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**SOTHEBY'S FOURTH QUARTER AND FULL YEAR 2008
EARNINGS CONFERENCE CALL INVITATION**

February 19, 2009, New York -- Sotheby's (NYSE: BID) will be holding its fourth quarter and twelve months ended December 31, 2008 earnings conference call on **Thursday, February 26, 2009**. The call will be hosted by Bill Ruprecht, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Bill Sheridan, Chief Financial Officer, at **4:45 PM EST**. The call will consist of a brief discussion of the Company's results followed by a question and answer period.

Domestic callers should dial 877-857-6150 and international callers should dial 719-325-4783. The call reservation number is 7429391. Please establish a line approximately 10 minutes prior to the call beginning.

To listen to the conference call via web cast, please go to: <http://investor.shareholder.com/bid/events.cfm>. You will need Windows Media Player or Real Player to access the call. Please download either of these programs before the call begins. The web cast will be available for replay for two weeks after the call.

Conference call replay will be available for two weeks following the call at 888-203-1112 or 719-457-0820. Enter passcode 7429391.

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