



NEWS

RBC TO ANNOUNCE FIRST QUARTER RESULTS AND HOST ANNUAL MEETING OF COMMON SHAREHOLDERS ON MARCH 1, 2012

TORONTO, February 7, 2012 — Royal Bank of Canada (RY on TSX and NYSE) will host its Annual Meeting of Common Shareholders and release its first quarter results for 2012 on March 1, 2012. Information related to RBC's first quarter financial results will be available at rbc.com/investorrelations.

RBC's Annual Meeting will be held in Toronto and is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. EST. Interested parties can listen at rbc.com/investorrelations/ir_events_presentations.html.

First quarter results are expected to be released at approximately 6:00 a.m. EST. The conference call is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. EST and will feature a presentation by RBC executives followed by a question and answer period with analysts. Interested parties can access the call on a listen-only basis at: rbc.com/investorrelations/ir_events_presentations.html or by telephone (416-340-2217 or 1-866-696-5910, passcode 7824427 followed by the number sign). Please call between 7:20 a.m. and 7:25 a.m. EST.

Management's comments on results will be posted on RBC's website shortly following the call. A recording will be available by 5:00 p.m. EST on March 1, 2012 until May 29, 2012 at rbc.com/investorrelations/ir_quarterly.html or by telephone (905-694-9451 or 1-800-408-3053, passcode 6726505 followed by the number sign).

- 30 -

Investor contacts:

Lauren Hopkinson, Investor Relations, (416) 955-2137 lauren.hopkinson@rbc.com

Media contact:

Tanis Robinson, Financial Communications, RBC (416) 955-5172, tanis.robinson@rbc.com