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**BlackRock to Report Fourth Quarter 2008 Earnings on January 21st;
CEO to Speak at Citi Financial Services Conference on January 27th**

New York, January 14, 2009 - BlackRock, Inc. (NYSE:BLK) today announced that it will report results for the fourth quarter of 2008 prior to the opening of the New York Stock Exchange on Wednesday, January 21, 2009. Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Laurence D. Fink, and Chief Financial Officer, Ann Marie Petach, will host a teleconference call for investors and analysts at 9:00 a.m. (Eastern Time). BlackRock's fourth quarter earnings release will be available in the investor relations section of the Company's website, www.blackrock.com, before the teleconference call begins.

Teleconference and Webcast Details

Members of the public who are interested in participating in the teleconference should dial, from the United States, (800) 374-0176, or from outside the United States, (706) 679-4634, shortly before 9:00 a.m. and reference the BlackRock Conference Call (ID Number 80759361). A live, listen-only webcast will also be available via the investor relations section of www.blackrock.com.

Both the teleconference and webcast will be available for replay by 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 21, 2009 and ending at midnight on Wednesday, January 28, 2009. To access the replay of the teleconference, callers from the United States should dial (800) 642-1687 and callers from outside the United States should dial (706) 645-9291 and enter the Conference ID Number 80759361. To access the webcast, please visit the investor relations section of www.blackrock.com.

Citi Financial Services Conference

BlackRock also announced today that Mr. Fink is scheduled to speak at the Citi 2009 Financial Services Conference in New York on Tuesday, January 27, 2009, beginning at approximately 11:15 a.m. (Eastern Time). Prior to Mr. Fink's remarks, a live audio webcast and any slides that may be used will be accessible via the investor relations section of www.blackrock.com. A replay of the webcast will be available within 24 hours of Mr. Fink's presentation and will remain accessible through the Company's website for seven days.

About BlackRock

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