



CanWel Building Materials Income Fund
Suite 302, 369 Terminal Avenue
Vancouver, BC V6A 4C4

Press Release

/NOT FOR U.S. RELEASE OR DISTRIBUTION TO U.S. NEWSWIRE SERVICES/

CANWEL BUILDING MATERIALS INCOME FUND UNITHOLDERS OVERWHELMINGLY APPROVE CONVERSION TO A CORPORATION, ACQUISITION OF BROADLEAF LOGISTICS COMPANY AND PRIVATE PLACEMENT

PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

VANCOUVER, January 15, 2010 – CanWel Building Materials Income Fund (the “**Fund**”) (TSX:CWX.UN) is pleased to announce that at the special meeting held earlier today its voting securityholders have overwhelmingly approved the Fund’s conversion into CanWel Holdings Corporation (“**New CanWel**”), the acquisition by New CanWel of Broadleaf Logistics Company, the \$57.5 million private placement of Fund units and the creation of a new common share option plan for New CanWel, all as outlined in the Fund’s Management Information Circular dated December 17, 2009.

“We are very pleased with the overwhelming support of the Fund’s unitholders to complete these series of transformational transactions which will result in a larger, stronger and more diverse CanWel for years to come,” noted Amar Doman, Chairman of CanWel. “We are very excited to work with our new customers, suppliers and employees in the months to come in an effort to seamlessly bring the two building material divisions together. I would also like to thank our new investors for their level of confidence in CanWel’s bright future.”

Completion of the conversion and the acquisition remains subject to various conditions including receipt of all necessary regulatory approvals as well as a final order of the Supreme Court of British Columbia approving the plan of arrangement implementing the conversion. The Fund currently anticipates that the conversion and the acquisition will be completed on or about February 1, 2010.

The shares of New CanWel have been conditionally approved for trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol “CWX”.

About CanWel

The Fund trades on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol CWX.UN and is one of Canada’s largest national distributors in the building materials and related products sector, operating 16 distribution centres across Canada. The Fund distributes a wide range of hardware, building materials, lumber, and renovation products. Further information can be found in the disclosure documents filed by the Fund with the securities regulatory authorities, available at www.sedar.com

For more information:

Amar Doman
Chairman of the Board
CanWel Building Materials Income Fund
(604) 608-6600

Ali Mahdavi
Investor Relations
416-962-3300 or +1(866) 430-6247
am@spinnakercmi.com

Cautionary Statements

Certain statements in this press release, including in particular statements regarding the proposed Acquisition, Conversion and Private Placement, may constitute “forward-looking” statements. When used in this press release, such statements use words, including but not limited to, “may”, “will”, “expect”, “believe”, “plan”, “intend”, “anticipate”, “future” and other similar terminology. These forward-looking statements reflect the current expectations of the Fund’s management regarding future events and operating performance, but involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the outcome of the Acquisition, the Private Placement and/or the Conversion or the actual results, performance or achievements of the Fund, Broadleaf and/or the combined company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Actual events could differ materially from those projected herein and depend on a number of factors. These factors would include, but are not limited to, 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. There can be no assurance that the Acquisition, the Private Placement or the Conversion will be completed on the terms described in this press release or at all. In addition, there are numerous risks associated with an investment in units of the Fund, which are also further described in the “Risk Factors” section of our annual information form dated March 31, 2009 and our 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 Fund 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.

The securities offered have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from the registrations requirements of such Act. This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy the securities in any jurisdiction.