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President Gifts Shares to Family Trust

Panama City, Republic of Panama – January 15, 2009 – Thunderbird Resorts Inc. (Euronext: TBIRD, CNSX: TBI.U and FSE: 4TR) today reported that Jack R. Mitchell, President and CEO, transferred beneficial ownership of 268,484 common shares of the Company owned by him (representing approximately 1% of the outstanding common shares) on January 8, 2009 to a family trust. The purpose of the transfer is for family estate planning. Following the transfer, the family trust beneficially owns 868,484 common shares, representing 4% of the outstanding common shares. As previously reported, Mr. Mitchell had transferred 600,000 common shares owned by him to the same trust in 2008.

Thunderbird Resorts is focused on being the most successful recreational property developer and operator in each of our markets by creating genuine value for the community, our employees and shareholders. We achieve this mission by offering customers dynamic, themed and integrated resort venues anchored by casinos. Additional information about the company is available on its World Wide Web site at www.thunderbirdresorts.com.

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