

## **NORTHWEST & ETHICAL INVESTMENTS L.P. ANNOUNCES PLAN TO INTEGRATE OPERATIONS PLATFORMS AND UNIFY FEE SCHEDULES**

[TORONTO, April 6, 2009] – Northwest & Ethical Investments L.P. ("NEILP") today announced that effective April 13, 2009 the operational platforms of Northwest Funds and The Ethical Fund Company will be integrated onto one common NEILP platform. Investors will now be able to switch freely between any of the Northwest Funds, Ethical Funds or Credential Funds managed by NEILP, provided the fund you want to switch into is qualified for sale in your province or territory and is available through your dealer.

On April 13, 2009 NEILP will also be moving to one common fee schedule across all of our fund families, which means some fees applied to certain Northwest Funds or Ethical Funds will be modified. Lump sum or pre-authorized credit (PAC) purchases made on or after April 13, 2009 will be subject to this new fee schedule.

For more information on the operational changes and fee schedules please visit [www.northwestfunds.com](http://www.northwestfunds.com) or [www.ethicalfunds.com](http://www.ethicalfunds.com).

### **About Northwest & Ethical Investments L.P.**

Northwest & Ethical Investments L.P. (NEILP) is a national investment firm with over \$3 billion in assets under management. In simple terms NEILP's mission is to provide high quality, multi-brand investment solutions. The Northwest Fund and Ethical Fund product suites provide investors with a full range of fund management styles as well as conventional and sustainable investment choices.

NEI is owned 50% by the Provincial Credit Union Centrals and 50% by Desjardins Group, united in their focus to strengthen and serve the cooperative financial movement across Canada. This backing of experience and vast resources provides economies of scale and allows NEI to actively support business growth in these networks as well as independent advisor channels.

NEI has offices in Toronto, Vancouver and Montreal.