



**CANACCORD FINANCIAL INC.  
APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATED ADVISER AND JOINT CORPORATE BROKER**

**TORONTO, February 20, 2012** – Canaccord Financial Inc. (TSX: CF, AIM: CF.) is pleased to announce the appointment, with immediate effect, of RBC Europe Limited, trading as RBC Capital Markets, as its Nominated Adviser and joint Corporate Broker.

**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 53 offices worldwide, including 37 Wealth Management offices located across Canada. Canaccord Genuity, the international capital markets division, operates in Canada, the U.S., the U.K., China, Hong Kong, Australia 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. Canaccord's Series A Preferred Shares are listed on the TSX under the symbol CF.PR.A

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