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Arabian American Development Announces Approval of All Proposals at 2008 Annual Shareholders' Meeting

Four Proposals Presented and Approved by Shareholders

DALLAS, July 14 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Arabian American Development Co. (Nasdaq: ARSD) announced today that all proposals presented at its annual shareholders' meeting held on July 10, 2008 were approved by the Company's shareholders. The four matters presented and approved by shareholders were: 1) Nicholas Carter, Charles Goehringer, and Mohammed O. Al-Omair were each re-elected as directors for three year terms, 2) the firm of Moore Stephens Travis Wolff, LLP was approved as independent auditor for the coming year, 3) the Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan was approved and, 4) the Stock Option Plan for Key Employees was approved.

The 2008 Annual Meeting of Shareholders was held at 10:00 a.m. CDT at the Company's Sugar Land sales office, located at 1600 Highway 6 South, Suite 240, Sugar Land, TX.

About Arabian American Development Company (ARSD)

Arabian American owns and operates a petrochemical facility located in southeast Texas just north of Beaumont, specializing in high purity petrochemical solvents and other solvent type manufacturing. The Company is also the original developer and is now a 50% owner of a joint venture in a mining project in the Al-Masane area of Saudi Arabia which is under construction and is scheduled to be in production in late 2010. The mine will produce economic quantities of zinc, copper, gold, and silver.

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