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NORTH WEST COMPANY FUND FIRST QUARTER RESULTS CONFERENCE CALL

Winnipeg, May 26, 2005: North West Company Fund (the "Fund") will release its first quarter results on Thursday, June 9, 2005. In conjunction with the release, The North West Company will host a conference call.

Event: North West Company Fund 2005 First Quarter Results Conference Call

When: Thursday, June 9, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. Central (3:00 p.m. Eastern)

How: To access the call, please dial 1-877-323-2091 or 416-695-9701 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

June 16, 2005. 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 185 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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