



News Release

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BGI CANADA ANNOUNCES FILING OF iSHARES® FUNDS TAX INFORMATION FOR 2008

TORONTO – February 23, 2009 – Barclays Global Investors Canada Limited (BGI Canada) announced today that the tax characteristics for all 2008 distributions for the iShares Funds have been finalized and provided to CDS Clearing and Depository Services Inc. (CDS) for use by brokers in preparing tax reports, including T3 slips, for their clients. This information replaces any estimated tax characteristics that were provided periodically by BGI Canada during 2008 to help investors in iShares Funds with preliminary tax planning.

The “per unit” tax characteristics for iShares Funds 2008 distributions are summarized below. A more detailed listing of tax characteristics by individual distribution period will be available shortly at www.iShares.ca (and have been provided to CDS as noted above). For more information about the tax efficiency of iShares Funds, please visit www.iShares.ca.

About BGI Canada

BGI Canada is an indirect subsidiary of Barclays PLC and part of Barclays Global Investors (BGI), a division of Barclays PLC and one of the largest institutional investment managers in the world and the largest manager of index funds and exchange traded funds (ETFs). BGI is the global product leader in exchange traded funds (iShares) with over 320 funds available for institutions and individuals globally. As at December 31, 2008, BGI Canada managed over \$53 billion in Canadian assets and in other assets for Canadian clients, including \$14 billion in the TSX-listed iShares Funds. BGI Canada has offices in Toronto and Montreal.



Ticker	Eligible Dividends	Non Eligible Dividends	Other Income	Capital Gains	Return of Capital	Foreign Income	Foreign Tax Paid	Total Taxable Distribution
XBB			1.28483		0.03929			1.32412
XCB			0.68750		0.26064			0.94814
XCG	0.06320			0.00043	0.07885			0.14248
XCS	0.05187		0.32583		0.16811	0.01391	-0.00154	0.55818
XCV	0.55836	0.00138	0.24970		0.02225	0.00387	-0.00047	0.83509
XDV	0.66554				0.12303			0.78857
XEG*	0.15227		0.43104	0.00038	0.04876			0.63245
XEN	0.37848				0.02710			0.40558
XFN*	0.51630			0.00313	0.29428			0.81371
XGB			0.74311		0.10122			0.84433
XGD*					0.04460			0.04460
XIC*	0.31292	0.00006	0.14026	0.00218	0.09772	0.00203	-0.00031	0.55486
XIN					0.04181	0.57730	-0.09078	0.52833
XIT				0.80222				0.80222
XIU*	0.35918		0.06041	0.14793	0.05221	0.00112	-0.00017	0.62068
XLB			0.91371		0.04026			0.95397
XMA*	0.03711			0.08137	0.04761			0.16609
XMD*	0.24143		0.45815		0.01524	0.01027	-0.00106	0.72403
XRБ			0.87337		0.12993			1.00330
XRE	0.02119		0.35327	0.03625	0.44572	0.02010		0.87653
XSB			1.21261		0.03073			1.24334
XSP					0.01307	0.25334	-0.04030	0.22611
XSU					0.01382	0.19429	-0.03563	0.17248
XTR	0.00735		1.04550	0.00413	0.23106	0.01355	-0.00137	1.30022
XAL	0.00177		0.06826	0.00115	0.03689	0.14945	-0.01733	0.24019
XCR	0.01302		0.12955	0.00023	0.01291	0.05420	-0.00537	0.20454
XGC	0.00077		0.05426	0.00077	0.02871	0.15321	-0.01660	0.22112
XGR	0.02078		0.10649	0.00047	0.02247	0.08873	-0.00912	0.22982

***The amounts above are provided on a “per unit” basis. The amounts disclosed for each of XEG, XFN, XGD, XIC, XIU, XMA, and XMD have been adjusted to reflect unit splits that became effective on August 8, 2008.**

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