



NEWPORT PARTNERS INCOME FUND EMERGES FROM FORBEARANCE AND ANNOUNCES NEW SENIOR FACILITY

Toronto-March 23, 2011- Newport Partners Income Fund (the “**Fund**”) (TSX:NPF.UN, NPF.DB.B and NPF.DB.C) is pleased to announce that it, through its borrowing subsidiary, Newport Finance Corp. (the “**Borrower**”) successfully entered into, today, a second amended and restated senior credit agreement (the “**New Senior Credit Agreement**”) with its existing senior lender. As a result of the closing of the New Senior Credit Agreement, the amended and restated forbearance agreement dated December 20, 2011 to which the Newport group was subject has been terminated and, as such, the Borrower is no longer in default under its senior loan facility.

The New Senior Credit Agreement, with total loans outstanding of approximately \$106 million, provides, amongst other things, for financial covenants that are better tailored to the Borrower’s and its affiliates’ existing circumstances, and has undrawn additional commitments in the amount of an additional \$10 million which is ear-marked for specific working capital purposes, and approximately \$5 million for a potential acquisition by the Newport group.

The successful closing of the New Senior Credit Agreement and the Fund’s concurrent emergence from forbearance, together with the successful completion of the exchange transaction announced earlier today, mark the completion of the Fund’s debt restructuring efforts.

A copy of the New Senior Credit Agreement will be available under the Fund’s profile at www.sedar.com.

About Newport Partners Income Fund

Newport Partners Income Fund is an unincorporated open-ended trust created to hold, through its investment in Newport Partners Commercial Trust, interests in Newport Private Yield LP, a limited partnership established under the laws of the Province of Ontario. Securities of Newport Partners Income Fund began trading on the TSX on August 8, 2005 under the symbol NPF.UN.

Newport Partners Income Fund is a publicly-traded diversified fund that invests in successful Canadian private businesses. The Fund, currently has \$443 million invested in 12 companies representing a diverse cross-section of the Canadian economy.

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