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## **Investor Conference in Fort Lauderdale to Spotlight Emerging Energy and Mining Sectors**

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL--(Marketwire - February 20, 2008) - A dozen oil, gas and mining companies will be featured among more than 30 presenters at The Growth & Value Investor Conference "Spring Break for Wall Street," a free, two-day event beginning February 27 at the Westin Fort Lauderdale.

These national and international companies will offer a rare, inside look into the core of their strategies, strength of management and the potential for profit.

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 financial advisor, James DePelisi, who is sponsoring the event. "The Growth & Value Investor Conference has carefully designated a cross-section of specific firms representing these sectors."

One Houston-based company, Evolution Petroleum Corporation (AMEX: **EPM**), announced an increase in operating revenue and interest income sources 25.1% to \$3.8 million in Fiscal 2007, from \$3.0 million in Fiscal 2006. 4,594 net acres and twelve proved drilling locations were acquired for development projects during the period. At June 30, 2007, EPM had about \$28 million in cash and no funded debt.

Another Texas company, Midland-based United Fuel & Energy Corp. (OTCBB: **UFEN**), recently announced it has expanded its board of directors from six members to seven. The distributor of gasoline, diesel, propane and lubricant products said it intends to continue to expand its business through strategic acquisitions and organic growth initiatives.

Also presenting at the conference will be Aurizon Mines Ltd. (AMEX: **AZK**). The Canadian-based gold producer, exploration and development company recently announced gold production forecasts for 2008, estimating that its Casa Berardi mine will produce between 160,000 -- 170,000 ounces of gold in 2008 at an average grade of 8.6 grams of gold per tonne. Average daily mine production is estimated at 1,800 tonnes per day, an increase of 20% over 2007.

Denver's Golden Star Resources (AMEX: **GSS**), another gold miner featured at the conference, announced last month that fourth quarter gold production in 2007 was 56% higher than the gold production in the fourth quarter of 2006 and 26% higher than the third quarter of 2007. The company recently applied to list its common shares on the Ghana Stock Exchange. The majority of Golden Star's exploration and production assets are located in Ghana.

Attendance for the conference 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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