

LABRADOR IRON ORE ROYALTY INCOME FUND

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Toronto, October 29, 2009

RESULTS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

Labrador Iron Ore Royalty Income Fund (TSX: LIF.UN) announced its results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2009.

Royalty income for the third quarter of 2009 amounted to \$15.51 million as compared to \$43.20 million for the third quarter of 2008. The Fund's cash flow from operating activities after adjustments for changes in amounts receivable, accounts payable and income taxes payable/recoverable (adjusted cash flow) for the third quarter was \$18.81 million or \$0.59 per unit as compared to \$104.10 million or \$3.25 per unit for the same period in 2008. Net income was \$13.63 million or \$0.43 per unit compared to \$65.64 million or \$2.05 per unit for the same period in 2008.

Royalty income for the quarter was substantially below the 2008 quarter due to the 2009 benchmark price reduction for pellets of 48.3% and concentrates of 29.75% as compared to 2008 benchmark prices, and the lower volume of sales. Cash flow from operations was affected by the reduced royalty revenue and the reduction in the dividend from Iron Ore Company of Canada (IOC) which was \$8.2 million compared to the \$77.9 million received in the 2008 third quarter. Net income was affected by these factors as well as substantially lower equity earnings from IOC. The retroactive effect of the price settlements which occurred during the quarter (retroactive to January 1) had been provided for in previous quarters.

The world recession which started last year continued to cause the demand for iron ore, especially pellets, to be reduced from the previous year. As a result IOC, which had previously idled some pellet machines, shut down its Carol Lake operations in Labrador City from July 7 to August 10, 2009 in order to balance inventories with demand. Shipment from IOC's terminal in Sept-Iles continued during this period. With the revival of pellet demand in traditional markets, IOC resumed full pellet production subsequent to the summer shut down.

Equity earnings from IOC amounted to \$3.26 million (\$0.10 per unit) as compared to \$34.19 million (\$1.07 per unit) in 2008. IOC earnings were negatively affected by reduced sales volume and lower prices for concentrates and pellets as compare to 2008.

On September 30, 2009 the Fund received a dividend from IOC totaling US\$7.5 million equating to CDN\$8.2 million or \$0.26 per unit.

Results for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2009 are summarized below:

	3 Months Ended Sept. 30, 2009	3 Months Ended Sept. 30, 2008	9 Months Ended Sept. 30, 2009	9 Months Ended Sept. 30, 2008
	(Unaudited)			
Revenue (in millions)	<u>\$15.84</u>	<u>\$43.72</u>	<u>\$52.10</u>	<u>\$118.42</u>
Adjusted cash flow (in millions)	<u>\$18.81</u>	<u>\$104.10</u>	<u>\$42.50</u>	<u>\$147.40</u>
Adjusted cash flow per unit	<u>\$ 0.59</u>	<u>\$ 3.25</u>	<u>\$ 1.33</u>	<u>\$ 4.60</u>
Net income (in millions)	<u>\$ 13.63</u>	<u>\$ 65.64</u>	<u>\$ 47.94</u>	<u>\$ 150.34</u>
Net income per unit	<u>\$ 0.43</u>	<u>\$ 2.05</u>	<u>\$ 1.50</u>	<u>\$ 4.70</u>

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A summary of IOC's sales in millions of tonnes is as follows:

	3 Months Ended Sept. 30, 2009	3 Months Ended Sept. 30, 2008	9 Months Ended Sept. 30, 2009	9 Months Ended Sept. 30, 2008	Year Ended Dec. 31, 2008
Pellets	2.08	3.29	5.70	9.86	12.30
Concentrates	1.17	1.15	3.92	1.97	2.76
Total	3.25	4.44	9.62	11.83	15.06

Outlook

During the quarter iron ore markets for concentrates and pellets continued to firm with the result that IOC, which is now back to operating at full capacity, expects to be able to sell all its production for the balance of the year. The prices on the spot market have firmed and are now comparable to benchmark prices. 2009 will be disappointing when compared to last year but the outlook for 2010 appears more promising.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Trustees of Labrador Iron Ore Royalty Income Fund,

Bruce C. Bone
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
October 29, 2009

Management's Discussion and Analysis

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the Management's Discussion and Analysis section of the Fund's 2008 Annual Report and the interim financial statements and notes contained in this report. Although management believes that expectations reflected in forward-looking statements are reasonable, such statements involve risk and uncertainties including the factors discussed in the Fund's 2008 Annual Report.

