

NEWS RELEASE

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Enerplus confirms increase in cash distribution for September 2008

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CALGARY, Aug. 29 /CNW/ - As previously announced on August 7, 2008, Enerplus Resources Fund ("Enerplus") is pleased to confirm that a cash distribution in the amount of CDN\$0.47 per unit will be payable on September 20, 2008 to all Enerplus Unitholders of record on September 10, 2008. The ex-distribution date for this payment is September 8, 2008.

The CDN\$0.47 per unit is equivalent to approximately US\$0.45 per unit if converted using a Canadian/US dollar exchange ratio of 1.05. The U.S. dollar equivalent distribution will be based upon the actual Canadian/US exchange rate applied on the payment date and will be net of any Canadian withholding taxes that may apply.

Holder of Enerplus Exchangeable Limited Partnership Class B units (formerly Focus Limited Partnership Class B units) of record on September 10, 2008 will be eligible to receive a distribution of CDN\$0.19975 per unit on September 20, 2008 based on the exchange ratio of 0.425 of an Enerplus trust unit for each Enerplus Exchangeable Limited Partnership Class B unit.

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