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## **The Growth & Value Investor Conference Opens February 27 in Fort Lauderdale**

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL--(Marketwire - February 19, 2008) - Hundreds of attendees are expected to gather for The Growth & Value Investor Conference, a free, two-day event beginning February 27 at the Westin Fort Lauderdale.

More than 30 outstanding U.S. and Canadian publicly traded companies from 13 industries and six different stock exchanges will offer a rare, inside look into the core of their strategies, strength of management and the potential for profit.

"I'm excited to have so many wonderful companies exhibiting at the event, especially during this bear market," said financial advisor, James DePelisi, who is sponsoring the event.

At each session, attendees will hear informative presentations from each company's Chief Executive Officer and senior executive management, followed by question and answer sessions. Further, one-on-one opportunities are available with the CEOs and executives.

"Today's stock markets offer true investment opportunities for equity investors -- particularly in the growth and value sectors," said DePelisi. "The Growth & Value Investor Conference has carefully designated a cross-section of specific firms representing these sectors."

One company, ATP Oil & Gas (NASDAQ: **ATPG**) recently inked two offshore leasing deals, the company announced Feb. 11. Bids for those properties were submitted by ATP in New Orleans last October. ATP acquired a 100% working interest in each for a total cost of \$525,960 and will operate both. The Biloxi SunHerald reported the next day that investment banker, C. K. Cooper & Company, which is focused on the energy sector announced it has resumed coverage of the Houston-based offshore oil and gas development and production company.

Another company, Toronto-based Agnico-Eagle Mines (NYSE: **AEM**) announced Feb. 15 that it had reached record gold reserves in 2007. The milestone of 16.65 million ounces at year-end was up 33 percent from 2006, the company said, attributing the success to the conversion of resources from successful drilling projects and the completion of its Meadowbrook project acquisition, which helped boost reserves. The company added it is well-positioned to meet its reserve target of 18 million to 20 million ounces within the next 12 months. Further, it said it expects to beat that target within the next two years.

Also in February, conference presenter Brandywine Realty Trust (NYSE: **BDN**) announced that it closed the sale of an industrial building in Allentown, Pennsylvania, for \$5.8 million on January 14, 2008. Brandywine, based in Radnor, PA has also entered into a \$22 million, binding agreement of sale for an office building in Mount Laurel, New Jersey that it built in 2005. The closing is scheduled for February 21, 2008. Brandywine said it will continue to manage the property on behalf of the buyer. Brandywine CEO Jerry Sweeney said he believes that the successful sales illustrate an increasing desire of investors to acquire properties in the Philadelphia region.

February was also a good month for China Direct, Inc. (AMEX: **CDS**), which announced that it has signed a deal for a \$12.95 million private placement of securities with a group of institutional investors. The company, which does business in China through two business divisions recently expanded operations, moving to a new headquarters location in Deerfield Beach, FL. The newly leased 6,000 square foot corporate headquarters will house its senior management team and U.S.

staff for both consulting and management operations. Over the course of 2007, China Direct has doubled its staff in the U.S.

Attendance is free, and no RSVP is required.

A complimentary cocktail reception will be held from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Corporate presentations will run from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Presenting at the conference will be ATP Oil & Gas Corp. (ATPG), Daylight Energy Trust (DAY.UN), Evolution Petroleum Corp. (EPM), United Fuel & Energy Corp. (UFEN), Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. (AEM), Aurizon Mines Ltd. (AZK), Bullion River Gold Corp. (BLRV), Dundee Precious Metals Corp. (DPM.TO), Golden Star Resources Ltd. (GSS), Minefinders Corp. Ltd. (MFN), New Jersey Mining Co. (NJMC), White Mountain Titanium Co. (WMTM), Consolidated Water Co. Ltd. (CWCO), Brandywine Realty Trust (BDN), Lexington Realty Trust (LXP), RPM International Inc. (RPM), Sharps Compliance Corp. (SCOM), China Direct, Inc. (CDS), Dreams Inc. (DRJ), National Lampoon Inc. (NLN), Bond Laboratories, Inc. (BNLB), CytoCore, Inc. (CYOE), Female Health Co. (FHC), Helm Capital Group, Inc. (HCGI), Ivivi Technologies Inc. (IVVI), Nymox Pharmaceutical Corp. (NYMX), Broadcast International Inc. (BCST), DRI Corp. (TBUS), InfoLogix, Inc. (IFLG), Viper Powersports Inc. (VPWS), Fortress International Group, Inc. (FIGI), Helm Capital Group, Inc. (HCGI), and Argyle Security, Inc. (ARGL).

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