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**S&P/TSX Canadian
Bond Index**

Index Rebalancing Forecast

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Summary of projected changes to the index due to March 31, 2006 rebalancing effects

The duration of the S&P/TSX Canadian Bond Index Broad Composite is projected to extend by 0.06 due to month-end Rebalance effects (Figure 1), resulting in a projected duration of 6.43 at the close of March 31, 2006.

- The broad composite index will experience a net increase of \$2.1 bn in par value due to rebalancing. The net increase results from over \$10.5 bn in new bond issues and reopenings, and over \$8.5 bn in face value leaving the index.
- On average over the last eight years, a broad market composite index of the Canadian bond market has extended by 0.07 in total at the March month-end rebalancing, fluctuating within a range of -0.01 to 0.16.
- The short index weight will increase by 0.34%, the most of the three maturity indices, driven by the following CHT issues: a \$5.8 bn leaving the index, a \$4.9 bn rolling in from the mid index and a \$5.5 bn reopening of this latter issue. In contrast, the mid index will see a drop in weight of 0.48%, mostly due to rolls. Finally, the long index will experience an increase in weight of 0.14%.
- Figures 2 to 5 below illustrate the impact of the March 31 rebalancing on the broad, short, mid and long indices at the sectoral level.
- See Figure 6 on page 4 for details of projected changes to the index on a bond-by-bond basis.
- See Figure 7 on page 5 for details of projected March 31 index rolls on a bond-by-bond basis.

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Figure 1: Projected changes in index characteristics for March 31, 2006

S&P/TSX CANADIAN BOND INDEX: Projected changes in weights (%)					
Sector	20-Mar	31-Mar	Time ¹	Rebalance ²	Total Change
BROAD COMPOSITE	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SHORT TERM	44.15	44.49	0.00	0.33	0.34
MID TERM	25.91	25.43	0.00	-0.47	-0.48
LONG TERM	29.94	30.08	0.00	0.14	0.14

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S&P/TSX CANADIAN BOND INDEX: Projected changes in modified duration					
Sector	20-Mar	31-Mar	Time ¹	Rebalance ²	Total Change
BROAD COMPOSITE	6.39	6.43	-0.03	0.06	0.03
SHORT TERM	2.61	2.70	-0.03	0.12	0.09
MID TERM	5.88	5.91	-0.03	0.06	0.03
LONG TERM	12.42	12.38	-0.02	-0.02	-0.04

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Note that we use 'will/would/is/expected to' interchangeably for readability. All comments are our opinions only, based on the application of the index methodology.

Within the broad composite, there will be a shift in weight of 0.27% from All Governments to All Corporates. The All Provincials weight will be impacted the most, decreasing by 0.27% while the Corporate AAA and A sectors will increase by 0.09%.

Duration will increase by 0.05 in the Broad Composite. Provincials and Canada/Agencies will see the greatest increase in duration, 0.08 and 0.05 respectively.

In the short index, All Governments will see an increase in weight of 0.21%. The weight in Canada/Agencies will increase 1.11% due to the reopened CHT issue entering the index. All Provincials weight will decrease 0.88% due to a \$1.8 bn Ontario issue exiting the index.

Duration will change by 0.09. The All Governments duration will increase by 0.13, with the biggest extension coming in the Canada/Agencies sector (i.e. 0.15), mostly due to the exiting Mar-07 CHT issue and the roll of the Mar-11 CHT issue from mids.

Figure 2: Projected changes in broad index characteristics for March 31, 2006

S&P/TSX CANADIAN BOND INDEX: Projected changes in weight in broad index					
Sector	20-Mar	31-Mar	Time ¹	Rebalance ²	Total Change
BROAD COMPOSITE	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ALL GOVERNMENTS	73.08	72.81	0.01	-0.28	-0.27
CANADA/AGENCIES	46.69	46.69	0.01	0.00	0.01
ALL PROVINCIALS	24.35	24.08	0.00	-0.27	-0.27
MUNICIPALS	2.05	2.04	0.00	-0.01	-0.01
ALL CORPORATES	26.92	27.19	-0.01	0.28	0.27
CORPORATE AAA	3.56	3.64	0.00	0.09	0.09
CORPORATE AA	3.79	3.86	0.00	0.07	0.06
CORPORATE A	14.72	14.81	0.00	0.10	0.09
CORPORATE BBB	4.85	4.88	-0.01	0.03	0.03

