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RBC Dexia selected by Close Wealth Management for custody and foreign exchange

LONDON, January 21, 2008 — RBC Dexia Investor Services has been selected by Close Wealth Management Limited to provide global custody and foreign exchange services for that company's £1.5 billion investment portfolios. Established nearly 40 years ago, Close Wealth Management Limited is part of Close Brothers Group plc, one of the 200 largest companies on the London Stock Exchange.

"Close Wealth Management Limited undertook a rigorous review process to identify the provider best-equipped to satisfy our exacting requirements for day-to-day service, risk management and operational efficiency in support of our growing portfolio," said Helen Aldridge, Finance and Operations Director for Close Wealth Management Limited. "Based on our careful research, we are extremely confident in RBC Dexia's ability to provide us with the highest level of custody and foreign exchange services."

"We are delighted to be embarking on this new business relationship with such a well-respected member of the wealth management community," said Joanna Meager, Managing Director, UK for RBC Dexia. "Close Wealth Management Limited has established a long, successful history in the UK, founded on an ongoing commitment to the long-term needs of its clients. At RBC Dexia, we share this same focus on superior client service and look forward to the opportunity to demonstrate that commitment in the years ahead."

RBC Dexia has been named the world's No. 1 custodian overall for four consecutive years in the *Global Investor* Global Custody Survey (2004 – 2007) and three consecutive years in the R&M Consultants Global Custody Survey (2005 – 2007). RBC Dexia was also recently named the 'Top-Rated' global custodian in Europe for the second consecutive year by *Global Custodian* magazine (2006 – 2007).

About RBC Dexia Investor Services

RBC Dexia Investor Services offers a complete range of investor services to institutions worldwide. We rank among the world's top 10 global custodians, with USD 2.8 trillion in client assets under administration. Our innovative products and services help clients maximise operational efficiency, minimise risk and enhance portfolio returns. And our 4,700 professionals in 15 markets offer proven expertise to enhance clients' business performance.

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