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# PARKLAND'S SECOND QUARTER MEETS EXPECTATIONS; ANNOUNCES NEW DISTRIBUTORSHIP WITH IMPERIAL OIL

Red Deer, August 4, 2005 – Parkland Income Fund today announced its business performance for the three months ended June 30, 2005. The Fund achieved record sales volumes and revenue for any second quarter. EBITDA was similar to 2003 although, as expected, down from the same quarter in 2004. The quarterly results provide a strong base towards meeting 2005 distributable cash targets.

Parkland also announced that it has entered into a Retail Branded Distributorship ("RBD") agreement with Imperial Oil Ltd. for Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Interim President and CEO John Schroeder commented "Parkland's results in the second quarter were in line with expectations and we look forward to a seasonally strong third quarter. We continue to be encouraged by increasing contributions from convenience store merchandise sales and non-fuel revenues along with the ongoing success of the Fas Gas Plus site improvement initiative. We expect that the RBD deal with Imperial will contribute increased cash flows commencing in late 2005."

The Fund is pleased to announce that monthly distributions will continue at the rate of fifteen cents (\$0.15) per trust unit.

# **Consolidated Operating and Financial Highlights**

	Three Mo	nths Ended.	June 30	Six Mont	Six Months Ended					
	2005	2004	2003	2005	2004	2003				
Sales Volumes, Refined Products	290	283	262	558	540	474				
(Millions of Litres)										
Revenue (Millions)	\$208.2	\$179.3	\$140.3	\$ 385.3	\$320.5	\$268.9				
EBITDA* (Millions)	\$ 9.4	\$ 15.0	\$ 8.4	\$ 12.7	\$ 18.1	\$ 13.3				
Net Earnings (Millions)	<b>\$ 6.9</b>	\$ 12.5	\$ 6.2	<b>\$ 7.8</b>	\$ 13.3	\$ 9.1				
Per Unit – Basic	\$ 0.56	\$ 1.03	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.63	\$ 1.10	\$ 0.75				
Per Unit – Diluted	\$ 0.56	\$ 1.02	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.63	\$ 1.09	\$ 0.75				

<sup>\*</sup>EBITDA is not a defined measure under Canadian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). In this document, EBITDA means earnings before Interest Expense, Income Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization. Parkland's definition of EBITDA may not be consistent with other issuers of financial information.

#### Three Months Ended June 30, 2005

Sales volumes of refined products increased over the prior year by 2% to 290 million litres. On the retail side, the Fund's initiative to increase average volumes per site led to a 2% volume increase to 124 million litres despite a 5% reduction in the number of retail stations from 216 to 206. This volume increase was driven by the ongoing Fas Gas Plus

initiative which is generating increased volumes from existing sites combined with the rationalization of low volume stations. Wholesale volumes increased by 2% over the prior year to 166 million litres. Total revenue rose by 16% to \$208 million from \$179 million year over year due to higher volumes, a 30% increase in average underlying crude costs and a 25% increase in convenience store merchandise sales.

As previously forecast in our news releases, margins in the second quarter were significantly lower than in the same period in 2004 when tight supply conditions resulted in record fuel margins. Gasoline margins were also compressed as retail street prices did not adequately keep pace with the significant increases in crude costs, especially late in the quarter. The Fund benefited from improved diesel margins due to ongoing tight supply conditions. Overall, fuel gross margins were \$19.8 million for the quarter, stronger than the \$18.2 million achieved in the more typical 2003 period but down \$7.3 million from the prior year.

Gross margins from convenience store merchandise sales increased by 34% over the prior year to \$3.3 million as a result of increased sales and an improvement in average gross margins from 26.6% of sales in 2004 to 28.4% of sales for the comparative period in 2005.

EBITDA for the second quarter of \$9.4 million was higher than 2003 EBITDA of \$8.4 million but down from 2004 record EBITDA of \$15.0 million. Marketing, general and administrative expenses were lower by \$0.9 million from 2004 as a result of lower bad debts, fewer environmental expenditures and lower management and incentive accruals. These decreases were partially offset by increased variable costs incurred on higher retail volumes and by a higher level of Fas Gas Plus expenditures in the quarter.

# Six Months Ended June 30, 2005

Sales volumes of refined products increased 3% over the prior year driven by increases in both wholesale and retail volumes. Revenue increased by \$64.7 million or 20% through higher volume, higher crude oil prices and higher merchandise sales from our convenience store operations. Gross margins were \$37.4 million, down from the record level of \$44.3 million in 2004. Marketing, general and administrative expenses decreased \$1.5 million due to lower bad debts, lower environmental costs and lower Fas Gas Plus expenditures partially offset by increased variable costs on higher retail fuel volumes. These factors contributed to a decrease in EBITDA to \$12.7 million as compared to \$18.1 million in the first six months of 2004. EBITDA in the first 6 months of 2005 was comparable to the \$13.3 million achieved in 2003.