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S&P/TSX CANADIAN BOND INDEX: Projected changes in duration in broad index					
Sector	20-Mar	31-Mar	Time ¹	Rebalance ²	Total Change
BROAD COMPOSITE	6.39	6.43	-0.03	0.06	0.03
ALL GOVERNMENTS	6.66	6.71	-0.03	0.08	0.05
CANADA/AGENCIES	5.84	5.89	-0.03	0.07	0.05
ALL PROVINCIALS	8.17	8.24	-0.03	0.10	0.08
MUNICIPALS	7.52	7.50	-0.01	0.00	-0.01
ALL CORPORATES	5.66	5.67	-0.02	0.03	0.01
CORPORATE AAA	3.28	3.28	-0.03	0.03	0.00
CORPORATE AA	5.11	5.14	-0.02	0.06	0.03
CORPORATE A	6.27	6.28	-0.02	0.04	0.01
CORPORATE BBB	6.00	6.02	-0.02	0.03	0.01

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Figure 3: Projected changes in short index characteristics for March 31, 2006

S&P/TSX CANADIAN BOND INDEX: Projected changes in weight in short index					
Sector	20-Mar	31-Mar	Time ¹	Rebalance ²	Total Change
SHORT COMPOSITE	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ALL GOVERNMENTS	69.55	69.76	0.01	0.20	0.21
CANADA/AGENCIES	53.89	55.00	0.01	1.10	1.11
ALL PROVINCIALS	14.67	13.79	0.00	-0.89	-0.88
MUNICIPALS	0.99	0.97	-0.01	-0.01	-0.02
ALL CORPORATES	30.45	30.24	-0.01	-0.20	-0.21
CORPORATE AAA	6.40	6.55	0.00	0.15	0.15
CORPORATE AA	5.46	5.33	-0.01	-0.13	-0.13
CORPORATE A	13.85	13.61	0.00	-0.24	-0.24
CORPORATE BBB	4.74	4.76	0.00	0.02	0.02

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Sector	20-Mar	31-Mar	Time ¹	Rebalance ²	Total Change
SHORT COMPOSITE	2.61	2.70	-0.03	0.12	0.09
ALL GOVERNMENTS	2.57	2.70	-0.03	0.16	0.13
CANADA/AGENCIES	2.53	2.68	-0.03	0.18	0.15
ALL PROVINCIALS	2.70	2.76	-0.03	0.09	0.06
MUNICIPALS	2.91	2.90	-0.01	0.00	-0.01
ALL CORPORATES	2.70	2.70	-0.03	0.02	0.00
CORPORATE AAA	2.61	2.64	-0.03	0.06	0.03
CORPORATE AA	2.94	2.95	-0.03	0.03	0.00
CORPORATE A	2.73	2.71	-0.03	0.01	-0.02
CORPORATE BBB	2.46	2.46	-0.03	0.03	0.00

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In the mid index, All Governments will see a decrease in weight of 1.23 %. The greatest decrease will be in Canadas/Agencies, which will see a decrease of -2.09% due to the \$4.95 bn CHT rolling to the short index.

Duration will increase in All Governments by 0.04, with the highest increase seen in Canada/Agencies of 0.06. Corporate AAs will see a decrease in duration of 0.12.

In the long index, All Governments will see a decrease in weight of 0.15%, mostly due to a lower weight for Provincials. The corresponding increase in the All Corporate sector is attributed mostly to an increase in weight in the Corporate A sector of 0.24%.

Duration will decrease by 0.06 in the All Corporates sector, with the biggest reduction coming in the Corporate A sub index (-0.11).

Figure 4: Projected changes in mid index characteristics for March 31, 2006

S&P/TSX CANADIAN BOND INDEX: Projected changes in weight in mid index					
Sector	20-Mar	31-Mar	Time ¹	Rebalance ²	Total Change
MID COMPOSITE	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ALL GOVERNMENTS	72.05	70.82	0.01	-1.25	-1.23
CANADA/AGENCIES	43.80	41.71	0.02	-2.11	-2.09
ALL PROVINCIALS	25.59	26.41	0.00	0.82	0.82
MUNICIPALS	2.66	2.70	0.00	0.04	0.04
ALL CORPORATES	27.95	29.18	-0.01	1.25	1.23
CORPORATE AAA	2.83	2.87	0.00	0.04	0.05
CORPORATE AA	3.07	3.55	0.00	0.48	0.48
CORPORATE A	17.27	17.84	0.00	0.56	0.56
CORPORATE BBB	4.78	4.93	-0.01	0.16	0.15

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Sector	20-Mar	31-Mar	Time ¹	Rebalance ²	Total Change
MID COMPOSITE	5.88	5.91	-0.03	0.06	0.03
ALL GOVERNMENTS	5.83	5.87	-0.03	0.07	0.04
CANADA/AGENCIES	5.70	5.76	-0.03	0.09	0.06
ALL PROVINCIALS	6.03	6.02	-0.03	0.02	-0.01
MUNICIPALS	6.12	6.10	-0.02	0.00	-0.02
ALL CORPORATES	6.00	6.01	-0.02	0.04	0.01
CORPORATE AAA	5.88	5.85	-0.03	0.00	-0.03
CORPORATE AA	6.65	6.53	-0.03	-0.09	-0.12
CORPORATE A	5.86	5.87	-0.03	0.03	0.01
CORPORATE BBB	6.16	6.25	-0.01	0.10	0.09