The Fund's revenues are entirely dependent on the operations of Iron Ore Company of Canada (IOC) as its principal assets relate to the operations of IOC and its principal source of revenue is the 7% royalty it receives on all sales of iron ore products by IOC. In addition to the volume of iron ore sold, the Fund's royalty revenue is affected by the price of iron ore and the Canadian – U.S. dollar exchange rate.

The sales of IOC are usually 15% – 20% of the annual volume in the first quarter, with the balance spread fairly evenly throughout the other three quarters. The current state of the market may cause 2009 sales to deviate from this pattern. Because of the size of individual shipments some quarters may be affected by the timing of the loading of ships that can be delayed from one quarter to the next.

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The nine months results were affected by the same factors as the quarter and reflect the lower volume and lower pricing. Because of particularly weak pellet demand, IOC idled a portion of its pellet plant during the first half of the year in order to have more concentrate available for sale in spot markets. With the revival of the pellet market, IOC resumed full pellet production subsequent to the summer shut down.

The following table sets out quarterly revenue, net income and cash flow data for 2009, 2008 and 2007.

	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Net Income</u>	<u>Net Income per Unit</u>	<u>Adjusted Cash Flow⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>Adjusted Cash Flow per Unit⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>Distributions Declared per Unit</u>
<i>(in millions except per Unit information)</i>						
<u>2009</u>						
First Quarter	\$16.6	\$16.5	\$0.52	\$11.1	\$0.35	\$0.50
Second Quarter	\$19.7	\$17.8	\$0.55	\$12.6	\$0.39	\$0.50
Third Quarter	\$15.8	\$13.6	\$0.43	\$18.8 ⁽²⁾	\$0.59	\$0.50
<u>2008</u>						
First Quarter	\$16.6	\$10.8	\$0.34	\$10.4	\$0.32	\$0.35
Second Quarter	\$58.1	\$73.9	\$2.31	\$32.9	\$1.03	\$1.00
Third Quarter	\$43.7	\$65.6	\$2.05	\$104.1 ⁽³⁾	\$3.25	\$3.00
Fourth Quarter	\$45.0	\$26.2	\$0.82	\$27.5	\$0.86	\$0.50
<u>2007</u>						
First Quarter	\$13.1	\$10.7	\$0.34	\$8.7	\$0.27	\$0.35
Second Quarter	\$15.7	\$15.2	\$0.47	\$9.5	\$0.30	\$0.35
Third Quarter	\$20.1	\$23.0	\$0.72	\$30.8 ⁽⁴⁾	\$0.96	\$0.70
Fourth Quarter	\$18.7	\$32.0	\$1.00	\$11.5	\$0.36	\$0.55

Notes: ⁽¹⁾ "Adjusted cash flow" (see below)

⁽²⁾ Includes an \$8.2 million IOC dividend

⁽³⁾ Includes a \$77.9 million IOC dividend

⁽⁴⁾ Includes an \$18.8 million IOC dividend

Standardized Cash Flow and Adjusted Cash Flow

For the Fund, standardized cash flow is the same as cash flow from operating activities as recorded in the Fund's cash flow statements as the Fund does not incur capital expenditures or have any restrictions on distributions. Standardized cash flow per unit was \$0.56 for the quarter (2008 - \$3.82). Cumulative standardized cash flow from inception of the trust is \$23.21 per unit and total cash distributions since inception are \$22.43 per unit, for a payout ratio of 97%.

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The following reconciles cash flow from operating activities to adjusted cash flow.

