

## Allan L. Rayfield Named to Arch Board of Directors

WESTBOROUGH, Mass., Aug. 18 /PRNewswire/ -- Arch Communications Group, Inc. (Nasdaq: APGR) today announced that Allan L. Rayfield has been named to its Board of Directors. With his appointment, the Arch Board expands to six members.

Rayfield, a consultant to telecommunications and consumer products companies, is a former president and chief executive officer of M/A-COM, Inc. Previously, he held senior executive positions at GTE Corporation and General Electric Co. Currently, Rayfield is a member of the Board of Directors at Parker-Hannifin Corp. and Acme Metals Inc.

"We are delighted to have Al Rayfield join our Board," said C. Edward Baker, Jr., Arch chairman and chief executive officer. "Al brings considerable experience and knowledge of telecommunications and consumer communications. We will welcome his insights as Arch continues to pursue expansion opportunities in the rapidly growing paging sector."

Arch Communications Group, Inc., Westborough, MA, is the third largest paging company in the United States, providing narrowband wireless messaging services, principally paging, to approximately four million subscribers nationwide. Additional information on Arch and its products and services may be obtained by visiting Arch's web site at www.arch.com.

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