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## Press Release

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### CANWEL BUILDING MATERIALS INCOME FUND DECLARES OCTOBER CASH DISTRIBUTION

**VANCOUVER, CANADA** – October 20, 2006 – 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 October 1, 2006 to October 31, 2006.

The October cash distribution will be paid on November 20, 2006 to unitholders of record at the close of business on October 31, 2006. 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](http://www.sedar.com).

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Reference is also made to distributable cash of the Fund. This is a non-GAAP measure generally used by Canadian open-ended income funds as an indicator of financial performance. We define distributable cash as net earnings before depreciation, amortization, gain or loss on sale of fixed assets, provision for future income taxes, stock based compensation and after maintenance of business capital expenditure and contributions to any reserves the Board of Trustees deem to be reasonable and necessary for the operations of the Fund.