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## **Copernican British Banks Fund**

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### **COPERNICAN BRITISH BANKS FUND SPECIAL INCOME DISTRIBUTION**

**Burlington, Ontario - December 18, 2009** – Portland Investment Counsel Inc. and AIC Limited today announced that unitholders (“Unitholders”) of Copernican British Banks Fund (TSX: CBB.UN) (the “Trust”) will receive a special income cash distribution in the amount of \$0.012138 per unit of the Trust to be paid on or about January 15, 2010 to unitholders of record as of December 31, 2009.

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