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### **MFDA Sets Date for Jawad Rathore Hearing in Toronto, Ontario**

**March 23, 2005** (Toronto, Ontario) - The Mutual Fund Dealers Association of Canada ("MFDA") commenced a disciplinary proceeding in respect of Jawad Rathore by Notice of Hearing dated February 10, 2005.

As specified in the Notice of Hearing, the first appearance in this proceeding took place earlier today at 10:00 a.m. (EST) by teleconference before the Chair of the Hearing Panel of the Ontario Regional Council.

The date for the commencement of the hearing in this matter on the merits has been scheduled to take place before a Hearing Panel of the Ontario Regional Council on Tuesday, May 31, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. (EST) in the hearing room located at the MFDA Office, 121 King Street West, Suite 1000, Toronto, Ontario or as soon thereafter as can be held.

The hearing will be open to the public, except as may be required for the protection of confidential matters.

A copy of the Notice of Hearing is available on the MFDA web site at [www.mfda.ca](http://www.mfda.ca).

The Mutual Fund Dealers Association of Canada is the self-regulatory organization for Canadian mutual fund dealers. The MFDA regulates the operations, standards of practice and business conduct of its 182 members and their approximately 70,000 representatives with a mandate to protect investors and the public interest.