

## NEWS RELEASE

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### VALIANT TRUST COMPANY AND KINGSDALE SHAREHOLDER SERVICES ANNOUNCE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

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April 9, 2008, Toronto, Ontario – Valiant Trust Company (Valiant) is pleased to announce a new strategic partnership with Kingsdale Shareholder Services Inc. (Kingsdale). Together, the two companies will offer a full range of corporate trust and shareholder services to securities issuers across Canada.

Valiant's core services include acting as transfer agent, registrar and corporate trustee for public and private companies. Valiant also provides employee incentive plan administration services and acts as depository and exchange agent during mergers and acquisitions.

Kingsdale's core services include proxy solicitation and acting as depository and information agent during mergers and acquisitions. In addition, Kingsdale provides corporate governance and asset reclamation services.

"We are thrilled to commence our expansion into Ontario with a premium partner like Kingsdale," said Adrian Baker, President of Valiant Trust Company. "Their knowledgeable staff and commitment to outstanding customer service are an excellent fit with Valiant's client-focused business model," added Mr. Baker.

"We are pleased that Valiant Trust Company, a subsidiary of Canadian Western Bank and an industry force within Western Canada, chose Kingsdale as a strategic partner to assist with their continued expansion in key Canadian markets," said Wesley Hall, President and CEO, Kingsdale Shareholder Services Inc.

#### **About Valiant Trust**

Valiant Trust Company is a federal trust company providing corporate trust, stock transfer, and employee incentive plan services to public and private companies. Clients are serviced through offices in Calgary, Vancouver, and Edmonton. Valiant is a wholly owned subsidiary of Canadian Western Bank, which is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the trading symbol "CWB". For more information visit [www.valianttrust.com](http://www.valianttrust.com).

#### **About Kingsdale Shareholder Services**

Kingsdale Shareholder Services is an expert team of dedicated professionals. With an array of specialized programs we are committed to offering client solutions on an individualized basis, with your accomplishments in mind. Kingsdale Shareholder Services' clients are serviced by our senior management team to ensure the very best direction and support. We combine an expert team of managers with strong industry relationships and highly trained call centre staff to deliver unparalleled results. For more information visit [www.kingsdaleshareholder.com](http://www.kingsdaleshareholder.com).

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