



**NORTH WEST COMPANY FUND
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FOURTH QUARTER RESULTS CONFERENCE CALL

Winnipeg, March 9, 2006: North West Company Fund (the "Fund") will release its fourth quarter results on Thursday, March 16, 2006. In conjunction with the release, The North West Company will host a conference call.

- Event:** North West Company Fund 2005 Fourth Quarter Results Conference Call
- When:** Thursday, March 16, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. Central (3:00 p.m. Eastern)
- How:** To access the call, please dial 1-877-888-4483 or 416-695-7848 a few minutes in advance.

The conference call will be archived and can be accessed by dialing 1-888-509-0081 or 416-695-5275. This archive will be available until March 23, 2006. The conference call will also be archived at www.northwest.ca.

Participants: Ian Sutherland, Chairman
Edward Kennedy, President & CEO
Léo Charrière, Executive Vice-President, CFO & Secretary

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 193 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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