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Press Release

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CANWEL BUILDING MATERIALS INCOME FUND DECLARES MAY CASH DISTRIBUTION

VANCOUVER, CANADA – May 20, 2008 – CanWel Building Materials Income Fund (the “Fund”) (TSX:CWX.UN) today declared a cash distribution of \$0.05833 per trust unit for the period from May 1, 2008 to May 31, 2008.

The May cash distribution will be paid on June 20, 2008 to unitholders of record at the close of business on May 30, 2008. The Fund’s policy is for unitholders of record on the last business day of a calendar month to receive distributions on or about the 20th day following the end of such month.

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 17 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 CanWel Building Materials Income Fund with the securities regulatory authorities, available at www.sedar.com.

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Reference is made above to distributable cash. We define distributable cash as net earnings before depreciation, amortization, gain or loss on sale of fixed assets, goodwill impairment loss, provision for future income taxes, unit based compensation and after maintenance of business capital expenditure and contributions to any reserves the Board of Trustees of the Fund deem to be reasonable and necessary for the operations of the Fund.

Management of CanWel believes that distributable cash is a useful financial measure as it provides investors with an indication of cash available for distribution and is a measure generally used by Canadian income funds as an indicator of financial performance. Distributable cash, however, is not a measure of earnings or financial performance recognized by Canadian generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") and does not have standardized meanings prescribed by GAAP. Items excluded from distributable cash are significant to understanding and assessing financial performance. Distributable cash should not be considered in isolation or as alternatives to net income, cash flows generated by operations or other financial statement data presented in the consolidated financial statements of the Fund, as indicators of financial performance or liquidity under GAAP. Because distributable cash is not a measure determined in accordance with GAAP, as presented, investors are cautioned that distributable cash may not be comparable to similarly-titled measures presented by other issuers (such as other income funds).