

# Press Release



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## **The Bank of New York Mellon Appointed Depository Bank by Opera Software ASA**

NEW YORK, December 15, 2008 – The Bank of New York Mellon, the global leader in asset management and securities servicing, has been selected by Opera Software ASA (“Opera Software”) as depository bank for its American depository receipt (ADR) program. Each Opera Software ADR represents two ordinary shares. The ADRs trade on the over-the-counter market under the symbol “OPESY.” The ordinary shares trade on the Oslo Stock Exchange under the symbol “OPERA.”

Opera Software develops web browsers for the desktop, device and mobile markets. Its product offering includes the Opera 9.6 web browser for desktop users and the Opera Mini™ 4.2 web browser for mobile phone users. Opera also provides its web browser on connected devices such as gaming consoles (e.g., Nintendo Wii), set-top boxes, and portable media players. Headquartered in Oslo, Norway, Opera Software has offices in the U.S., Sweden, China, Japan, South Korea, India, Poland, Czech Republic and Taiwan.

“As we expand our international profile by offering ADRs, we want the support of the most experienced depository bank,” said Jon von Tetzchner, chief executive officer of Opera Software. “The U.S. is a strategically important market for Opera Software, in terms of major customers, end-users and financial market exposure. With The Bank of New York Mellon’s track record, we believe the Bank will help us gain valuable visibility among U.S. investors.”

“With the establishment of its ADR program, Opera Software is confirming its commitment to attracting more investment from the U.S. market,” said Michael Cole-Fontayn, chief executive officer of The Bank of New York Mellon’s Depository Receipt Division. “We look forward to working with the company on customized outreach initiatives to facilitate market awareness of the new program.”

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