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TORONTO – The CVCA – Canada’s Venture Capital & Private Equity Association, is pleased to announce the re-election of Gregory Smith as President of the Association, effective September 21, 2011.

Gregory Smith is Managing Partner of Brookfield Financial’s Global Infrastructure, Power and Utility group. Prior to joining Brookfield Financial, Mr. Smith was President of Macquarie Capital Funds Canada Ltd. from 2003 to 2009. Mr. Smith has played an active role in the Canadian venture capital and private equity industry for many years, including as a member of the CVCA since 1996.

“I am honoured to represent Canada’s private capital market, a vital sector in our economy,” said Mr. Smith, Managing Partner of Brookfield Financial, “I look forward to continue working with government and other stakeholders on much needed efforts to improve Canada’s innovation economy and working with all our members to support small and medium-sized business, employment and productivity.”

This year the CVCA has added a new officer position, First Vice President, to assist the president and board of directors foster and promote a strong private capital ecosystem. In addition, the new position establishes a more formal process for leadership continuity within the CVCA. Peter van der Velden, General Managing Partner of Lumira Capital, has been elected First Vice President. With 22 years of investment and operating experience, Peter has participated in building companies from start-up through to expansion in the life sciences, information technology and consumer sectors.

The CVCA is also pleased to announce its officers and directors elected for 2011-2012, effective September 21, 2011.

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CVCA - Canada's Venture Capital & Private Equity Association

The CVCA was founded in 1974 and is the association that represents Canada's venture capital and private equity industry. Its over 1900 members are firms and organizations which manage the majority of Canada's pools of capital designated to be committed to venture capital and private equity investments. The CVCA fosters professional development, networking, communication, research and education within the venture capital and private equity sector and represents the industry in public policy matters. www.cvca.ca

To arrange an interview with Gregory Smith, President of the CVCA and Managing Partner, Brookfield Financial, contact Lauren Linton, Director of Marketing, 416 487-4299 llinton@cvca.ca.