During the six month period, capital expenditures were focused on the Fas Gas Plus upgrade program, with 9 sites upgraded at a total cost of \$1.5 million, of which \$0.7 million represented maintenance capital and \$0.8 million was charged to maintenance expense. The Fund continues to be encouraged by the strong volume and in-store performance generated by the Fas Gas Plus program and the overall growth in non-fuel margin.

The financial position of the Fund continues to be strong, with cash balances of \$6.7 million at June 30, 2005. Long-term debt of \$11.2 million was \$2.0 million less than the balance at the end of December, 2004 as principal repayments exceeded new debt, and Parkland's long-term debt ratio was a conservative 0.45 times trailing 12 months EBITDA.

# Outlook

Typically, the third quarter is Parkland's strongest quarter as it includes the summer driving season. Volumes are expected to remain strong and retail prices are trending higher than the second quarter levels. Overall, fuel margins have trended lower than in previous years with retail prices lagging increases in crude costs.

The Fund has reviewed its expenses and maintenance capital program and will defer some of its discretionary expenditures to protect its ability to meet targeted distributions until the direction of fuel margins becomes clearer and additional cash flow is generated by the new Imperial Oil RBD program. These actions to reduce expenditures and our strong cash position support our decision to maintain distributions at current levels.

The Fund continues to make progress on identifying operational alternatives for the Bowden refinery site. A number of promising projects are under active discussion with third parties. The implementation of these projects is expected to improve the operating cash flow from the refinery site in 2006.

Although not required to support targeted distributions, management continues to assess acquisitions or alliances which will add accretive cash flow and unitholder value. These acquisitions or alliances may be in our core fuel and convenience business, in related assets or infrastructure or in other diversified businesses which add value and reduce dependence on fuel margins.

#### **Imperial Oil RBD Agreement**

Parkland has signed an agreement to become a Retail Branded Distributor ("RBD") for Imperial Oil Ltd. in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

As the RBD in Alberta and Saskatchewan, Parkland will purchase the Esso branded products from Imperial and perform the fuel sales and service functions previously provided by Imperial to its Esso dealer network.

It is anticipated that the implementation process will commence late in the third quarter of 2005 and continue through the fourth quarter and into 2006. This business segment will be operated alongside Parkland's existing retail and wholesale divisions and is expected to add approximately 10% to Parkland's annual cash flow at maturity.

Parkland's management believes the Imperial RBD program is ideally suited to capitalize on the combined strengths of Parkland's focus in non-urban markets in Western Canada and Imperial's well recognized Esso brand. The Fund anticipates managing and growing the brand in this market area to the mutual benefit of Parkland, Imperial and the Esso dealer network.

# **Distributions**

Parkland converted the business previously reported as Parkland Industries Ltd. into Parkland Income Fund effective June 28, 2002 and paid consistent \$0.14 per unit monthly cash distributions from August 15, 2002 to August 15, 2004 at which time the monthly distribution was increased to \$0.15 per unit. These distributions totaled \$5.5 million for the three months ended June 30, 2005, or \$22.0 million on an annual basis.

# **Cash Available for Distribution**

(000's)	For the three months ended June 30, 2005	For the six months ended June 30, 2005
EBITDA	\$ 9,424	\$12,667
Maintenance Capital Expended	\$ 1,195	\$ 1,828
Capital Taxes and Interest	\$ 445	\$ 683
Cash Available for Distribution	\$ 7,784	\$10,156
Cash Distributed	\$ 5,530	\$11,045

<sup>\*</sup> Cash available for distribution is not a defined measure under Canadian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). It is defined in the Fund's Trust Deed and generally represents the cash available to be distributed to the Fund's unitholders. The Fund's definition of cash available for distribution may not be consistent with other issuers of financial information.

The Directors review distributions quarterly giving consideration to current performance, historical and future trends in the business and the expected sustainability of those trends, as well as maintenance capital requirements to sustain performance. Based on these factors, monthly distributions will continue at fifteen cents (\$0.15) per unit. For the six months ended June 30, 2005 cash available for distribution was supplemented by opening cash reserves to meet the cash distributed total.

# **Distribution Reinvestment Plan**

Parkland Income Fund has established a Distribution Reinvestment Plan administered by Valiant Trust Company. Details are available from the Fund or from Valiant Trust Company.

