



Press Release

CANWEL BUILDING MATERIALS COMPLETES \$25 MILLION BOUGHT DEAL EQUITY FINANCING

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VANCOUVER, CANADA – March 30, 2016 – CanWel Building Materials Group Ltd. (“CanWel” or the “Company”) (TSX:CWX) is pleased to announce it has completed its previously announced private placement of 6,100,750 subscription receipts (“**Subscription Receipts**”) at a price of \$4.10 per Subscription Receipt for gross proceeds of \$25,013,075 (the “**Private Placement**”) pursuant to a bought deal underwritten by a syndicate of underwriters led by GMP Securities L.P., and including Raymond James Ltd., Canaccord Genuity Corp., Cormark Securities Inc., Haywood Securities Inc. and Paradigm Capital Inc. (the “**Underwriters**”). Proceeds raised under the Private Placement are inclusive of an additional \$3,262,575 raised in connection with the exercise in full by the Underwriters of their option to arrange for the purchase of an additional 795,750 Subscription Receipts. Certain insiders of the Company and others subscribed for 3,561,048 Subscription Receipts for gross proceeds of \$14,600,297.

The Company intends to use the net proceeds of the Private Placement in connection with the Company’s previously announced acquisition (the “**Transaction**”) of Jemi Fibre Corp. (“**Jemi Fibre**”), to partially refinance Jemi Fibre’s senior loans, for transaction costs and working capital. Completion of the Transaction is subject to the satisfaction or waiver of certain closing conditions, including, among other things, third party consents and approvals. For more information on the Transaction, please refer to the Company’s news release of March 9, 2016.

Each Subscription Receipt will entitle the holder to receive, without further consideration or action, one common share of the Company (a “**Common Share**”) upon satisfaction or waiver of each of the conditions precedent to the closing of the Transaction (other than the payment of the consideration for the Transaction and such other conditions precedent that, by their nature, are to be satisfied at the time of closing of the Transaction). If the Transaction is not completed on or before June 30, 2016 or the Transaction is terminated at an earlier time, holders of Subscription Receipts will receive a cash payment equal to the offering price of the Subscription Receipts and any interest that was earned thereon (net of any applicable withholding taxes).

The Subscription Receipts were sold in Canada on a private placement basis pursuant to “accredited investor” exemptions under National Instrument 45-106 - *Prospectus Exemptions*. The securities offered pursuant to the Private Placement have not been, nor will they be, registered under the *United States Securities Act of 1933*, as amended, and may not be offered or sold in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons absent registration or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements. This press release does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of the securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful.

Given the participation of certain insiders of the Company, the Private Placement constitutes a “related party transaction” within the meaning of Multilateral Instrument 61-101 – *Protection of Minority Securityholders in Special Transactions* (“**MI 61-101**”). The Company has relied on an exemption to both the formal valuation and the minority shareholder approval requirements of MI 61-101, as neither the fair market value of the Common Shares distributed to, nor the fair market

value of the consideration received by the Company from, the insiders of the Company in connection with the Private Placement exceeds 25% of the Company's market capitalization. The Company was not in a position to file a material change report more than twenty one days in advance of the closing of the Private Placement as the details of the Private Placement were settled on an expedited basis for sound business reasons.

About CanWel Building Materials

Founded in 1989, CanWel is headquartered in Vancouver, British Columbia and 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. CanWel operates multiple treating plant and planing facilities in Canada and the United States, and operates distribution centres coast to coast in all major cities and strategic locations across Canada and near San Francisco and Los Angeles, California. CanWel distributes a wide range of building materials, lumber and renovation products. For more information, visit www.canwel.com. Further information can be found in the disclosure documents filed by CanWel with the securities regulatory authorities, available at www.sedar.com

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Forward Looking Statements

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