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**ENERPLUS RESOURCES FUND
TRADING SYMBOL: ERF (NYSE)
2004 U.S. INCOME TAX REPORTING
FOR BENEFICIAL UNITHOLDERS**

The following information is being provided to assist individual U.S. unitholders of Enerplus Resources Fund (Enerplus) who hold their units through a broker or other intermediary in reporting dividends received from Enerplus on their IRS Form 1040 – U.S. Individual Income Tax Return for the calendar year 2004.

Trust Units Held Within a Qualified Retirement Plan

No amounts are required to be reported on an IRS Form 1040 – U.S. Individual Income Tax Return where Enerplus trust units are held within a qualified retirement plan.

Trust Units Held Outside of a Qualified Retirement Plan

U.S. individual unitholders who hold their Enerplus trust units through a stockbroker or other intermediary should receive tax-reporting information from their stockbroker or intermediary and should not need to use the information provided on the attached schedule. We expect that the stockbroker will issue a Form 1099 – DIV “Dividends and Distributions” or a substitute form developed by the stockbroker or other intermediary. The deadline for mailing a Form 1099 – DIV is January 31, 2005.

The amount included on Line 1b of the Form 1099 - DIV represents dividends that could be eligible for the qualified dividend tax rate. Enerplus dividends are “Qualified Dividends” and therefore should be reported on Line 9b of the U.S. federal income tax return unless the fact situation of the U.S. individual unitholders determines otherwise. Commentary on page 23 of the IRS 2004 1040 Instruction booklet with respect to “Qualified Dividends” provides examples of individual situations where the dividends would not be “Qualified Dividends”. Where, due to individual situations, the dividends are not “Qualified Dividends”, the amount should be reported on Schedule B – Part II – Ordinary Dividends, Line 9a of your U.S. federal income tax return.

The amount included in Line 3 of the Form 1099 - DIV is generally non-taxable. This amount is non-taxable if it is a return of your cost (or other basis) in the trust units. You must reduce your cost (or other basis) by this amount for calculating capital gain or loss when you sell your units. If this amount exceeds your cost (or other basis), report the excess as a capital gain, even though the Form 1099 - DIV shows the amount as non-taxable.

U.S. Unitholders are encouraged to utilize the Qualified Dividends and Capital Gain Tax Worksheet to determine the amount of tax that may be otherwise applicable.

The amount included on Line 6 of the Form 1099 - DIV representing the amount of foreign tax paid (Canadian withholding tax) should be reported on Form 1116 “Foreign Tax Credit (Individual, Estate, or Trust)”. Information regarding the amount of Canadian tax withheld in 2004 should be available from your stockbroker or other intermediary and is not available from Enerplus.

This information is not exhaustive of all possible U.S. income tax considerations, but is a general guideline and is not intended to be legal or tax advice to any particular holder or potential holder of Enerplus units. Holders or potential holders of Enerplus units should consult their own legal and

tax advisors as to their particular tax consequences of holding Enerplus units as well as to determine whether claiming a credit or deduction for foreign income taxes is more beneficial for you.

Summary of U.S. Tax Information

The following table provides, on a per unit basis, the breakdown of the amount of cash dividends, **prior to Canadian withholding tax**, paid by Enerplus Resources Fund for the period January 20 to December 20, 2004. The amounts are segregated between the portion of the cash distribution that would be reported on the Form 1099-DIV as Qualified Dividends and the portion reported as Non-taxable Distributions. The amounts shown on the attached schedule are in U.S. dollars as converted on the applicable payment dates. This schedule is for information purposes only. Amounts computed based on the following table may differ from the amounts shown on the Form 1099-DIV due to rounding.

**ENERPLUS RESOURCES FUND
2004 CASH DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION
FOR BENEFICIAL U.S. UNITHOLDERS
(\$/Unit)**

Record Date	Payment Date	Distribution Paid CDN\$	Exchange Rate	Distribution Paid US\$	Taxable Qualified Dividend US\$	Non-Taxable Return of Capital US\$
Dec 31, 2003	Jan 20, 2004	\$0.35	0.769823	\$0.269438	\$0.253542	\$0.015896
Feb 10, 2004	Feb 20, 2004	\$0.35	0.740192	\$0.259067	\$0.243783	\$0.015284
Mar 10, 2004	Mar 20, 2004	\$0.35	0.751597	\$0.263059	\$0.247540	\$0.015519
Apr 10, 2004	Apr 20, 2004	\$0.35	0.736377	\$0.257732	\$0.242527	\$0.015205
May 10, 2004	May 20, 2004	\$0.35	0.725005	\$0.253752	\$0.238782	\$0.014970
Jun 10, 2004	Jun 20, 2004	\$0.35	0.731368	\$0.255979	\$0.240877	\$0.015102
Jul 10, 2004	Jul 20, 2004	\$0.35	0.759417	\$0.265796	\$0.250115	\$0.015681
Aug 10, 2004	Aug 20, 2004	\$0.35	0.768935	\$0.269127	\$0.253250	\$0.015877
Sep 10, 2004	Sep 20, 2004	\$0.35	0.768108	\$0.268838	\$0.252978	\$0.015860
Oct 10, 2004	Oct 20, 2004	\$0.35	0.800448	\$0.280157	\$0.263629	\$0.016528
Nov 10, 2004	Nov 20, 2004	\$0.35	0.838926	\$0.293624	\$0.276301	\$0.017323
Dec 10, 2004	Dec 20, 2004	<u>\$0.35</u>	0.811886	<u>\$0.284160</u>	<u>\$0.267396</u>	<u>\$0.016764</u>
TOTAL PER UNIT		<u>\$4.20</u>		<u>\$3.220729</u>	<u>\$3.030720</u>	<u>\$0.190009</u>

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