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Arabian American Receives Approval for Listing on the NYSE

Company to Begin Trading Under the Same Symbol 'ARSD' on April 2, 2012

SUGAR LAND, Texas, March 21, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Arabian American Development Co. (Nasdaq: ARSD) today announced that it has received notification that its common stock has been approved for listing on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) and is currently going through the required regulatory processes associated with the switch to the NYSE. The Company expects its common stock to begin trading under the same symbol 'ARSD' on April 2, 2012. Arabian American's common stock will continue to trade on the Nasdaq Stock Market under its current symbol, "ARSD," until such date. In addition, the Company's management and Board of Directors have been invited to ring the opening/closing bell on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on a date to be announced later.

Nick Carter, President and Chief Executive Officer, commented, "A listing on the NYSE marks an important milestone for our Company, and we are delighted to announce this significant event to our current shareholders and potential investors. We believe that the NYSE lists more companies which are compatible with our petrochemical and mining operations and will provide added exposure to investors interested in those sectors.

Overall, we expect it will increase visibility and liquidity to a broad group of investors for our common stock."

"We welcome Arabian American Development Company to the NYSE Euronext community of listed companies," said Scott Cutler, Executive Vice President and Head of Listings, NYSE Euronext. "Arabian American Development and its shareholders will benefit from superior market quality and technology, a broad array of issuer and investor services, and a partnership with the company and its shareholders."

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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 now a 37% owner of Al Masane Al Kobra Mining Co., a Saudi Arabian joint stock mining company.

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