	3 Months Ended Sept. 30, 2009	3 Months Ended Sept. 30, 2008	9 Months Ended Sept. 30, 2009	9 Months Ended Sept. 30, 2008
Standardized cash flow from operating activities	\$17,849,913	\$122,172,571	\$31,053,382	\$146,858,827
Excluding: changes in amounts receivable, accounts payable and income taxes payable/(recoverable)	961,659	(18,075,891)	11,448,989	542,625
Adjusted cash flow	\$18,811,572	\$104,096,680	\$42,502,371	\$147,401,452
Adjusted cash flow per unit	\$0.59	\$3.25	\$1.33	\$4.61

Liquidity

The Fund has a \$50 million revolving credit facility with a term ending September 18, 2012 with provision for annual one-year extensions. No amounts are currently drawn under this facility leaving \$50 million available to provide for any capital required by IOC or other Fund requirements. IOC has suspended its previously announced expansion plans and intends to fund capital expenditures from internally generated funds.

Transition to International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS")

As indicated in the 2008 annual report, the Canadian Accounting Standards Board will require all Canadian publically accountable enterprises, including the Fund, to adopt International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) for the years beginning January 1, 2011. Management has developed a project plan for the conversion to IFRS for the Fund. The project is progressing as planned, and to date there are no changes to the disclosure outlined in the December 31, 2008 MD&A in the 2008 annual report.

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Toronto, Ontario
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LABRADOR IRON ORE ROYALTY INCOME FUND
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	As at	
	September 30 2009 (Unaudited)	December 31 2008
Assets		
Current		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,848,952	\$ 27,795,570
Amounts receivable	17,120,621	36,476,337
Income taxes recoverable	1,335,358	-
	<u>29,304,931</u>	<u>64,271,907</u>
Deferred charges	330,666	392,666
Iron Ore Company of Canada ("IOC"), royalty and commission interests	298,824,331	302,198,099
Investment in IOC	<u>196,557,418</u>	<u>187,452,133</u>
	<u>\$ 525,017,346</u>	<u>\$ 554,314,805</u>
Liabilities and Unitholders' Equity		
Current		
Accounts payable	\$ 3,657,159	\$ 7,484,614
Income taxes payable	-	25,641,892
Distributions payable to unitholders	16,000,000	16,000,000
	<u>19,657,159</u>	<u>49,126,506</u>
Future income tax liability	<u>103,340,000</u>	<u>103,110,000</u>
	122,997,159	152,236,506
Unitholders' equity		
Trust units	317,708,147	317,708,147
Undistributed income	<u>84,312,040</u>	<u>84,370,152</u>
	<u>\$ 525,017,346</u>	<u>\$ 554,314,805</u>

LABRADOR IRON ORE ROYALTY INCOME FUND
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND UNDISTRIBUTED INCOME

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008
	(Unaudited)	
Revenue		
IOC royalties	\$ 15,514,566	\$ 43,200,281
IOC commissions	320,284	437,089
Interest and other income	4,363	84,604
	15,839,213	43,721,974
Expenses		
Newfoundland royalty taxes	3,102,913	8,640,056
Amortization of royalty and commission interests	1,332,629	1,424,051
Administrative expenses (<i>note 2</i>)	447,476	(267,623)
Interest expense	115,187	144,614
	4,998,205	9,941,098
Income before equity earnings and income taxes	10,841,008	33,780,876
Equity earnings in IOC	3,261,695	34,190,307
Income before income taxes	14,102,703	67,971,183
Provision for (recovery of) income taxes		
Current	1,582,827	9,063,062
Future	(1,110,000)	(6,730,000)
	472,827	2,333,062
Net income and comprehensive income for the period	13,629,876	65,638,121
Undistributed income, beginning of period	86,682,164	104,550,599
Distributions to unitholders	(16,000,000)	(96,000,000)
Undistributed income, end of period	\$ 84,312,040	\$ 74,188,720
Net income per unit	\$ 0.43	\$ 2.05

