



**BLACK DIAMOND INCOME FUND ANNOUNCES UNITHOLDER
AND COURT APPROVALS OF PLAN OF ARRANGEMENT**

Calgary, Alberta (TSX:BDI.UN), December 17, 2009 — Black Diamond Income Fund ("Black Diamond" or the "Fund") is pleased to announce that Black Diamond received today unitholder and court approvals for the previously announced plan of arrangement pursuant to which Black Diamond will convert (the "Conversion") into a dividend paying company to be named "Black Diamond Group Limited". Unitholders of Black Diamond voted in excess of 78% in favour of the Conversion. The Conversion is expected to become effective on December 31, 2009.

The Fund is an unincorporated open-ended investment trust governed by the laws of the Province of Alberta. The principal undertaking of the Fund, through its indirect wholly-owned subsidiary, Black Diamond Limited Partnership, and through its 50% equity participation in Black Diamond Dene Limited Partnership, is to rent modular structures for use as workforce accommodation and temporary workspace, rent various types of oilfield equipment used in the exploration and production of oil and gas, and to provide complementary services including transportation, installation, dismantling, repair and maintenance of modular structures and oilfield equipment, as well as related services through three operating divisions consisting of Black Diamond Camps, BOXX Modular and Black Diamond Energy Services.

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The Toronto Stock Exchange has neither approved nor disapproved the information contained herein.