



**GULF & PACIFIC EQUITIES CORP.**

**For Immediate Release**

## **Gulf & Pacific Equities Announces New Financing with Lakeland Credit Union and Extension of Vendor Mortgage**

**Toronto, January 15, 2009** – Gulf & Pacific Equities Corp. (TSX-V: **GUF**) an established company focused on the acquisition, management and development of grocery store anchored shopping centres in Western Canada, is pleased to announce that it has closed a new financing deal with Lakeland Credit Union in the amount of \$1.0 million for three years with interest of 6.3% per annum payable monthly including principle and interest. The financing will be secured by a 2<sup>nd</sup> mortgage on the company's property, Tri-City Mall in Cold Lake, Alberta.

The funds will be used to repay the \$1.0 million loan with interest of 15% per annum due to Romspen from the original purchase of Tri-City Mall in 2006.

Furthermore, the company is pleased to announce that its vendor provided mortgage relating to the original purchase of the Tri-City Mall in 2006, in the amount of \$1.5 million, has been extended by one year to December 31, 2009 at the same interest rate of 8.5% per annum. Monthly payments of interest only will remain the same and the mortgage will now be secured by a third charge on the Tri-City Mall property.

Full details are available at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) or at the company's website [www.gpequities.com](http://www.gpequities.com).

### **About Lakeland Credit Union**

Lakeland Credit Union, a full service financial institution, was incorporated in 1941. In 68 years, the locally-owned credit union has grown to \$450 million in assets with branches in Cold Lake and Bonnyville, Alberta.

The credit union strength lies in the community advantage which is gained from local ownership and commitment to social responsibility through demonstrated leadership and local reinvestment of resources.

Named 'Alberta's Credit Union of Year' for a record three times, Lakeland Credit Union remains one of Alberta's fastest growing and most successful credit unions.

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### **About Gulf & Pacific Equities Corp.**

Gulf & Pacific Equities Corp. was incorporated under the laws of the Province of Alberta on April 8, 1998 and thereafter completed a public offering of common shares by prospectus dated June 26, 1998 (TSX-V: **GUF**).

The Company acquires, manages and develops grocery-anchored shopping malls in rural centres in Western Canada, in particular Alberta. Gulf & Pacific targets smaller, but rapidly growing hub communities that have hospital, high school, police station and retail/service infrastructure. Management has consistently reinvested cash flow to improve and grow its portfolio of income properties.

Gulf & Pacific Equities Corp. currently owns five, well-located retail assets located in Three Hills, Whitecourt, St. Paul and Cold Lake Alberta, as well as in Merritt B.C..

In 2005, Gulf & Pacific Equities Corp. was named the 22<sup>nd</sup> fastest growing company in Canada by "Profit" magazine, a Rogers' publication. In 2006 and 2008, the company made the list again as the 162<sup>nd</sup> and 145<sup>th</sup> fastest growing company in Canada.

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