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NORTH WEST COMPANY FUND TO BE ADDED TO S&P/TSX COMPOSITE INDEX

Winnipeg, March 12, 2007: Standard & Poor's Canadian Index Operations announced late Friday, March 9, 2007, that North West Company Fund will be added to the S&P/TSX Composite Index effective at the open on Monday, March 19th, 2007.

"This is a positive development for our units," commented Léo Charrière, Executive Vice-President and CFO of North West. "Inclusion in the TSX Composite Index will automatically add North West to index funds and to the portfolio of other broad market investment funds. We are pleased that our recent growth, market value and trading volumes have qualified North West for this status."

The North West Company Inc. (NWC) is a leading retailer of food and everyday products and services to rural communities and urban neighborhoods across Canada and Alaska. NWC operates 201 stores under a number of trading names, including Northern, NorthMart, Giant Tiger and AC Value Center, and provides catalogue shopping services through its *Selections* catalogue in northern Canada.

The units of the North West Company Fund trade on the TSX Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol "NWF.UN".

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