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Press Release

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VANCOUVER, CANADA – December 15, 2011 – CanWel Building Materials Group Ltd. (“CanWel” or “the Company”) (TSX:CWX) is pleased to announce that its Board of Directors has declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.10 per share that will be paid on January 13, 2012, to shareholders of record on December 30, 2011. Pursuant to the Company’s news release issued on November 3, 2011, effective January 1, 2012 the Company will adjust its next quarterly dividend to \$0.07 per common share⁽¹⁾.

About CanWel Building Materials

CanWel Building Materials trades on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol CWX and is one of Canada’s largest national distributors in the building materials and related products sector, operating distribution centres coast to coast in all major cities and strategic locations across Canada. CanWel distributes a wide range of building materials, lumber, hardware and renovation products. Further information can be found in the disclosure documents filed by CanWel (and its predecessor, CanWel Building Materials Income Fund) with the securities regulatory authorities, available at www.sedar.com.

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dependence on market and economic conditions, sales and margin risk, competition, information system risks, availability of supply of products, risks associated with the introduction of new product lines, product design risk, environmental risks, volatility of commodity prices, inventory risks, customer and vendor risks, acquisition and integration risks, availability of credit, credit risks, interest rate risks, regulatory risks and employee retention risks. In addition, a number of assumptions were utilized or applied in making the forward-looking statements. Some of the key assumptions include, without limitation, assumptions regarding the performance of the Canadian economy, interest rates, capital and loan availability, the Canadian housing and building materials markets; the amount of the Company's cash flow from operations; tax laws; and the extent of the Company's future acquisitions and capital spending requirements or planning. There is a risk that some or all of these assumptions may prove to be incorrect. There are numerous risks associated with an investment in the debentures or common shares of the Company, which are also further described in the "Risk Factors" section of the Company's annual information form dated March 31, 2011 and its other public filings on SEDAR. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this press release. Except as required by applicable securities laws, the Company does not undertake, and specifically disclaims, any obligation to update or revise any forward looking information, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise, except as required by applicable law.

⁽¹⁾ *Please refer to the Company's November 3, 2011 news release for additional details and legal disclosure related thereto, all of which is also incorporated by reference to this press release.*