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Six New Commodity Stocks Added; 40 Stocks Deleted from *Rogers™-Van Eck* Hard Assets Producers Index in Quarterly Rebalancing

(New York, December 9, 2008) The *Rogers™-Van Eck* Hard Assets Producers Index (TICKER: RVEI) will add six new components, effective 9:00 AM (EST) Monday, December 22, 2008. 40 stocks will be deleted from the index, changing the number of index components to 293. The changes result from the index's quarterly rebalancing.

Four stocks will be deleted from the *Rogers™-Van Eck* Hard Assets Agricultural Producers Index, changing the number of index components to 45.

15 stocks will be deleted from the *Rogers™-Van Eck* Hard Assets Energy Producers Index, while 3 stocks will be added, changing the number of index components to 127.

15 stocks will be deleted from the *Rogers™-Van Eck* Hard Assets Metals Producers Index, while 2 stocks will be added, changing the number of index components to 88.

A complete list of constituent changes is available on the RVE Index Family web site, at:
http://rve.snetglobalindexes.com/media/RVE%20Constituent%20Changes%20Q4%202008_1943044194.pdf

The *Rogers™-Van Eck* Hard Assets Producers Index Committee has approved a change in the deletion criteria for companies in all indexes. To be deleted, a company must fall below 60% of the value stated in the inclusion criteria for market capitalization, free float and average daily trading volume. The threshold for deletion had been set at 80% and the new threshold is established to eliminate excessive portfolio turnover.

The *Rogers™-Van Eck* Hard Assets Producers Index is a capitalization-weighted, float-adjusted index of the most prominent commodity stocks in the world. To be included in the RVEI, stocks must pass multiple screens, including for capitalization, float, exchange listing, share price and turnover. The index is divided into six sectors: a) Energy, b) Agriculture, c) Base and Industrial Metals, d) Forest products, e) Precious Metals and f) Alternatives (Renewable Energy and Water)

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Detailed information, including constituent data, rules and price information, on the *Rogers™-Van Eck* Hard Assets Producers Index is available at www.rveindexes.com. Data is also available through most vendors of financial data.

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