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MFDA Sets Date for Joplin Leclair Hearing in Toronto, Ontario

March 31, 2008 (Toronto, Ontario) – The Mutual Fund Dealers Association of Canada (“MFDA”) commenced a disciplinary proceeding in respect of Joplin Leclair by Notice of Hearing dated February 11, 2008.

As specified in the Notice of Hearing, the first appearance in this proceeding took place today at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern) before a 3-member Hearing Panel of the MFDA Central Regional Council.

The commencement of the hearing of this matter on the merits has been scheduled to take place before a Hearing Panel of the Central Regional Council on Tuesday, June 10, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern) in the Hearing Room located at the offices of the MFDA at 121 King Street West, Suite 1000, Toronto, Ontario, 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 158 members and their approximately 75,000 Approved Persons with a mandate to protect investors and the public interest.