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NEWS RELEASE

CARAT HAS CLOSED THE FIRST TRANCHE OF A PRIVATE PLACEMENT

Vancouver, B.C. – CARAT EXPLORATION INC. (“Carat”), is pleased to announce the closing of the first tranche of the previously announced (July 16) non-brokered private placement of 612,500 Units at a price of \$0.40 per Unit on August 19, 2008.

Each Unit consists of one common share and one-half share purchase warrant. Each warrant is exercisable to purchase shares at a price of \$0.65 per share for a period of twelve months from closing. The warrants have an accelerated feature so that, if the shares of the Company trade at a price of \$0.90 per share or higher for a period of 10 consecutive trading days, and upon notice, the placee will have a further 15 trading days to exercise its warrants. If warrants are not exercised in that period, they shall be cancelled.

A finders fee of \$17,150 and 42,875 finders warrants have been paid. The securities are subject to restrictions on resale for a period of four months from the closing date, ie. until December 19, 2008.

On behalf of The Board of Directors of Carat Exploration Inc.

“Ioannis (Yannis) Tsitos”
President and CEO

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