

**CANACCORD FINANCIAL INC.  
Notice of Shareholder Meeting and Management Information Circular**

**TORONTO, March 23, 2011** – Canaccord Financial Inc. (CF: TSX, CF.:AIM) announces that a special meeting of shareholders is scheduled for April 15, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. Pacific (PDT), 2:00 p.m. Eastern (EDT) and 7:00 p.m. UK time (BST) at the Four Seasons Hotel in Vancouver, Canada.

The Notice of the Meeting and Management Information Circular, providing more information about the meeting, is being distributed to shareholders and is posted on Canaccord Financial's website at: [www.canaccordfinancial.com/EN/IR/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.canaccordfinancial.com/EN/IR/Pages/default.aspx).

**ABOUT CANACCORD FINANCIAL INC.:**

Through its principal subsidiaries, Canaccord Financial Inc. is a leading independent, full-service financial services firm, with operations in two principal segments of the securities industry: wealth management and global capital markets. Since its establishment in 1950, Canaccord has been driven by an unwavering commitment to building lasting client relationships. We achieve this by generating value for our individual, institutional and corporate clients through comprehensive investment solutions, brokerage services and investment banking services. Canaccord has 41 offices worldwide, including 31 Wealth Management offices located across Canada. Canaccord Genuity, the international capital markets division, operates in the U.S., U.K., Canada, China and Barbados.

Canaccord Financial Inc. is publicly traded under the symbol CF on the TSX and the symbol CF. on AIM, a market operated by the London Stock Exchange.

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