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Don Roberts is Keynoter at Nanotechnology Conference

Managing Director with CIBC World Markets Inc. is one of five thought leaders at
The 2009 International Conference
on Nanotechnology for the Forest Products Industry

Norcross, GA, April 13, 2009: Don Roberts, managing Director with CIBC World Markets Inc., will make a keynote presentation at the 2009 International Conference on Nanotechnology for the Forest Products Industry, presented by TAPPI and Alberta Ingenuity, June 23-26, 2009 in Edmonton, Alberta Canada. The theme of this year's event is "**Unlocking the Potential of Nano-Enabled Biomaterials.**"

Roberts will present "**Biomass and the Development of High Value Materials and Products: An Economic Perspective,**" on Wednesday, June 24. He will provide one of five keynote presentations at the conference. Roberts will offer an economic perspective focusing on biomass use and the development of high-value materials and products derived from the forest and agricultural sectors.

Roberts leads CIBC's Paper & Forest Products Research Team, and is also responsible for the bio-fuels sector. His primary responsibility is to lead a team of analysts in advising financial institutions (e.g., pension/mutual funds) on their investments in the global paper & forest products industry. He is consistently ranked by institutional investor surveys as one of the top equity research analysts covering the forest products industry.

Mr. Roberts specializes in international commodity markets, and has collaborated with a number of international forestry organizations to gain a global perspective on the paper & forest products sector. He has over 30 years of experience related to various aspects of the forest products sector. Prior to joining the investment business, he was Chief Economist with the Canadian Forest Service.

Mr. Roberts is also an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Forest Resource Management at the University of British Columbia and a Guest Scholar at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis in Austria. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Rights and Resources Initiative in Washington, D.C. and on the Board of Directors of the Sloan Center for Paper Business and Industry Studies at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Georgia. Roberts also serves in an advisory capacity for a range of government, industry, and NGO groups.

In addition to Mr. Roberts' presentation and a technical program including more than 40 presentations, conference attendees will **tour** Canada's **National Institute for Nanotechnology (NINT)** on Tuesday, June 23. Located on the University of Alberta campus in Edmonton, this 20,000 m² research facility was founded in 2001. NINT is an integrated, multi-disciplinary institution with researchers in physics, chemistry, engineering, biology, informatics, pharmacy and medicine. Its objective is to discover design rules for nanotechnology and develop platforms for building nanosystems and materials that are constructed for specific applications. Attendees will hear brief presentations from NINT scientists and enjoy a reception with light refreshments.

This internationally known event brings together leading researchers, industry experts, government representatives and other stakeholders to share advances, perspectives and discuss new ideas and breakthrough concepts on nanotechnology-based advances. More details are available at www.tappi.org/09nano.

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Registration information is available through TAPPI's Member Connection Center, 1-800-332-8686 (US), 1-800-446-9431 (Canada), +1-770-446-1400, memberconnection@tappi.org.

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