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**EQUITABLE GROUP TO DISCUSS FOURTH QUARTER 2008
RESULTS ON THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26 AT 10 AM EASTERN**

Toronto, Ontario (February 17, 2009): Equitable Group Inc. will announce its financial results for the three and 12 months ended December 31, 2008 on Thursday February 26, 2009 before the market opens.

Following release, the Company will host a conference call and webcast at 10:00 am Eastern on February 26. Equitable will be represented by Andrew Moor, President and Chief Executive Officer, John Ayanoglou, Senior Vice-President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer and Bill Edmunds, Senior-Vice President, Credit and Chief Risk Officer.

To participate by phone, call 416-644-3414 five minutes prior. For a listen-only webcast, log on to www.equitablegroupinc.com.

The conference will be archived on the Company's website for three months. A replay of the call will be available at 416-640-1917 (passcode 21295125 followed by the number sign) until midnight Thursday March 5, 2009.

About Equitable Group Inc.

Equitable Group Inc. is a leading niche mortgage lender. Its primary business is first mortgage financing, which it offers through The Equitable Trust Company, its wholly-owned subsidiary. Founded in 1970, Equitable Trust is a federally regulated trust company. It serves single family, small and large commercial borrowers and their mortgage advisors, as well as the investing public as a provider of Guaranteed Investment Certificates. Equitable's non-branch business model, valued relationships with third-party mortgage professionals and deposit-taking agents, and disciplined lending practices have allowed the Company to grow profitably and efficiently for many years. The common shares of Equitable Group Inc. are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the trading symbol of "ETC". For more information, visit www.equitablegroupinc.com.

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