



CANACCORD FINANCIAL INC.
Notice of Special Meeting of Shareholders and Management Information Circular

VANCOUVER, March 26, 2010 – Canaccord Financial Inc. (TSX: CF, AIM: CF.) wishes to announce that a special meeting of shareholders is scheduled for April 22, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. Toronto time (EDT), 8:00 a.m. Pacific time (PDT) and 4:00 p.m. UK time (BST) at the Fairmont Royal York in Toronto, Canada:

The Fairmont Royal York – Tudor Rooms 7 & 8
100 Front Street West
Toronto, Ontario
Canada

The Notice of the Meeting and Management Information Circular providing more information about the meeting is being distributed to shareholders and is posted on Canaccord Financial's website at: www.canaccordfinancial.com/EN/IR/Pages/default.aspx.

ABOUT CANACCORD FINANCIAL INC.:

Through its principal subsidiaries, Canaccord Financial Inc. is a leading independent, full-service financial services firm, with operations in two principal segments of the securities industry: wealth management and global capital markets. Since its establishment in 1950, Canaccord has been driven by an unwavering commitment to building lasting client relationships. We achieve this by generating value for our individual, institutional and corporate clients through comprehensive investment solutions, brokerage services and investment banking services. Canaccord has 37 offices worldwide, including 29 Wealth Management offices located across Canada. Canaccord Adams, the international capital markets division, operates in the U.S., U.K., Canada and Barbados.

Canaccord Financial Inc. is publicly traded under the symbol CF on the TSX and the symbol CF. on AIM, a market operated by the London Stock Exchange.

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