

**CONTRANS INCOME FUND ANNOUNCES
DISTRIBUTION
(NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE)**

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Woodstock, Ontario - Contrans Income Fund

(TSX.CSS.UN) announced today a cash distribution for the month of December 2002 of \$0.1042 per unit payable on December 31, 2002 to unitholders at the close of business on December 31, 2002. The distribution will be paid on January 15, 2003.

The Fund is an unincorporated, open-ended limited purpose trust created for the purpose of acquiring and holding certain investments, initially through the effective acquisition of Contrans and its direct and indirect operating entities.

The Fund operates in the transportation industry, principally in the truckload market as a provider of freight transportation services. In March 2002, Contrans, commenced operations in the school bus market.

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