He was with Sargent's previous parent company, Dover Corporation, since 2002. Mr. Hawkins graduated from Ball State University and is a Certified Public Accountant.



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### **About RBC Bearings**

RBC Bearings Incorporated is an international manufacturer and marketer of highly engineered precision bearings and components. Founded in 1919, the Company is primarily focused on producing highly technical or regulated bearing products and components requiring sophisticated design, testing, and manufacturing capabilities for the diversified industrial, aerospace, and defense markets. The Company is headquartered in Oxford, Connecticut.

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