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ONTARIANS TO FINANCIAL ADVISORS: “WE WANT MORE”

OMNIBUS POLL SHOWS ONTARIO RSP HOLDERS WANT TAX INCENTIVES AND GROWTH POTENTIAL

TORONTO (January 14, 2009) -- A new poll conducted of Ontarians who currently have money in Registered Savings Plans (RSPs) indicates that they are looking for more from these funds in the midst of the global economic downturn.

Specifically, Ontarians want increased tax benefits and increased faith that their investments will grow in order to part with their money this RSP season. Other clear messages from the survey include:

- 7 in 10 respondents said they will contribute the same or less to their RSPs than they did last year; Almost 3 in 10 won't contribute this year
- 6 in 10 respondents said that additional tax incentives will drive their specific fund choice; Almost half of respondents will look to funds that performed well in 2008
- Approximately half of respondents were more inclined to invest in funds with high growth potential, such as those invested in companies focusing on bio-technology, environmental technology and energy management.

One fund that fulfills all of these needs is VentureLink Fund's Brighter Future Fund. The Brighter Future Fund, a Retail Venture Capital Fund (RVCF), also known as a Labour Sponsored Investment Fund (LSIF), gives investors the opportunity to take advantage of 30% tax credits and off set losses caused by 2008 market volatility simply by investing new money in the fund or by transferring existing capital in RSP's into the fund. The VentureLink Brighter Future Fund has experienced positive growth since the inception of the fund and as of December 31st, 2008 was up more than 9.0% for the year. As a comparison, the BMO Nesbitt Burns Cdn Small Cap Index was down over -46.6% for the same period. This growth is spurred by the fund's focus on alternative energy and information technology.

"The VentureLink Brighter Future Fund has out performed in all of the areas that Ontarians have said are important to them in this economy," said John Varghese, Managing Partner of VentureLink. "The Brighter Future Fund offers substantial tax benefits, a history of stable growth, and a portfolio of

investments in mature companies that are poised to continue adding shareholder value."

About Retail Venture Capital Funds (RVCFs)

RVCFs, formerly known as Labour Sponsored Investment Funds (LSIFs), are mutual funds as defined by securities legislation mandated to invest in small and medium sized Canadian businesses. The purchase of these funds generates federal and provincial tax credits. These funds are established under the Federal income tax act and registered federally and may also be registered provincially. RVCFs provide a 15% Federal tax credit on a purchase of up to \$5,000 per annum and a 15% Provincial tax credit (in the province of Ontario) of up to \$7,500 per annum. For a \$7,500 purchases, this will generate an LSIF credit of \$1,875 and if making a new contribution to the RSP, an additional RSP credit of 30%. A taxpayer making \$75,000 who contributes \$7,500 could have total tax savings of \$4,831 or a net cost of \$2,669.

About VentureLink

A market share and performance leader in the space, with over \$240 million under management, VentureLink Funds offers a diverse group of labour-sponsored funds ("LSIF"). VentureLink Funds give investors access to well-diversified portfolios of established companies operating in traditional industries such as financial, manufacturing and service industries as well as dynamic industries like alternative energy and information technology. For more information, please visit: www.venturelinkfunds.com or contact your financial advisor.

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