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**IN THE MATTER OF A DISCIPLINARY HEARING
PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 20 AND 24 OF BY-LAW NO. 1
OF THE MUTUAL FUND DEALERS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA**

RE: ROBERT ROY PARKINSON

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

February 23, 2005 (Toronto, Ontario) - The Mutual Fund Dealers Association of Canada ("MFDA") commenced a disciplinary proceeding in the matter referenced above by Notice of Hearing dated January 17, 2005.

As specified in the Notice of Hearing, the first appearance in this proceeding took place by teleconference before the Chair of the Hearing Panel of the Ontario Regional Council on February 23, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern).

TAKE NOTICE THAT 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 Thursday March 17, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern) in the hearing room located at 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.

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 183 members and their approximately 70,000 representatives with a mandate to protect investors and the public interest.

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