



GULF & PACIFIC EQUITIES CORP.

**For Immediate Release**

## **Gulf & Pacific Equities Announces Renewal of Normal Course Issuer Bid**

**Toronto, March 9, 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, announces today its intention, and its receipt of all required regulatory approvals, including approval by the TSX Venture Exchange (the “Exchange”), to renew its normal course issuer bid. Gulf & Pacific’s current normal course issuer bid will expire on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Gulf & Pacific may begin purchasing its common shares (the “Shares”) pursuant to the bid on March 10, 2009 and will end such purchases on the earlier of March 9, 2010, or the date Gulf & Pacific completes the purchase of the maximum number of Shares permitted under the bid.

Pursuant to the bid, Gulf & Pacific may, over the next 12 months, acquire for cancellation up to 611,987 of its Shares, representing 10% of the public float. Purchases will be made by Gulf & Pacific in accordance with Exchange requirements and the price which Gulf & Pacific will pay for any such Shares will be the market price of the Shares at the time of acquisition. All purchases will be effected through the facilities of the Exchange. All Shares purchased by the Gulf & Pacific will be cancelled.

Gulf & Pacific believes that the market price of its Shares could be such that their purchase may be an attractive and appropriate use of corporate funds in light of potential benefits to remaining shareholders.

Gulf & Pacific has appointed Byron Securities Ltd. as its broker to conduct the normal course issuer bid transactions. Management of Gulf & Pacific believe that its Shares have been trading in a price range which does not adequately reflect their value and that the purchase of the Shares under the bid will enhance the shareholder value in general.

### **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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