# **Fund Description**

The Fund is an unincorporated open-ended limited purpose trust established under the laws of the Province of Alberta. The Fund, together with the limited partnership that issued the exchangeable LP Units, own, indirectly, securities which collectively represent the right to receive cash flow available for distribution from the business formerly operated as Parkland Industries Ltd., after capital taxes, debt service payments, maintenance capital expenditures and other cash requirements.

Parkland Income Fund operates retail and wholesale fuels and convenience store businesses under its marketing brands Fas Gas, RT Fuels and Short Stop Food Stores and transports fuel through its Petrohaul division. Parkland has developed a strong market niche in western and northern Canada by focusing on non-urban markets.

# Parkland Income Fund is listed on the TSX (PKI.UN).

This report contains forward-looking statements, including references to cash generated by operations, unitholder distributions and capital expenditures. These forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties and other factors, which may cause actual results, levels of activity and achievements to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such statements. Such factors include, but are not limited to: general economic, market and business conditions; industry capacity, competitive action by other companies; refining and marketing margins; the ability of suppliers to meet commitments; actions by governmental authorities including increases in taxes; changes in environmental and other regulations; and other factors, many of which are beyond the control of Parkland. These factors are discussed in greater detail in filings made by Parkland with the Canadian provincial securities commissions.

# **Conference Call**

Parkland will hold a conference call for Analysts, Brokers and Investors to discuss second quarter results as follows:

Friday, August 5, 2005, 11:00 a.m. (1:00 p.m. Eastern Time)

Direct: 416-640-4127 Toll-free: 800-814-4853

The replay will be available as follows:

From Friday, August 5, 2005, 1:00 p.m. (3:00 p.m. Eastern Time) To Friday, August 19, 2005 at 9:59 p.m. (11:59 p.m. Eastern Time)

Direct: 416-640-1917 Toll-free: 877-289-8525 Passcode: 21132523#

# Webcast

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# Parkland Income Fund Consolidated Balance Sheet

	June 30,	Dec	ember 31,		
(\$ 000's)(Unaudited)	2005		2004		
Assets					
Current Assets		_			
Cash	\$ 6,673	\$	5,286		
Accounts receivable	29,363		21,923		
Inventories	17,874		17,973		
Prepaid expenses	1,296		1,522		
	55,206		46,704		
Other	2,139		2,101		
Capital assets	64,246		66,652		
Future income taxes	1,850		1,960		
	\$ 123,441	\$	117,417		
Liabilities					
Current Liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$ 50,401	\$	40,315		
Long-term debt - current portion	4,375		4,466		
	54,776		44,781		
Long-term debt	11,190		13,169		
Asset retirement obligation	1,073		1,043		
Refinery closure accrual	3,357		3,400		
	\$ 70,396	\$	62,393		
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Unitholders' Capital (Note 1)	45 454		40.000		
Class B Limited Partners' Capital	15,154		18,833		
Unitholders' Capital	37,891		36,191		
	 53,045		55,024		
	\$ 123,441	\$	117,417		

# Parkland Income Fund Consolidated Statement of Earnings and Retained Earnings

		3 Mon	ths e	ended June	30	,	6 Month	s en	ded Jun	e 30,	e 30,	
(\$ 000's except per unit amounts)(Unaudited)		2005		2004		2003	2005	2	2004	20	003	
Net sales and operating revenues	\$	208,177	\$	179,274	\$	140,253	385,258	\$32	20,536	\$268	8,941	
Cost of sales and operating expenses		185,090		149,705		120,314	347,862	27	76,208	233	3,113	
Gross margin		23,087		29,569		19,939	37,396	4	14,328	3	5,828	
Expenses												
Marketing, general and administrative		13,663		14,578		11,555	24,729	2	26,271	2	2,558	
Amortization		2,031		2,199		1,905	4,212		4,395	;	3,656	
Interest on long-term debt		216		236		276	414		426		470	
		15,910		17,013		13,736	29,355	3	31,092	20	6,684	
Earnings before income taxes		7,177		12,556		6,203	8,041	•	13,236	,	9,144	
Income taxes												
Current		159		20		5	159		39		11	
Future		70		34		48	110		(129)		6	
		229		54		53	269		(90)		17	
Net earnings		6,948		12,502		6,150	7,772	•	13,326	(	9,127	
Retained Earnings, beginning of period		_		_		-	_		_		_	
Allocation to Class B Limited Partners		(2,105)		(5,293)		(2,805)	(2,376)		(5,650)	(4	4,175)	
Allocation to Unitholders		(4,843)		(7,209)		(3,345)	(5,396)		(7,676)	,	4,952)	
Retained earnings, end of period	\$	-	\$	-	\$	- \$	-	\$	-	\$		
Net earnings per unit - basic	\$	0.56	\$	1.03	\$	0.51 \$	0.63	\$	1.10	\$	0.75	
Net earnings per unit - diluted	\$	0.56	\$	1.02	\$	0.51 \$	0.63	\$	1.09	\$	0.75	