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Figure 5: Projected changes in long index characteristics for March 31, 2006

S&P/TSX CANADIAN BOND INDEX: Projected changes in weight in long index					
Sector	20-Mar	31-Mar	Time ¹	Rebalance ²	Total Change
LONG COMPOSITE	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ALL GOVERNMENTS	79.18	79.02	0.02	-0.17	-0.15
CANADA/AGENCIES	38.55	38.63	0.01	0.06	0.07
ALL PROVINCIALS	37.55	37.35	0.01	-0.21	-0.20
MUNICIPALS	3.07	3.05	0.00	-0.02	-0.02
ALL CORPORATES	20.82	20.98	-0.02	0.17	0.15
CORPORATE AA	1.96	1.95	0.00	-0.02	-0.02
CORPORATE A	13.79	14.03	-0.01	0.25	0.24
CORPORATE BBB	5.07	5.00	-0.01	-0.06	-0.07

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S&P/TSX CANADIAN BOND INDEX: Projected changes in duration in long index					
Sector	20-Mar	31-Mar	Time ¹	Rebalance ²	Total Change
LONG COMPOSITE	12.42	12.38	-0.02	-0.02	-0.04
ALL GOVERNMENTS	12.62	12.59	-0.03	-0.01	-0.03
CANADA/AGENCIES	12.81	12.75	-0.03	-0.03	-0.06
ALL PROVINCIALS	12.58	12.57	-0.03	0.01	-0.01
MUNICIPALS	10.75	10.72	-0.02	0.00	-0.02
ALL CORPORATES	11.64	11.59	-0.01	-0.04	-0.06
CORPORATE AA	11.88	11.87	-0.01	0.00	-0.01
CORPORATE A	11.94	11.83	-0.01	-0.10	-0.11
CORPORATE BBB	10.74	10.81	-0.01	0.08	0.07

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Figure 6 shows CIBC World Markets forecasted additions, deletions, net re-openings and other changes to the index on March 31, 2006 due to rebalancing.

Over \$3.8 bn in new bonds will be added, to the index, along with an additional \$6.7 bn in face value from re-openings and stripping activity. The \$5.5 bn CHT 4.05 03/15/11 reopening is the largest contributor to this amount. Over \$8.5 bn in par will be dropping from the index, with two bonds accounting for the majority of the reduction: the \$5.8 bn CHT 4.75 03/15/07 and the \$1.8 bn Ontario 5.2 03/08/07. In total, the index par value will increase by net \$2.1 bn.

