



**CANACCORD CAPITAL INC. ANNOUNCES EXERCISE OF OVER-ALLOTMENT OPTION
IN CONNECTION WITH PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED BOUGHT DEAL**

VANCOUVER, May 19, 2008 – Canaccord Capital Inc. (TSX & AIM: CCI) (“Canaccord”) today announced that the underwriters of its recently completed bought deal offering of 5,885,000 Common Shares have exercised in full their over-allotment option to purchase 878,250 additional Common Shares at \$10.25 per share for gross proceeds of CDN\$9,002,062.50. The closing of this purchase is scheduled to take place on Thursday, May 22, 2008. The underwriting syndicate for the offering was led by Genuity Capital Markets, Canaccord Capital Corporation and CIBC World Markets Inc., and included Macquarie Capital Markets Canada Ltd., TD Securities Inc. and Thomas Weisel Partners Canada Inc.

Canaccord intends to use the net proceeds of the offering in support of business development activities, including the competitive pursuit of recruitment opportunities that may arise in relation to both its Canaccord Adams and Private Client Services business segments and small opportunistic acquisitions of complementary businesses with a view to accelerating the growth of Canaccord’s businesses.

The Common Shares being issued as a result of the over-allotment option have been conditionally approved for listing on the TSX. Application has been made for the Common Shares being issued as a result of the over-allotment option to be admitted to trading on AIM on or around May 23, 2008. Canaccord Capital Inc. now has a total of 54,568,301 Common Shares in issue. Canaccord does not hold any Common Shares in treasury.

ABOUT CANACCORD CAPITAL INC.:

Through its principal subsidiaries, Canaccord Capital Inc. is a leading independent, full service investment dealer in Canada with capital markets operations in the United Kingdom and the United States of America. Canaccord is publicly traded on both the Toronto Stock Exchange and AIM, a market operated by the London Stock Exchange. Canaccord has operations in two of the principal segments of the securities industry: private client services and capital markets. Together, these operations offer a wide range of complementary investment products, brokerage services and investment banking services to Canaccord’s private, institutional and corporate clients. Canaccord has approximately 1,676 employees worldwide in 30 offices, including 23 Private Client Services offices located across Canada. Canaccord Adams, the international capital markets division, has operations in Toronto, London, Boston, Vancouver, New York, Calgary, Montreal, San Francisco, Houston and Barbados.

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This news release may contain forward-looking statements. These statements relate to future events or future performance and reflect management’s expectations or beliefs regarding future events including business and economic conditions and Canaccord’s growth, results of operations, performance and business prospects and opportunities. Such forward-looking statements reflect management’s current beliefs and are based on information currently available to management. In some cases, forward-looking statements can be identified by terminology such as “may”, “will”, “should”, “expect”, “plan”, “anticipate”, “believe”, “estimate”, “predict”, “potential”, “continue”, “target”, “intend” or the negative of these terms or other comparable terminology. By their very nature, forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties, both general and specific, and a number of factors could cause actual events or results to differ materially from the results discussed in the forward-looking statements. In

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evaluating these statements, readers should specifically consider various factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from any forward-looking statement. These factors include, but are not limited to, market and general economic conditions, the nature of the financial services industry and the risks and uncertainties detailed from time to time in Canaccord's interim and annual consolidated financial statements and its Annual Report and Annual Information Form filed on sedar.com. These forward-looking statements are made as of the date of this document, and Canaccord assumes no obligation to update or revise them to reflect new events or circumstances.

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