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Central Fund of Canada Limited (symbols: AMEX-CEF, TORONTO-CEF.A) has today released selected comparative financial information relating to net assets and results of operations for the three-months ended January 31, 2008.

CENTRAL FUND OF CANADA LIMITED
Statement of Net Assets
(expressed in U.S. dollars, unaudited)

	<i>January 31</i> <i>2008</i>	<i>October 31</i> <i>2007</i>
Net assets:		
<i>Gold bullion, at market, average cost</i> \$370,416,530 (2007: \$370,416,530)	\$ 743,372,608	635,681,207
<i>Silver bullion, at market, average cost</i> \$336,022,132 (2007: \$336,022,132)	673,831,137	576,419,467
<i>Cash</i>	1,322,586	2,330,873
<i>Interest-bearing cash deposits</i>	24,000,000	25,200,000
<i>Prepaid insurance, interest receivable and other</i>	80,312	202,060
	1,442,606,643	1,239,833,607
<i>Accrued liabilities</i>	(952,154)	(1,063,139)
<i>Dividends payable</i>	-	(1,251,345)
<i>Net assets representing shareholders' equity</i>	\$ 1,441,654,489	1,237,519,123
Represented by:		
<i>Capital stock</i>		
<i>Class A shares issued:</i>		
125,134,532 (2007: 125,134,532)	\$ 721,106,322	721,079,758
<i>Common shares issued: 40,000</i>	19,458	19,458
	721,125,780	721,099,216
<i>Contributed surplus</i>	9,774,048	10,762,435
<i>Retained earnings inclusive of unrealized appreciation of holdings</i>	710,754,661	505,657,472
	\$ 1,441,654,489	1,237,519,123
Net asset value per share:		
<i>Class A shares</i>	\$ 11.52	9.89
<i>Common shares</i>	\$ 8.52	6.89
Exchange rate:		
<i>U.S. \$1.00 = Cdn.</i>	\$ 1.0022	0.9499
Net asset value per share expressed in Canadian dollars:		
<i>Class A shares</i>	\$ 11.54	9.39
<i>Common shares</i>	\$ 8.54	6.54

This analysis should be read in conjunction with Central Fund's financial statements prepared in accordance with Canadian GAAP included in its 2007 Annual Report and the accompanying MD&A.

The change in net assets as reported in U.S. dollars from period to period is primarily a result of the changing market prices of gold and silver and the proportion of each held by the Company. Changes in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to the Canadian dollar will also have an impact on net assets when reported in Canadian dollars.

Net assets increased by \$204.1 million in the first quarter essentially due to the unrealized appreciation of holdings during the quarter.

CENTRAL FUND OF CANADA LIMITED
Statement of Income
(expressed in U.S. dollars, unaudited)

	<i>Three months ended January 31</i>	
	<i>2008</i>	<i>2007</i>
Income:		
<i>Interest</i>	\$ 312,955	258,368
<i>Unrealized appreciation of holdings</i>	205,097,189	74,010,542
	205,410,144	74,268,910
Expenses:		
<i>Administration fees</i>	760,954	612,521
<i>Safekeeping, insurance & bank charges</i>	355,514	267,159
<i>Shareholder information</i>	48,258	45,127
<i>Legal fees</i>	42,793	21,704
<i>Directors' fees and expenses</i>	33,097	35,430
<i>Stock exchange fees</i>	28,484	9,242
<i>Accounting fees</i>	18,166	17,000
<i>Registrar and transfer agent fees</i>	13,780	15,004
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	296	321
<i>Total expenses</i>	1,301,342	1,023,508
Net income inclusive of unrealized appreciation of holdings	\$ 204,108,802	73,245,402
Net income per share:		
<i>Class A shares</i>	\$ 1.63	0.67
<i>Common shares</i>	\$ 1.63	0.67

Net income (inclusive of unrealized appreciation of holdings) for the three months ended January 31, 2008 was \$204.1 million compared to \$73.2 million for the same period in 2007. Virtually all of the net income for the three month period was due to unrealized appreciation of holdings. Certain expenses, such as administration fees which are scaled, have varied in proportion to net asset levels, or, in the case of stock exchange fees, with market capitalization based on the number of Class A shares issued. Safekeeping fees and bullion insurance costs increased, reflecting the higher prices of gold and silver bullion. Administration fees increased to \$760,954 from \$612,328 for the three months based on the increased assets under administration.

Expenses as a percentage of average month-end net assets for the three-month period ended January 31, 2008 were 0.10%, compared to 0.11% for the same three-month period in 2007. For the twelve months ended January 31, 2008, the expense ratio was 0.42% compared to 0.45% for the prior twelve-month period.

Central Fund of Canada Limited operates as a specialized investment holding company which invests primarily in long-term holdings of allocated, segregated and unencumbered gold and silver bullion and does not actively speculate with regard to short-term changes in gold and silver prices. At January 31, 2008, the Class A shares of Central Fund were backed 98.4% by gold and silver bullion and may be purchased or sold with ease on either the American Stock Exchange (CEF) or The Toronto Stock Exchange (CEF.A in Canadian dollars and CEF.U in U.S. dollars).

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