Figure 6: Projected changes in the composition of the index on March 31, 2006

Issue	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Par value (\$000's)	Market value weight		Sector
ADDITIONS						
NIF-T	4.28	23-Feb-08	210,000	0.03%	SHORT	ASSET BACKED SECURITIES AAA
NIF-T	4.37	23-Feb-09	170,000	0.03%	SHORT	ASSET BACKED SECURITIES AAA
EAGLE CREDIT CARD TST	4.44	17-Mar-11	465,000	0.07%	SHORT	ASSET BACKED SECURITIES AAA
ALBERTA TREASURY BRANCH	4.10	1-Jun-11	200,000	0.03%	MID	ALL PROVINCIALS
BANK OF MTL	4.65	14-Mar-13	700,000	0.11%	MID	FINANCIALS AA
CMHC	4.25	1-Feb-16	200,000	0.03%	MID	CANADA/FEDERAL AGENCIES
SUPERIOR PLUS INC	5.50	3-Mar-16	200,000	0.03%	MID	ENERGY BBB
HYDRO ONE INC.	4.64	3-Mar-16	300,000	0.05%	MID	UTILITIES A
HONG KONG BANK OF CDA	4.94	16-Mar-16	200,000	0.03%	MID	FINANCIALS A
SUN LIFE ASSURANCE	4.95	1-Jun-16	700,000	0.11%	LONG	FINANCIALS A
EXPORT DEVELOPMENT CORP	4.30	1-Jun-16	200,000	0.03%	LONG	CANADA/FEDERAL AGENCIES
ATLA CAP FIN AUTHORITY	4.35	15-Jun-16	300,000	0.05%	LONG	ALL PROVINCIALS
TOTAL ADDITIONS			3,845,000	0.60%		
DELETIONS						
SUNCOR ENERGY INC	6.80	5-Mar-07	(250,000)	0.04%	SHORT	ENERGY A
ONTARIO	5.20	8-Mar-07	(1,799,032)	0.28%	SHORT	ALL PROVINCIALS
SASKATCHEWAN	6.25	9-Mar-07	(222,536)	0.04%	SHORT	ALL PROVINCIALS
MARITIME LIFE CDN FDG	5.39	12-Mar-07	(200,000)	0.03%	SHORT	FINANCIALS AA
CANADA HOUSING TRUST	4.75	15-Mar-07	(5,822,000)	0.91%	SHORT	CANADA/FEDERAL AGENCIES
NIF-T	3.25	17-Mar-07	(220,000)	0.03%	SHORT	ASSET BACKED SECURITIES AAA
TOTAL DELETIONS			(8,513,568)	1.33%		
RE-OPENINGS/REPURCHASES						
CANADA	13.00	01-Oct-07	(50,000)	-0.01%	SHORT	CANADA/FEDERAL AGENCIES
CANADA	3.75	01-Jun-08	600,000	0.09%	SHORT	CANADA/FEDERAL AGENCIES
CANADA	5.50	01-Jun-10	(265,727)	-0.04%	SHORT	CANADA/FEDERAL AGENCIES
CANADA HOUSING TRUST	4.05	15-Mar-11	5,500,000	0.86%	SHORT	CANADA/FEDERAL AGENCIES
CANADA	6.00	01-Jun-11	(25,000)	0.00%	MID	CANADA/FEDERAL AGENCIES
CANADA	5.25	01-Jun-13	(9,196)	0.00%	MID	CANADA/FEDERAL AGENCIES
CANADA	10.25	15-Mar-14	(45,000)	-0.01%	MID	CANADA/FEDERAL AGENCIES
CANADA	4.00	01-Jun-16	400,000	0.06%	LONG	CANADA/FEDERAL AGENCIES
CANADA	10.50	15-Mar-21	(19,567)	-0.01%	LONG	CANADA/FEDERAL AGENCIES
CANADA	9.75	01-Jun-21	(5,025)	0.00%	LONG	CANADA/FEDERAL AGENCIES
CANADA	9.00	01-Jun-25	(134,527)	-0.03%	LONG	CANADA/FEDERAL AGENCIES
YPG HOLDINGS	6.25	15-Feb-36	100,000	0.02%	LONG	CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY BBB
MANITOBA	5.70	05-Mar-37	150,000	0.03%	LONG	ALL PROVINCIALS
NET RE-OPENINGS			6,195,958	0.95%		
STRIPPING AND RECONSTITUTION						
CANADA	6.00	01-Jun-08	266,400	0.04%	SHORT	CANADA/FEDERAL AGENCIES
CANADA	4.25	01-Sep-09	58,000	0.01%	SHORT	CANADA/FEDERAL AGENCIES
CANADA	3.75	01-Jun-08	(272,000)	-0.04%	SHORT	CANADA/FEDERAL AGENCIES
CANADA	6.00	01-Jun-11	267,500	0.05%	MID	CANADA/FEDERAL AGENCIES
CANADA	8.00	01-Jun-27	219,636	0.05%	LONG	CANADA/FEDERAL AGENCIES
ONTARIO	7.60	02-Jun-27	181,800	0.04%	LONG	ALL PROVINCIALS
QUEBEC	6.25	01-Jun-32	107,980	0.02%	LONG	ALL PROVINCIALS
CANADA	5.75	01-Jun-33	100,500	0.02%	LONG	CANADA/FEDERAL AGENCIES
QUEBEC HYDRO	6.00	15-Aug-31	50,000	0.01%	LONG	ALL PROVINCIALS
ONTARIO	5.60	02-Jun-35	(107,950)	-0.02%	LONG	ALL PROVINCIALS
QUEBEC	5.75	01-Dec-36	(106,500)	-0.02%	LONG	ALL PROVINCIALS
ALL OTHER			(240,182)	-0.05%		
NET STRIPS AND RECONS			525,184	0.12%		
TOTAL			2,052,574	2.99%		

Figure 7 shows projected rolls between the long, mid and short indices as of March 31, 2006. More than 96% of the par value that rolls from the mid to the short index is due to the \$4.95 bn CHT issue.

Figure 7: Projected index rolls on March 31, 2006 (par values)

Issue	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Par value (\$000's)	Sector
Rolls				
Mid to Short				
CANADA HOUSING TRUST	4.05	15-Mar-11	4,950,000	CANADA/FEDERAL AGENCIES
RIOCAN REAL ESTATE INVST	4.91	8-Mar-11	200,000	FINANCIALS BBB
TOTAL			5,150,000	
Long to Mid				
EPCOR UTILITIES INC.	6.75	22-Mar-16	130,000	UTILITIES BBB
ONTARIO	4.40	8-Mar-16	500,000	ALL PROVINCIALS
TOTAL			630,000	
TOTAL			5,780,000	

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