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MFDA issues Notice of Hearing regarding Joplin Leclair

February 25, 2008 (Toronto, Ontario) – The Mutual Fund Dealers Association of Canada (“MFDA”) today announced that it has commenced disciplinary proceedings against Joplin Leclair.

MFDA staff alleges in its Notice of Hearing that Ms. Leclair engaged in the following conduct contrary to the By-laws, Rules or Policies of the MFDA:

Allegation #1: Between October 2006 and August 2007, the Respondent solicited and accepted a total of \$250,000 from two individuals which she failed to repay or otherwise account for, contrary to MFDA Rule 2.1.1.

Allegation #2: Between October 2006 and August 2007, the Respondent engaged in a gainful occupation outside the business of the Member without so advising the Member and obtaining approval of the Member, contrary to MFDA Rule 1.2.1(d).

Allegation #3: Commencing June 25, 2007, the Respondent failed to attend and give information to the MFDA during the course of an investigation, contrary to section 22.1(c) of MFDA By-law No. 1.

The first appearance in this matter will take place by teleconference before a Hearing Panel of the MFDA Central Regional Council in the Hearing Room located at the offices of the MFDA, 121 King Street West, Suite 1000, Toronto, Ontario on Monday, March 31, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern) or as soon thereafter as can be held.

The purpose of the first appearance is to schedule the date for the commencement of the hearing on its merits and to address any other procedural matters.

The first appearance is open to the public, except as may be required for the protection of confidential matters. Members of the public attending the first appearance will be able to listen to the proceeding by teleconference.

A copy of the Notice of Hearing is available on the MFDA website 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 159 Members and their approximately 75,000 Approved Persons with a mandate to protect investors and the public interest.

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