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GABELLI DIVIDEND & INCOME TRUST TO REDEEM 10% OF ITS AUCTION PREFERRED SHARES

Rye, NY -- The Gabelli Dividend & Income Trust (NYSE:GDV) (the "Fund") will redeem 10% of its outstanding Series B Auction Market Preferred Shares (the "Series B Preferred Shares"), Series C Auction Market Preferred Shares (the "Series C Preferred Shares"), and Series E Auction Rate Preferred Shares (the "Series E Preferred Shares") (together the "Auction Preferred Shares") as authorized by the Board of Trustees of the Fund. The redemption dates are provided in the table below and the redemption price is \$25,000 per Auction Preferred Share, which is equal to the liquidation preference of the Auction Preferred Shares. Dividends on the Auction Preferred Shares to be redeemed will cease to accumulate on the redemption date. The Fund will use currently available cash to fund these redemptions.

	<u>Series B Preferred Shares</u>	<u>Series C Preferred Shares</u>	<u>Series E Preferred Shares</u>
Number of Shares to be Redeemed	400 shares	480 shares	540 shares
Redemption Date	November 12, 2008	November 14, 2008	November 13, 2008
CUSIP	36242H302	36242H401	36242H609

Since the redemption date and a dividend payable date are the same for each series of Auction Preferred Shares, no accumulated but unpaid dividends will be included as a component of the redemption price. The Auction Preferred Shares are callable at any time at the liquidation preference of \$25,000 per share, together with any accumulated and unpaid dividends thereon to the redemption date.

The final auction date for the Series B Preferred Shares to be redeemed is scheduled for November 4, 2008 with a 7 day dividend period ending on November 11, 2008 and a dividend payable date of November 12, 2008.

The final auction date for the Series C Preferred Shares to be redeemed is scheduled for November 6, 2008 with a 7 day dividend period ending on November 13, 2008 and a dividend payable date of November 14, 2008.

The final auction date for the Series E Preferred Shares to be redeemed is scheduled for November 5, 2008 with a 7 day dividend period ending on November 12, 2008 and a dividend payable date of November 13, 2008.

From the business day immediately preceding the redemption date, the Auction Preferred Shares to be redeemed will no longer be deemed outstanding, and all the rights of the holders of Auction Preferred Shares with respect to the Auction Preferred Shares to be redeemed will cease, except the right to receive the redemption price.

Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), the holder of record, determines the allocations of the partial series redemptions among each participant account. Each participant account, as nominee for underlying beneficial owners (street name shareholders), in turn determines the allocations of redeemed shares among underlying beneficial owners. The procedures used by various participant accounts to allocate redeemed shares among beneficial owners may differ from other participant accounts as well as from the procedures used by DTC.

The Gabelli Dividend & Income Trust is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company with \$1.6 billion in total assets whose primary investment objective is to provide a high level of total return with an emphasis on dividends and income. The Fund is managed by Gabelli Funds, LLC, a subsidiary of GAMCO Investors, Inc. (NYSE:GBL), which is a publicly traded NYSE listed company.