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### **MFDA issues Notice of Hearing regarding Colin Michael Corner, Heather Darlene Halladay, John Joseph Hanson, Richard Gerald Moore and James Edward Rainbird**

**October 23, 2008** (Toronto, Ontario) – The Mutual Fund Dealers Association of Canada (“MFDA”) today announced that it has commenced disciplinary proceedings against Colin Michael Corner, Heather Darlene Halladay, John Joseph Hanson, Richard Gerald Moore and James Edward Rainbird (the “Respondents”).

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

**Allegation #1:** Between June 25, 2003 and April 1, 2007, the Respondents, in their capacity as Approved Persons of Farm Mutual Financial Services Inc. (“Farm Mutual”), sold an exempt product to approximately 300 Farm Mutual clients without ensuring that:

- (a) the investments were suitable for the clients and in keeping with the clients’ investment objectives, contrary to MFDA Rules 2.2.1(a), (b), (c) and (d), and 2.1.1(c); and
- (b) the clients qualified as accredited investors in accordance with Ontario Securities Commission Rule 45-501 and subsequently National Instrument 45-106, contrary to MFDA Rule 2.1.1(c), thereby engaging the jurisdiction of the Hearing Panel to impose a penalty on the Respondents pursuant to s. 24.1.1(h) of MFDA By-Law No. 1.

**Allegation #2:** Between June 25, 2003 and April 1, 2007, the Respondents, in their supervisory capacity with Farm Mutual, failed to ensure that all business conducted on behalf of Farm Mutual by Approved Persons under their supervision at their respective branch office, including the sale of exempt products to Farm Mutual clients, was in compliance with MFDA Rules and Policies and applicable securities legislation, contrary to MFDA Rules 2.5.3(b) and 2.1.1(c) and MFDA Policy No. 2.

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 Thursday, November 20, 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](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 155 Members and their approximately 75,000 Approved Persons with a mandate to protect investors and the public interest.

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