

NEWPORT PARTNERS INCOME FUND ANNOUNCES NEW DATE FOR DEBENTUREHOLDER MEETING

Toronto-February 18, 2011- Newport Partners Income Fund (the “**Fund**”) (TSX:NPF.UN, NPF.DB and NPF.DB.A) today announced that in connection with its previously announced meeting of holders of the Fund’s 7.5% debentures due December 31, 2010 and 7.0% debentures due December 31, 2012 (collectively, the “**Existing Debentures**”), the Fund has set a new date for the meeting to consider and vote upon certain proposed amendments to the Existing Debentures and the related indenture that would provide for, among other things, the exchange of the Existing Debentures for newly created second lien debentures (the “**Secured Debentures**”) and subordinated unsecured debentures (the “**Unsecured Debentures**”) of the Fund. The new meeting date is March 18, 2011. The record date of February 1, 2011 for the meeting remains unchanged.

The meeting is scheduled to take place at 8:30 a.m. (Toronto time) at the offices of Ogilvy Renault LLP, Royal Bank Plaza, South Tower, Suite 3800, 200 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario.

The Fund is pleased to announce the settlement of the material terms of the Secured Debentures, the Unsecured Debentures and their related indentures, and that it is in a position to proceed with the mailing to holders of the Existing Debentures of a Notice of Meeting and further information concerning the meeting.

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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