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B2B Trust goes live with IFDS

Leading transfer agency goes live with range of transfer agency services for B2B Trust in Canada.

Toronto, 17 December 2008 - International Financial Data Services (IFDS), the international transfer agency joint venture between State Street Corporation and DST Systems, Inc., announced today that it has recently gone live with a range of transfer agency, record-keeping and back-office support services for B2B Trust.

In this newly forged business relationship, IFDS is offering a comprehensive range of administrative, technical and call centre services for select B2B Trust products.

IFDS provides market-leading service and technology solutions for fund companies, distributors, advisors and investors in Canada as well as Ireland, Luxembourg and the UK, and via Boston Financial Data Services to the U.S. market.

Susi McCord, Vice President of Marketing, B2B Trust, commented:

"B2B Trust endeavours to provide leading products to financial intermediaries across Canada. The specialized administration services offered by IFDS are a natural complement to our business and we expect that they will enable our company to move forward very quickly in terms of providing superior service offerings."

Albert Labelle, Senior Vice President, IFDS Canada, commented:

"B2B Trust is an important client to IFDS and we look forward to a long business relationship. A recent market launch went very smoothly, both on time and on budget, with everyone working very hard and in unison. It was truly admirable teamwork!"

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B2B trust:
B2B Trust is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Laurentian Bank of Canada. Headquartered in Toronto with offices from coast to coast, B2B Trust serves more than 14,000 financial professionals – this includes independent advisors and brokers, dealerships, brokerage firms, and fund manufacturers. B2B Trust offers the highest quality products with competitive pricing and exceptional service; key market offers include investment and RRSP loans, broker deposits, self-directed accounts, banking services and Laurentian Bank broker mortgages. For additional corporate and product information, visit www.b2btrust.com.

International Financial Data Services ("IFDS"):
Is a 50/50 joint venture between affiliates of Boston-based **State Street Corporation**, the world's leading provider of services to institutional investors, and **DST Systems Inc.**, a Kansas City, Missouri-based leading provider of shareholder accounting services and proprietary systems.

IFDS is today recognised as the world's leading provider investor record keeping and transfer agency solutions on a BPO (Business Process Outsourcing) and ASP (Application Service Provision) basis. Our services are provided to a wide range of global collective investment, wealth management and platform clients, supporting over 17 million accounts for over 160 organisations, and with over 2,500 experienced staff based in four locations (Canada, Ireland, Luxembourg & United Kingdom). Figures as September 30, 2008.

State Street Corporation:
State Street Corporation (NYSE: STT) is the world's leading provider of financial services to institutional investors including investment servicing, investment management and investment research and trading. With $14 trillion in assets under custody and $1.7 trillion in assets under management at September 30, 2008, State Street operates in 26 countries and more than 100 geographic markets worldwide

DST Systems, Inc.:
DST Systems, Inc. provides sophisticated information processing and computer software products and services to support the mutual fund, investment management, insurance and healthcare industries. In addition to technology products and services, DST provides integrated print and electronic statement and billing output solutions through a wholly owned subsidiary. DST's world-class data centers provide technology infrastructure support for mutual fund companies, healthcare providers, banks, mortgage bankers and insurance companies around the globe. DST is headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, and is a publicly traded company on the New York Stock Exchange.

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