



**BTB REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST
ANNOUNCES CLOSING OF PUBLIC OFFERING OF CONVERTIBLE DEBENTURES**

Montreal, Québec (March 20, 2008) – BTB Real Estate Investment Trust (TSX-V: BTB.UN) (“BTB REIT”) announced today that it has closed its previously announced public offering (the “Offering”) of Series B 8.5% convertible redeemable unsecured subordinated debentures (the “Debentures”), pursuant to which BTB REIT has issued 13,020 Debentures for the aggregate principal amount of \$13,020,000.

The Offering was completed on a best efforts basis by a syndicate of investment dealers led by Blackmont Capital Inc. and including National Bank Financial Inc., Desjardins Securities Inc., Dundee Securities Corporation, Raymond James Ltd. and Genuity Capital Markets G.P.

BTB REIT intends to use the net proceeds of the Offering to fund previously identified property acquisitions.

Forward Looking Statements

This press release contains forward looking statements. Forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Although the trustees of BTB REIT believe that the expectations represented in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, there can be no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. Some of the factors and risks which could affect future results and could cause results to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements contained herein include the impact of general economic conditions, industry conditions, governmental regulation, environmental risks, competition from other industry participants, stock market volatility, the ability to access sufficient capital from internal and external sources and the risk of fluctuation and variation in actual operating results, which variation may be material. A full description of these risks and uncertainties can be found in BTB REIT’s final prospectus dated March 13, 2008 which is available electronically at www.sedar.com.

The forward-looking statements contained herein are expressly qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement. The forward-looking statements included herein are made as of the date hereof and BTB REIT does not undertake any obligation to publicly update such forward-looking statements to reflect new information, subsequent events or otherwise.

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