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VECL ACHIEVES THREE KEY MILESTONES

Monday, 12th May 2008: Vietnam Emerging Capital Limited (NSX: VEM), an Australian based investment company targeting Vietnam, has achieved its three key short term objectives which were to list on the NSX, to acquire shares in listed companies on the Vietnamese Stock Exchange and acquire a 20% interest in a property development project in Vietnam's largest Information Technology Park.

VECL successfully completed its Initial Public Offering (IPO) in March after reaching the minimum subscription. The company now has 156 shareholders holding 15,782,626 shares.

VECL was established in February 2007 and is an equity investment company seeking investment opportunities in listed and unlisted Vietnamese securities. The company is also targeting joint venture industrial and commercial property opportunities and pre-IPO investment especially in soon to be privatised State Owned Enterprises (SOE).

In commenting on VECL's achievements to date, CEO, Lawrence Nguyen said,

"The first quarter of 2008 turned out to be one of the most challenging periods ever experienced. World markets witnessed gyrations not seen since the late 1980's and seeking capital became quite problematic. Nonetheless, it created a window of opportunity for VECL, as our entry point as a listed company occurred after the market correction had largely borne the worst of the fallout. "

"This timing advantage opened up its own set of opportunities for the VECL investment team", he said.

VECL has made timely investments in four stocks since listing on the NSX in March 2008. The stocks selected are representative of some of Vietnam's leading companies. They have excellent long term potential for growth and have been acquired at attractive prices.

The four leading stocks are:

- **Saigon Securities** - one of Vietnam's largest stockbrokers and in which ANZ is a significant shareholder
- **Navico** - Vietnam's largest fish exporter
- **Vinamilk** - Vietnam's largest dairy producer
- **Dien Quang** - a leading manufacturer of lightbulbs and electrical equipment

VECL has also committed to acquiring a 20% interest in an office development project in Quang Trung Software City, Vietnam's largest Information Technology Park. The park, which is equipped with high bandwidth global telecommunication lines and a dedicated internet gateway with 24/7 access, is the future hub of software production and training in Vietnam. The building which will be the largest there, known as the Lac Hong Training and Software Development Centre, will comprise of 12 floors plus a basement with a net lettable area of 26,400 m2.

In commenting on the outlook for the company, VECL, CEO, Lawrence Nguyen said,

"The outlook for the company is very positive, VECL has recently identified a number of new investment opportunities which can be obtained at very attractive valuations through local networks and relationships. Our investment team is currently undertaking a detailed evaluation process."

"Vietnam is an exciting growth story that continues to enjoy rapid economic growth on the back of high rates of direct foreign investment aimed at leveraging a young, dynamic, skilled and highly literate population."

"We continue to be excited about the opportunities available in Vietnam and have enjoyed a timely commencement of our operations to take the best advantage of the recent decline in the market thus enabling the company to be positioned for maximising shareholder benefit."

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ABOUT VIETNAM EMERGING CAPITAL LIMITED (VECL)

Vietnam Emerging Capital Limited (VECL) is an Australian based investment company targeting, Vietnam, one of the world's fastest growing economies. VECL is Australia's **only listed** Investment Company focused on this vibrant, entrepreneurial, high growth country.

With well established relationships and on the ground representation providing high quality deal flow, VECL offers investors access to a fast growing economy through managed, targeted property and equity investments that are expected to deliver high returns.

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