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**SOLD OUT Attendance at Canada's Preeminent Private Equity Conference
Roger McNamee to speak at CVCA's 2008 Annual Conference**

CVCA Launches BLOG 'Capital Rants'

Montreal, Canada, May 22, 2008 – CVCA - Canada's Venture Capital & Private Equity Association today announced that a record number of private equity and venture capital investors will be assembled in Montreal on May 28 – 30th at the Fairmont Queen Elizabeth at the CVCA 2008 Annual Conference.

Under this year's theme "Face of Change", over 550 participants from the private equity industry across Canada and around the world will explore the main triggers to change that impact returns and growth of the Canadian private equity industry. Renowned speakers from North America and Europe will share their experiences and thoughts on subjects such as: fund raising and perspectives from limited partners and general partners, investment strategies in uncertain credit environments, growth opportunities in the Canadian cleantech sector, the capital structure dilemma and the ever evolving global private equity market.

"Our CVCA Annual Conference is the premier event for venture capital and private equity investors in Canada, and it is great to see such a high level of interest in our market today," said Rick Nathan, CVCA President and Managing Director of Kensington Capital Partners, "it's also a tribute to our Conference Chair, Chris Arsenault, and the planning committee for putting together such a memorable program of events, speakers and discussion of leading-edge issues relevant to all market participants."

On Thursday May 29th, global investor Roger McNamee, Managing Director and Co-Founder, Elevation Partners – a US\$1.9 billion private equity fund, active in the Canadian market, and focused on mature companies facing technology-related challenges, will share his thoughts and experiences in a keynote speech titled: Facing Change: How I Invest in a Turbulent Environment. Mr. McNamee, also recognized for his passion for music, Elevation Partners counts U2 lead singer Bono as an investor, will be performing at the evening Gala with his rock band - Moonalice.

Other high profile speakers include Julian Wheatland, Chief Executive of Consensus Community, a UK based investor of technology and service businesses with a focus in the environmental and renewable energy sector. And, an impressive number of Partner level representative of leading Venture Capital and Private Equity fund managers and active Limited Partners, such as: Caisse de Dépôt et de placement du Québec, Teacher's Private Capital, Brookfield Asset Management, Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co., Rockport Capital, California State Teachers Retirement System, Oak Hill Investment Management, Chart Ventures, Collier Capital, TD Capital, RBC Capital, Macquarie North America, TSX Group, SDTC, Bregal Private Capital, OMERS Capital, ONCAP, Kensington Investment Management, Edgestone Capital Partners, Enertech Capital, Emerald Technology Ventures, Celtic House Venture Partners, AVAC, Grandbanks, Growthworks,

Fortress Investment Group, Manulife Financial, CIT Corporate Finance, GS Specialty Lending Group, Skypoint Capital, Comerica Bank, Yaletown Ventures Partners, Ventures West Management, Novacap, CTI Life Sciences and Fond de solidarité FTQ.

“The CVCA is the voice of Canada’s growing Venture Capital & Private Equity Industry, and the Annual Conference provides our industry with a unique networking platform to come together, share opinions and learn from each other’s experiences.” said Chris Arsenault, chair of the 2008 CVCA Annual Conference and Managing Partner & COO of iNovia Capital. “In conjunction with this year’s conference, the CVCA took the initiative of giving its members the means to voice their personalities and opinions not only at the event, but also via the launch of the CVCA – Capital Rants Blog.”

The CVCA launched its blog - [Capital Rants](#), as a showcase of Canada's best and brightest on the good, the bad, and the ugly of Private Equity & Venture Capitalism. Through its members, the CVCA is a leading source for advocacy, networking, information and professional development for venture capital and private equity professionals. Each month the CVCA Capital Rants blog will host a variety of topics and stories that affect its industry. It will feature guest bloggers and will touch on subjects that embody the content and overall insight of the conference program and industry issues throughout the year. For more information see www.vcrants.com.

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The CVCA - Canada’s Venture Capital & Private Equity Association, was founded in 1974 and is the association that represents Canada’s venture capital and private equity industry. Its over 1500 members are firms and organizations which manage over \$65 billion 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. For the full conference agenda visit [www.cvca.ca/news/events/CVCA Annual Conference 2008.aspx](http://www.cvca.ca/news/events/CVCA_Annual_Conference_2008.aspx)

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