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PERLS III - QUARTERLY DIVIDEND RATE SET

Preferred Capital Limited today announced that the dividend rate for PERLS III for the quarter ending 6 April 2009 was set today in accordance with the PERLS III terms and conditions set out in the prospectus dated 3 March 2006. The dividend rate for this quarter was calculated as follows:

Market rate (90 day Bank Bill Swap Rate as at 6 January 2009):3.9933% p.a. Plus Margin: 1.0500% p.a.

5.0433% p.a.

Multiplied by (1- Tax Rate):

0.70

Dividend Rate

3.5303% p.a.

The dividend is due to be paid on 6 April 2009 with the record date being 30 March 2009 and the ex-dividend date being 24 March 2009. The dividend will cover a period of 90 days and is expected to be fully franked.

For further information, please contact Warwick Bryan (Executive General Manager Investor Relations), on (02) 9378 5130.

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