# Parkland Income Fund Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

		3 Mon	ths e	nded June	30,			6 Month	nded Jun	d June 30,		
(\$ 000's)(Unaudited)		2005		2004		2003		2005		2004		2003
Cash Provided By (used for) Operations												
Net earnings	\$	6,948	\$	12,502	\$	6,150	\$	7.772	\$	13,326	\$	9,127
Add (deduct) non-cash items	Ψ	0,0.0	Ψ	,00_	Ψ	0,.00	Ψ	.,	Ψ	.0,020	Ψ	0,
Amortization		2,031		2,199		1,905		4,212		4,395		3,656
Unit option compensation		44		24		· -		88		48		· -
Accretion expense		15		15		14		30		30		28
Future taxes		70		34		50		110		(129)		6
Funds flow from operations		9,108		14,774		8,119		12,212		17,670		12,817
Net changes in non-cash working capital		4891		3,206		4,884		2,971		2,731		673
Cash from operating activities		13,999		17,980		13,003		15,183		20,401		13,490
Financing Activities												
Proceeds from long-term debt		_		879		502		158		2,063		502
Long-term debt repayments		(1,120)		(956)		(727)		(2,228)		(2,287)		(1,472)
Distributions to Class B Limited Partners		(1,675)		(2,121)		(2,324)		(3,491)		(4,332)		(4,658)
Distributions to Unitholders		(3,855)		(2,991)		(2,767)		(7,554)		(5,886)		(5,528)
Fund Units issued		` 577 <sup>°</sup>		118		34		1,206		564		34
Cash from(used for) financing activities		(6,073)		(5,071)		(5,282)		(11,909)		(9,878)	(	(11,122)
Investing activities												
Recovery (investment) in other assets		(69)		423		(83)		(38)		483		296
Refinery closure expenditures		(33)		-		-		(43)		-		
Purchase of capital assets		(1,374)		(4,535)		(2,510)		(1,887)		(6,132)		(2,951)
Proceeds on sale of capital assets		`´ 81 <sup>´</sup>		102		-		81		962		-
Cash from (used for) investing activities		(1,395)		(4,010)		(2,593)		(1,887)		(4,687)		(2,655)
Increase (decrease) in cash		6,531		8,899		5,128		1,387		5,836		(287)
Cash and Cash equivalents, beginning of period		142		(346)		(2,768)		5,286		2,717		2,647
Cash and Cash equivalents, beginning or period	\$	6,673	\$	8,553	\$	2,360	\$	6,673	\$	8,553	\$	2,360
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Cash Interest paid Cash taxes paid	<u>\$</u> \$	159	\$ \$	236	\$	276 5	\$ \$	159	\$	39	\$	470 11
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#### Parkland Income Fund Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements June 30, 2005

#### **Significant Accounting Policies**

The consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared following the same accounting policies and methods of computation as the most recent annual financial statements dated December 31, 2004. These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements and notes.

#### 1. Unitholders' Capital

n Chimolasia Capital	6 Months end 200	,	12 Month December	ns ended · 31, 2004
	Units (000's)	(\$000's)	Units (000's)	(\$000's)
Class B Limited Partnership Units Balance, beginning of period	4,307	\$ 18,833	5,411	\$ 31,487
Allocation of retained earnings	4,307	2,376	5,411	2,187
Distribution to partners	_	(3,491)	_	(8,534)
Exchanged for Fund Units	(586)	(2,564)		(6,307)
Balance, end of period	3,721	15,154	4,307	18,833
Fund Units				
Balance, beginning of period	7,914	36,191	6,721	39,250
Allocation of retained earnings	-	5,396	-	1,773
Unit option compensation	-	88	-	97
Issued under distribution reinvestment plan	17	367	22	441
Issued under unit option plan	65	839	67	864
Distribution to unitholders	-	(7,554)	-	(12,541)
Exchange of Limited Partnership units	586	2,564	1,104	6,307
Balance, end of period	8,582	37,891	7,914	36,191
	12,303	\$ 53,045	12,221	\$ 55,024

