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RICHARDS PACKAGING INCOME FUND

Richards Packaging Income Fund Announces 2007 Fourth Quarter and Annual Results

March 6, 2008, (TORONTO) -- Richards Packaging Income Fund (TSX: RPI.UN) (the "Fund") announced today results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2007. The Fund owns 85% of Richards Packaging Inc. ("Richards Packaging"), the leading packaging distributor in Canada, and third largest in North America.

Richards Packaging delivered strong results for the fourth quarter with organic and acquisition growth of 4.7%, and gross margin up 1.4% from the prior year. EBITDA¹ for the fourth quarter closed up \$0.5 million from the same period in 2006, representing a 1.3% increase to 12.2% of sales. These results are 1.0% ahead of the performance of the first three quarters of the year and reflect the successful execution of our profit improvement plan and the addition of the McKernan organization. Net income for the quarter was \$2.0 million, which represented 17.3¢ per unit on a diluted basis. Also, during the fourth quarter the Fund purchased 25,300 units at an average price of \$9.25/unit under its normal course issuer bid.

"The 2007 year results were flat, however we consider this a success given that economic conditions created a "*perfect storm*" with the currency hitting an all time high of U.S./Cdn.\$1.10, oil at \$100/bbl., a weakening US economy and a recession in the Canadian manufacturing sector. Richards Packaging's performance is a testimony to the management team's ability to manage through turbulent times. Net income for the year was \$11.3 million, which represented \$1.08 per unit on a diluted basis. The distribution for the year at \$1.122 per unit represents an annual yield of 12.1% on a \$9.25 price per unit and a payout ratio³ of 96%," commented Gerry Glynn, Chief Executive Officer.

Significant achievements in the year included the acquisition of the McKernan organization on October 31st. McKernan is a successful direct mail, catalogue and telemarketing packaging distributor and the largest provider of surplus packaging in the United States. We expect the addition of the McKernan operation to be accretive by \$1.0 million for 2008⁴. The funding for this acquisition included a U.S. \$10 million issue of exchangeable shares and \$2 million of exchangeable shares purchased by the CEO and the President.

Details of the Fund's results are currently available on Richards Packaging's website at www.richardspackaging.com and on March 7th on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

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About Richards Packaging

Richards Packaging is a full-service packaging distributor targeting small- and medium-sized North American businesses. Richards Packaging has operated for over 95 years and currently serves over 9,000 regional food, wine and spirits, cosmetic, specialty chemical, pharmaceutical and other companies from 19 locations throughout North America.

- 1 Management defines EBITDA as earnings before amortization, interest, unrealized gain / loss on financial instruments and taxes. EBITDA is the same as income before under noted items, income taxes and non-controlling interests as outlined in the annual consolidated financial statements. Management believes that in addition to net income, EBITDA is a useful supplemental measure for investors of earnings available for distribution prior to debt service, capital expenditures and taxes. Management uses this measure as a starting point in the determination of earnings available for distribution to unitholders and exchangeable shareholders. In addition, EBITDA is intended to provide additional information on the Fund's operating performance. This earnings measure should not be construed as an alternative to net income or as an alternative to cash flow from operating, investing and financing activities as a measure of the Fund's liquidity and cash flows. EBITDA does not have a standardized meaning prescribed by GAAP and therefore the Fund's method of calculating EBITDA may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies or income trusts.*
- 2 Management defines distributable cash flow, in accordance with the Company's credit agreement, as EBITDA less interest, cash income tax expense, maintenance capital expenditures and loan payments. The objective of presenting this measure is to calculate the amount which is available for distribution to unitholders and exchangeable shareholders. Investors are cautioned that distributable cash flow should not be construed as an alternative to cash flow from operating, investing and financing activities as a measure of the Fund's liquidity and cash flows. Distributable cash flow does not have a standardized meaning prescribed by GAAP and therefore the Fund's method of calculating distributable cash flow may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other income trusts.*
- 3 Management defines payout ratio as distributions and dividends declared over distributable cash flow². The objective of presenting this measure is to calculate the percentage of actual distributions in comparison to the amount available for distribution. Payout ratio does not have a standardized meaning prescribed by GAAP. The Fund's method of calculating the payout ratio may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other income trusts.*
- 4 This release contains certain forward looking statements (the "Statements") regarding future growth potential, results of operations, performance and business prospects and opportunities of the Fund. These Statements reflect management's current beliefs and are based on information currently available to the management of Richards Packaging. A number of factors could cause actual events or results to differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause such differences include, among other things, changes in customer and supplier relationships and the impact on order volumes and pricing, competition in the industry, inventory obsolescence, trade risks in respect to foreign suppliers and fluctuations in foreign exchange and interest rates. Although the Statements contained in this release are based upon what management believes to be reasonable assumptions, there can be no assurance that actual results will be consistent with these Statements. These Statements are made as of the date of this release and the Fund assumes no obligation to update or revise them to reflect new events or circumstances.*