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HSBC EMPLOYEES PLANT TREES TO SUPPORT STANLEY PARK RESTORATION EFFORTS

HSBC Bank Canada hosted a Stanley Park Tree Planting event on Saturday, March 29, 2008 to support the restoration efforts. Over 100 HSBC employees and their families and friends planted more than 500 trees.

After major windstorms struck Stanley Park in December of 2006, HSBC Bank Canada donated \$300,000 to the Vancouver Park Board to help support restoration efforts. In addition to this donation, HSBC Bank Canada employees, friends and family are helping by planting trees as volunteers.

Lindsay Gordon, President and Chief Executive Officer, HSBC Bank Canada, said: "At HSBC Bank Canada, we are proud to be headquartered in Vancouver, we value our relationship with the community and we are committed to sustaining the environment. It is for these reasons that we are pleased to support the restoration of Stanley Park through our financial contribution and the volunteer efforts of our employees."

Susan Mundick, General Manager, Vancouver Park Board, said: "The Vancouver Park Board is grateful to HSBC Bank Canada for its ongoing support of the restoration of this national treasure. Just weeks after the devastating storm of December, 2006, HSBC demonstrated exceptional community leadership through a significant financial contribution to restore Stanley Park. Their continued commitment to the park by volunteering to plant trees reflects a corporate ethic that both values our environment and invests in our community's future well being."

Guests at the event included Mayor Sam Sullivan, City of Vancouver, Korina Houghton, Chair, Vancouver Park Board and Susan Mundick, General Manager, Vancouver Park Board.

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Lindsay Gordon, President and Chief Executive Officer, HSBC Bank Canada and a young volunteer plant a tree in Stanley Park to support the restoration efforts.