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MFDA Sets Date for Barry James Coleman Hearing in Moncton, New Brunswick

February 8, 2006 (Toronto, Ontario) - The Mutual Fund Dealers Association of Canada ("MFDA") commenced a disciplinary proceeding in respect of Barry James Coleman by Notice of Hearing dated December 19, 2005.

As specified in the Notice of Hearing, the first appearance in this proceeding took place this morning at 11:00 a.m. (Atlantic) before a 3-member Hearing Panel of the MFDA Atlantic Regional Council.

The date for the commencement of the hearing of this matter on the merits has been scheduled to take place before a Hearing Panel of the Atlantic Regional Council on Tuesday, April 18, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. (Atlantic) in the Hearing Room located at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Albert Room, 1005 Main Street, Moncton, New Brunswick, or as soon thereafter as the hearing 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 176 members and their approximately 75,000 Approved Persons with a mandate to protect investors and the public interest.