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## **MINNESOTA TWINS NAME THAD LEVINE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, GENERAL MANAGER**

**MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL, MN** – The Minnesota Twins announced today that **Thad Levine** has been named the club's Senior Vice President, General Manager.

"I'm thrilled to add Thad Levine to the Twins baseball operations leadership team," said Twins Executive Vice President, Chief Baseball Officer Derek Falvey. "I couldn't envision a better partner to help return championship-caliber baseball to Minnesota. Thad's leadership and management experiences across all facets of baseball operations make him the perfect fit for the role, and I'm looking forward to executing our vision together."

Levine, 44, has spent the last 11 seasons as the Assistant General Manager for the Texas Rangers after being appointed to that role in October of 2005. He spent the previous six seasons in the Colorado Rockies organization, working as Senior Director of Baseball Operations in 2005, Director of Baseball Administration from 2002-04 and Assistant Director of Baseball Administration from 1999-2002. His career in baseball began with the Los Angeles Dodgers in business development in 1999.

"As I embark on what I hope to be the most impactful phase of my career, I would like to thank the Pohlad family, Derek Falvey, Dave St. Peter and the Minnesota Twins fans for giving me the opportunity to join the Minnesota Twins family," Levine said. "I am inspired to work for the Twins franchise, known as being one of the best organizations in all of professional sports due to the stalwart leadership of the Pohlad family, commitment of its loyal workforce, talent of its players and unflagging loyalty of its fans."

As Assistant General Manager for the Rangers, Levine assisted President of Baseball Operations and General Manager Jon Daniels in all areas of major league operations, including player acquisitions, roster composition, contract negotiations, statistical and financial analyses and also oversaw the Rangers international scouting department.

"I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the owners of the Texas Rangers, Ray Davis, Bob Simpson, Neil Leibman, Ken Hersh and Brent Clum, as well as my dear friend and mentor Jon Daniels," Levine added.

Levine has marketing experience with Coca-Cola, The Rockport Company and Reebok, Ltd. Additionally, he served on the Board of Directors of the Sports Challenge Leadership Academy and Texas Rangers Charitable Foundation, and was the Co-Founder of Meaningful Wins, a charity fantasy football organization. The Virginia native earned a bachelor's degree from Haverford College in 1994 where he played baseball and earned a Masters of Business Administration from UCLA in 1999. Thad and his wife, Claudette, have two daughters, Greta (8) and Tess (4), and a son, Quinn (6).

**The Twins will hold a press conference Monday, November 7 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sid Hartman Press Conference Room at Target Field. New Executive Vice President, Chief Baseball Officer Derek Falvey; Senior Vice President, General Manager Thad Levine; Owner Jim Pohlad and President Dave St. Peter will be made available. Media members covering the event are welcome to park in the Thomson-Reuters Champions Club lot located off Twins Way.**

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