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**Wilmington Trust Named as Successor Indenture Trustee in Tribune Company Case and
Appointed to Unsecured Creditors' Committee**

No credit or direct investment exposure involved in administrative role

Wilmington, DE, January 16, 2009 — Wilmington Trust said today that it has been named as successor indenture trustee for holders of approximately \$1.25 billion of debt issued by Tribune Company, which filed for Chapter 11 protection on December 8, 2008 in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, and that it has been appointed by the United States Trustee to serve as a member of the unsecured creditors' committee.

In this role, Wilmington Trust provides trustee and administrative services for creditors who hold Tribune Company's exchangeable subordinated debentures due in 2029. Wilmington Trust is paid a fee for these services, which are specified in documents that govern the trust. Tribune Company's bankruptcy filing poses no credit or investment risk to Wilmington Trust, nor does it affect Wilmington Trust's balance sheet or bottom line.

"Being named as successor trustee and appointed to the unsecured creditors' committee in Tribune Company's bankruptcy filing reflects our position as a premier provider of trustee and administrative services for corporate clients," said Ted T. Cecala, Wilmington Trust's chairman and chief executive officer.

Wilmington Trust's Corporate Client Services (CCS) business offers institutional trustee, agency, asset management, retirement plan services, and administrative services for clients worldwide who use capital market financing structures, as well as those who seek to establish and maintain nexus, or legal residency, for special purpose entities. Because Wilmington Trust does not underwrite securities offerings or provide investment banking services, it is able to deliver corporate trust services that are conflict-free.

About Wilmington Trust

Wilmington Trust Corporation (NYSE: WL) is a financial services holding company that provides Regional Banking services throughout the mid-Atlantic region, Wealth Advisory Services for high-net-worth clients in 36 countries, and Corporate Client Services for institutional clients in 86 countries. Its wholly owned bank subsidiary, Wilmington Trust Company, which was founded in 1903, is one of the largest personal trust providers in the United States and the leading retail and commercial bank in Delaware. Wilmington Trust Corporation and its affiliates have offices in Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Vermont, the Cayman Islands, the Channel Islands, London, Dublin, Frankfurt, Luxembourg, and Amsterdam.

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