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RBC Dexia selected as investor services provider by Optimum Asset Management

MONTREAL – October 17, 2008 — RBC Dexia Investor Services has been selected by Optimum Asset Management Inc. to provide a full range of investor services including global custody, fund valuations and unitholder recordkeeping for the company's newly-launched family of pooled funds.

"After a comprehensive review of the capabilities of the various providers in the Canadian marketplace, our management team concluded that RBC Dexia was the ideal company to deliver these investor services for our pooled funds," said Claude Lamonde, President of Optimum Asset Management. "Their outstanding reputation for service excellence, combined with their demonstrated expertise in the fund business weighed heavily in our decision to work with RBC Dexia."

"We would like to congratulate Optimum Asset Management on the successful launch of their new family of pooled funds and their decision to entrust their custody, fund valuation and recordkeeping needs to RBC Dexia," said Brent Wilkins, Head, Sales & Relationship Management, Americas, for RBC Dexia. "This appointment serves to reinforce RBC Dexia's position as the leading provider of integrated investor services solutions to the asset management sector, not only in Canada, but around the world."

RBC Dexia has been named the world's number one custodian overall for five consecutive years in the *Global Investor* Global Custody Survey (2004 – 2008).

About Optimum Asset Management

Since its creation in 1985, Optimum Asset Management Inc., with over \$2.3 billion in assets under management, offers portfolio management services to pension funds, corporations, insurance companies, foundations, religious orders, professional associations and mutual funds as well as to individuals.

Optimum Asset Management Inc. is a leading fixed income portfolio manager in Canada. A specialist in both active and index portfolio management, the firm's offering includes ten different bond products, each with a different risk/return profile. Optimum Asset Management Inc. is also well-known for its expertise in Canadian and international equities.

About RBC Dexia Investor Services

RBC Dexia Investor Services offers a complete range of investor services to institutions worldwide. Our unique offshore and onshore solutions, combined with the expertise of our 5,200 professionals in 16 markets, help clients grow their business and sustain enhanced performance through efficiency improvements and robust risk management processes. Equally owned by RBC and Dexia, the company ranks among the world's top 10 global custodians with USD 2.8 trillion in client assets under administration.

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