

Rand Logistics, Inc.

RAND LOGISTICS TO PARTICIPATE IN UPCOMING INVESTOR CONFERENCE AND NASDAQ CLOSING BELL CEREMONY

New York, NY – January 7, 2009 – Rand Logistics, Inc. (Nasdaq: RLOG) today announced that management is scheduled to participate in the following upcoming investor conference and NASDAQ Closing Bell ceremony:

- 9th Annual CJS Securities "New Ideas for the New Year" Investor Conference on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 in New York City. Edward Levy, President of Rand Logistics, will provide an overview of the Company, discuss its competitive position and its strategies for growth.
- Closing Bell ceremony at the NASDAQ Stock Market on Friday, January 9, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. ET at the NASDAQ MarketSite in Times Square. Laurence S. Levy, Chairman and CEO of Rand Logistics, will preside over the Closing Bell. A live webcast of the NASDAQ Closing Bell ceremony will be available on the NASDAQ Webcam at: <http://www.nasdaq.com/about/marketsitetowervideo.aspx>

About Rand Logistics

Rand Logistics, Inc. is a leading provider of bulk freight shipping services throughout the Great Lakes region. Through its subsidiaries, the Company operates a fleet of ten self-unloading bulk carriers, including eight River Class vessels and one River Class integrated tug/barge unit, and three conventional bulk carriers, of which one is operated under a contract of affreightment. The Company is the only carrier able to offer significant domestic port-to-port services in both Canada and the U.S. on the Great Lakes. The Company's vessels operate under the U.S. Jones Act – which dictates that only ships that are built, crewed and owned by U.S. citizens can operate between U.S. ports – and the Canada Marine Act – which requires Canadian commissioned ships to operate between Canadian ports.

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