The table below represents the status of the Fund's Incentive Option Plan as at June 30, 2005 and the changes therein for the period then ended:

	Number of Options	а	Veighted everage exercise price
Balance, beginning of period	437,974	\$	15.26
Granted Cancelled	240,000 (53,337)	\$ \$	21.58 17.99
Exercised	(64,327)	\$	13.06
Balance, end of period	560,310	\$	17.96
Exercisable options, end of period	142,380	\$	15.09

#### Parkland Income Fund Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements June 30, 2005

Exercise prices for outstanding options at June 30, 2005 have the following ranges: 177,309 from \$12.45 - \$15.71, 153,001 from \$17.62 - \$18.97 and 230,000 from \$20.05 - \$21.80. These issue prices represent the market value at the time of issue.

The corresponding remaining contractual life for these options range from 7 - 10 years. The fund accounts for its grants of options using the fair value based method of accounting for stock based compensation. The total cost to be reported is \$530,710. The compensation cost that has been charged against income for the 6 months ended June 30, 2005 is \$88,452 (June 30, 2004 - \$48,292).

#### 2. Segmented Information

The Fund's operations are predominantly in fuel marketing in Western Canada. In recent years the Fund initiated operations in the convenience store industry.

The convenience stores have been integrated into fuel marketing properties already owned by the Fund and all continue to market transportation fuels. Due to the amount of common operating and property costs it is not practical to report these segments below their respective gross margins.

	3 Months Ended						6 Months Ended						
	Fuel						Fuel						
(\$ 000's)(Unaudited)	N	Marketing	Мє	erchandise		Total	- 1	Marketing	keting Merchan		Total		
June 30, 2005													
Net sales and operating revenues	\$	196,664	\$	11,513	\$	208,177	\$	364,284	\$	20,974	\$385,258		
Cost of Sales		176,852		8,238		185,090		332,553		15,309	347,862		
Gross Margin	\$	19,812	\$	3,275	\$	23,087	\$	31,731	\$	5,665	\$ 37,396		
June 30, 2004													
Net sales and operating revenues	\$	170,053	\$	9,221	\$	179,274	\$	303,172	\$	17,364	\$320,536		
Cost of Sales		142,927		6,778		149,705		263,290		12,918	276,208		
Gross Margin	\$	27,126	\$	2,443	\$	29,569	\$	39,882	\$	4,446	\$ 44,328		
June 30, 2003													
Net sales and operating revenues	\$	132,843	\$	7,410	\$	140,253	\$	255,434	\$	13,507	\$268,941		
Cost of Sales		114,628		5,686		120,314		222,908		10,205	233,113		
Gross Margin	\$	18,215	\$	1,724	\$	19,939	\$	32,526	\$	3,302	\$ 35,828		

The segregation of capital expenditures and total assets is not practical as the reportable segments operate from the same locations.

# Parkland Income Fund Supplementary Information

	Three months ended June 30,						Six months ended June 30,					
		2005		2004		2003		2005	2004			2003
Volume (millions of litres)												
Retail		123		122		114		239		235		222
Wholesale		167		161		148		319		305		252
Total volume		290		283		262		558		540		474
Revenue (\$000's)												
Retail fuel	\$	94,016	\$	82,959	\$	67,387	\$	173,296	\$	148,570	\$1	136,519
Wholesale fuel	\$	102,648	\$	87,094	\$	65,456	\$	190,988	\$	154,602	\$1	118,915
Convenience stores	\$	11,513	\$	9,221	\$	7,410	\$	20,974	\$	17,364	\$	13,507
Total revenue	\$	208,177	\$	179,274	\$	140,253	\$	385,258	\$	320,536	\$2	268,941
Gross margin (\$000's)	\$	23,087	\$	29,569	\$	19,939	\$	37,396	\$	44,328	\$	35,828
Less :Merchandise gross margin	\$	3,275	\$	2,443	\$	1,724	\$	5,665	\$	4,446	\$	3,302
Non fuel revenue included in gross margin	\$	1,702	\$	1,275	\$	1,253	\$	3,331	\$	2,494	\$	2,368
Fuel gross margin	\$	18,110	\$	25,851	\$	16,962	\$	28,400	\$	37,388	\$	30,158
Cents per litre (CPL)	\$	0.0624	\$	0.0913	\$	0.0647	\$	0.0509	\$	0.0692	\$	0.0636
Station counts												
Fas Gas		120		156		182		120		156		182
Fas Gas Plus		52		29		6		52		29		6
Convenience stores		34		31		30		34		31		30
Wholesale		222		238		231		222		238		231
Total stations		428		454		449		428		454		449