



## **CANACCORD CAPITAL INC. ANNOUNCES NEW DIRECTOR AND RECEIVES APPROVAL FOR STOCK BASED COMPENSATION**

For immediate release

**Vancouver, August 4, 2006** – Canaccord Capital Inc. (TSX & AIM: CCI) (“CCI” or the “Company”) held its annual general meeting on August 4, 2006. All resolutions proposed at the meeting were duly passed and all the directors who stood for re-election were elected to the Board: Peter Brown, Arpad Busson, William Eeuwes, Michael Harris, Timothy Hoare, Brian Harwood, Terrence Lyons, Paul Reynolds and John Zaozirny. The Board of Directors is also pleased to announce the election of one new director at this meeting: Dr Michael Walker.

### **New director Dr Michael Walker**

Dr Michael Angus Walker, aged 61, is a Senior Fellow at The Fraser Institute and President of the Fraser Institute Foundation. From its inception in 1974, until September 2005, Dr. Walker directed the activities of the Fraser Institute, an independent public policy organization. Before that he taught at the Carleton University and prior to that at the University of Western Ontario. He has previously worked at the Bank of Canada and then subsequently joined the Federal Department of Finance. He received his Ph.D. at the University of Western Ontario and his B.A. at St. Francis Xavier University, Nova Scotia.

As an economist, he has authored or edited 45 books on economic topics. His articles on technical economic subjects have appeared in professional journals in Canada, the United States of America and Europe, including the *Canadian Journal of Economics*, the *American Economic Review*, the *Journal of Finance*, the *Canadian Tax Journal*, *Health Management Quarterly*, *Weltwirtschaftliches Archiv* and *Health Affairs*. He is the co-founder, with Milton and Rose D. Friedman, of the Economic Freedom of the World project which is now a collaboration of 70 countries and produces the annual Economic Freedom of the World Index.

As a journalist, he has written more than 700 articles which have appeared in 60 North American newspapers including the *Globe and Mail*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *National Post*, the *Vancouver Sun*, the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Reader's Digest*, the *Detroit News* and the *Western Star*. He has served as a regular columnist for the *Ottawa Citizen*, the *Financial Post* and the *Vancouver Province*. He has lectured to over 2,000 audiences at universities and in other venues on six continents.

Dr Walker has received the Vancouver Rotary Service Above Self Award, the Colin M. Brown Freedom Medal and Award by the National Citizens' Coalition, an honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of Western Ontario and the Thomas Jefferson Award from the Association of Private Enterprise Education.

He has been a director of Mancal Corporation, a private company, since 1998. He is also a director of a number of non-profit societies including The Fraser Institute and The Milton and Rose D. Friedman Foundation. He is Chairman of The Pacific Academy for Advanced Studies which organizes the annual Alamos Alliance meetings.

Apart from Mancal Corporation, Dr. Walker is not currently and has not been, in the past five years, a director of any company or a partner in any partnership and he does not own, directly or indirectly, any shares of the Company.

Canaccord Capital Inc. confirms that no other details are required to be disclosed under paragraph (g) of schedule 2 of the AIM Rules with respect to Dr. Walker.

#### **Approval of issue of shares to Arpad Busson**

At the annual general meeting, a majority of the shareholders (excluding Mr. Busson and his affiliates and associates) also approved the issue of 25,000 common shares of the Company to a director, Arpad A. Busson, at \$14.00 per share (to be paid in cash by Mr. Busson) as additional compensation for his acting as a director of the Company. The shares will be subject to restrictions on sale or transfer for two years from May 16, 2006: half of the shares will be released from these restrictions on May 16, 2007, and the balance will be released from these restrictions on May 16, 2008. After payment of the aggregate cash subscription price of \$350,000 by Mr. Busson and the issue of the shares, Mr. Busson will hold 25,000 common shares in the Company, representing 0.05% of the issued common shares of the Company. Application has been made for these common shares to be admitted to trading on AIM and admission is expected on 9 August 2006.

#### **ABOUT CANACCORD CAPITAL INC.:**

Through its principal subsidiaries, Canaccord Capital Inc. (TSX & AIM: CCI) is a leading independent full service investment dealer in Canada with capital markets operations in the United Kingdom and the United States of America. Canaccord is publicly traded on both the Toronto Stock Exchange and AIM, a market operated by the London Stock Exchange. Canaccord has operations in two of the principal segments of the securities industry: private client services and capital markets. Together, these operations offer a wide range of complementary investment products, brokerage services and investment banking services to Canaccord's private, institutional and corporate clients. Canaccord has approximately 1,530 employees worldwide in 31 offices, including 25 Private Client Services offices located across Canada. Canaccord Adams, the international capital markets division, has operations in Toronto, London, Boston, Vancouver, New York, Calgary, Montreal, San Francisco and Houston.

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