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Arabian American Development to Present at Roth 22nd Annual OC Growth Stock Conference

Scheduled to Present at 2:30 p.m. PT on March 15

DALLAS, Feb. 18 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Arabian American Development Co. (Nasdaq: ARSD) today announced that Nick Carter, President and Chief Executive Officer, will present at the Roth Capital Partners 22nd Annual OC Growth Stock Conference, which will be held March 15 -17, 2010 at the Ritz Carlton, Dana Point, Calif. Mr. Carter will present at 2:30 p.m., PT, March 15, Track 8. He will also be available for one-on-one meetings throughout the day. Interested parties may schedule meetings through their Roth investment representative.

Mr. Carter will provide an overview of the Company's petrochemical business, its market opportunities both in the U.S. and internationally, as well as key drivers for growth. He will also provide an update on the Al Masane Al Kobra Mining Company (AMAK), of which it is an equity partner, and the projected annual cash flow of the AMAK project, which is scheduled to begin operations in 2010.

The presentation will be webcast live and may be accessed at <http://www.wsw.com/webcast/roth23/arsd/>. The webcast will be archived for 90 days.

About ROTH Capital Partners

ROTH is a full service investment banking firm dedicated to the small-cap public market. Since its inception in 1984, ROTH has been an innovator in this market. In the 1990's ROTH participated in underwriting IPOs for small-cap companies. As this market changed, ROTH helped develop the PIPE (private investment in public equity) financing structure. ROTH was one of the first U.S. investment banks to focus on financing small-cap Chinese companies, and established a Representative Office in Shanghai in 2007.

About Arabian American Development Company (ARSD)

ARSD owns and operates a petrochemical facility located in southeast Texas just north of Beaumont which specializes in high purity petrochemical solvents and other solvent type manufacturing. The Company is also the original developer and an equity investor in a Saudi Arabian joint stock company involving a mining project in the Al-Masane area of Saudi Arabia which is currently under construction. The mine is scheduled to be in production in late 2010 or early 2011 and will produce economic quantities of zinc, copper, gold, and silver.

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