

PRESS RELEASE

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DECLARATION OF SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND

Montréal, March 12, 2009 – The Board of Directors of Stella-Jones Inc. (TSX: SJ) is pleased to announce that a semi-annual dividend of \$0.18 per share has been declared on the outstanding common shares of the Corporation, payable on May 15, 2009 to shareholders of record at the close of business on April 3, 2009. This dividend is designated to be an eligible dividend.

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