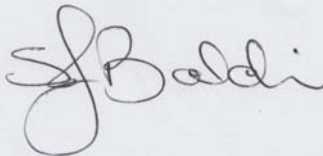


**COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE TO THE BSX MARKET**

20th February 2009

At its regular monthly meeting on 19th January 2009 the Directors of Bellarine Peninsula Community Branch Ltd. resolved to close the current Public Share Offer pursuant to the Prospectus dated 24th October 2008.

The offer will close today, 20th February 2009 at 5pm.



Sandra Baldwin
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