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RBC Dexia Investor Services named 'Top-Rated' custodian by Canadian clients

TORONTO, October 11, 2006—RBC Dexia Investor Services has been awarded 'Top-Rated' status in *Global Custodian* magazine's 2006 Agent Banks in Major Markets Survey, based on the quality of its custody services to Canadian corporate and institutional clients.

2006 marks the second consecutive year that RBC Dexia has achieved the survey's 'Top-Rated' honour for its services in the Canadian marketplace, where the organization continues to hold the leading custody market share.

"Once again, we are extremely pleased to have been recognized as the 'Top-Rated' provider for the quality of our custody services to clients in Canada," said Annie Blouin, Head, Corporate & Institutional Services, North America for RBC Dexia Investor Services. "This distinction is of particular importance to our organization because it is bestowed upon us by our clients. Their positive feedback is a strong endorsement of the professionalism and dedication of our employees. The 'Top-Rated' ranking also serves to confirm our continuing commitment and focus on the Canadian market, which has always been a cornerstone of our business."

"RBC Dexia is the largest provider in the Canadian market, and the scores their clients have given the bank underline how pleased they are with the standard of the services they receive," said Dominic Hobson, Editor in Chief of *Global Custodian* magazine. "The bank can draw particular satisfaction from the fact that it continues to register outstanding scores for client service despite – or perhaps even because of – the additional demands of the joint venture with Dexia."

The 2006 Agent Banks in Major Markets Survey is just one of the recent surveys in which RBC Dexia has achieved outstanding results. RBC Dexia was also ranked #1 overall for three consecutive years (2006, 2005, 2004) in the *Global Investor* Global Custody survey and #1 overall for two consecutive years in the R&M Consultants Global Custody survey (2006, 2005).

About RBC Dexia Investor Services

RBC Dexia Investor Services offers a complete range of investor services to institutions worldwide. Established in January 2006, we are a joint venture equally owned by Royal Bank of Canada and Dexia. We rank among the world's top 10 global custodians, with USD 2.1 trillion in client assets under administration. Our innovative products and services help clients maximize operational efficiency, minimize risk and enhance portfolio returns. And our 3,800 professionals in 15 markets offer proven expertise to enhance clients' business performance.

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