LABRADOR IRON ORE ROYALTY INCOME FUND
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND UNDISTRIBUTED INCOME

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008
	(Unaudited)	
Revenue		
IOC royalties	\$ 51,016,686	\$ 117,170,887
IOC commissions	947,045	1,164,218
Interest and other income	134,831	88,942
	<u>52,098,562</u>	<u>118,424,047</u>
Expenses		
Newfoundland royalty taxes	10,203,337	23,434,177
Amortization of royalty and commission interests	3,373,768	3,815,050
Administrative expenses (<i>note 2</i>)	1,346,269	1,266,865
Interest expense	342,479	497,175
	<u>15,265,853</u>	<u>29,013,267</u>
Income before equity earnings and income taxes	36,832,709	89,410,780
Equity earnings in IOC	17,305,381	84,726,196
Income before income taxes	<u>54,138,090</u>	<u>174,136,976</u>
Provision for (recovery of) income taxes		
Current	5,966,202	23,841,695
Future	230,000	(40,000)
	<u>6,196,202</u>	<u>23,801,695</u>
Net income and comprehensive income for the period	47,941,888	150,335,281
Undistributed income, beginning of period	84,370,152	63,053,439
Distributions to unitholders	<u>(48,000,000)</u>	<u>(139,200,000)</u>
Undistributed income, end of period	<u>\$ 84,312,040</u>	<u>\$ 74,188,720</u>
Net income per unit	<u>\$ 1.50</u>	<u>\$ 4.70</u>

LABRADOR IRON ORE ROYALTY INCOME FUND
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,	
	2009	2008
	<u>(Unaudited)</u>	
Net inflow (outflow) of cash related to the following activities		
Operating		
Net income for the period	\$ 13,629,876	\$ 65,638,121
Items not affecting cash:		
Equity earnings in IOC	(3,261,695)	(34,190,307)
Future income taxes	(1,110,000)	(6,730,000)
Amortization of royalty and commission interests	1,332,629	1,424,051
Amortization of deferred charges	20,666	31,251
Common share dividend received from IOC	8,200,096	77,923,564
Change in amounts receivable, accounts and income taxes payable/recoverable	(961,659)	18,075,891
Cash flow from operating activities	<u>17,849,913</u>	<u>122,172,571</u>
Financing		
Distributions paid to unitholders	(16,000,000)	(32,000,000)
Repayment of long-term debt	-	(5,405,519)
	<u>(16,000,000)</u>	<u>(37,405,519)</u>
Increase in cash and cash equivalents during the period	1,849,913	84,767,052
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	<u>8,999,039</u>	<u>108,881</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	<u>\$ 10,848,952</u>	<u>\$ 84,875,933</u>
Cash income taxes paid	<u>\$ 4,849,155</u>	<u>\$ 1,896,000</u>
Cash interest paid	<u>\$ 93,493</u>	<u>\$ 64,480</u>

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	(Unaudited)	
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Operating		
Net income for the period	\$ 47,941,888	\$ 150,335,281
Items not affecting cash:		
Equity earnings in IOC	(17,305,381)	(84,726,196)
Future income taxes	230,000	(40,000)
Amortization of royalty and commission interests	3,373,768	3,815,050
Amortization of deferred charges	62,000	93,753
Common share dividend received from IOC	8,200,096	77,923,564
Change in amounts receivable, accounts payable and income taxes payable/recoverable	(11,448,989)	(542,625)
Cash flow from operating activities	<u>31,053,382</u>	<u>146,858,827</u>
Financing		
Distributions paid to unitholders	(48,000,000)	(60,800,000)
Repayment of long-term debt	-	(1,334,150)
	<u>(48,000,000)</u>	<u>(62,134,150)</u>
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents during the period	(16,946,618)	84,724,677
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	<u>27,795,570</u>	<u>151,256</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	<u>\$ 10,848,952</u>	<u>\$ 84,875,933</u>
Cash income taxes paid	<u>\$ 32,943,452</u>	<u>\$ 4,056,000</u>
Cash interest paid	<u>\$ 280,480</u>	<u>\$ 317,062</u>

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