



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **COMINAR ANNOUNCES INCREASE TO PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED BOUGHT DEAL FINANCING**

Québec City, Québec, February 10, 2012 – Cominar Real Estate Investment Trust (“Cominar”) (TSX: CUF.UN) announced today that its previously announced offering of trust units (“Units”) has been increased to 7,973,000 Units at a price of \$21.95 per Unit for gross proceeds to Cominar of \$175,007,350. The offering is being sold on a bought deal basis to a syndicate of underwriters co-led by National Bank Financial Inc. and BMO Capital Markets. Closing of the offering is expected to take place on or about February 28, 2012. Cominar has also granted the underwriters an option, exercisable at any time until 30 days following the closing of the offering, to purchase a further 1,195,950 Units at the issue price. The net proceeds of the sale of the Units will be used to pay down debt outstanding under current credit facilities, to finance Cominar’s ongoing acquisition and development pipeline and for general and corporate purposes.

#### **COMINAR PROFILE as at February 10, 2012**

Cominar is the largest commercial property owner in the Province of Québec. Cominar owns a real estate portfolio of 269 high-quality properties, consisting of 53 office, 55 retail and 161 industrial and mixed-use buildings that cover a total area of 21.0 million square feet in the Greater Québec City, Montréal and Ottawa-Gatineau areas, as well as in the Atlantic Provinces. Cominar’s objectives are to deliver growing cash distributions payable monthly to its unitholders and to maximize unitholder value by way of integrated management and the expansion of its portfolio. Cominar is the owner of approximately 95% of the outstanding trust units of Canmarc Real Estate Investment Trust.

#### **CANMARC PROFILE**

Canmarc ([www.canmarc.ca](http://www.canmarc.ca)) is an unincorporated open-ended real estate investment trust established pursuant to a declaration of trust under the laws of the Province of Québec. Managed internally, Canmarc owns a portfolio of Canadian income-producing commercial properties, consisting of retail and office properties with certain industrial properties. In total, Canmarc properties comprise approximately 8.8 million square feet of commercial gross leasable area (approximately 9.4 million square feet including

acquisitions which have been announced but have not yet closed) and 464 multi-family residential units located in Québec, Atlantic Canada, Western Canada and Ontario.

### Forward-Looking Statements

This press release may contain forward-looking statements with respect to Cominar and its operations, strategy, financial performance and financial condition. These statements generally can be identified by the use of forward-looking words such as “may”, “will”, “expect”, “estimate”, “anticipate”, “intend”, “believe” or “continue” or the negative thereof or similar variations. The actual results and performance of Cominar discussed herein could differ materially from those expressed or implied by such statements. Such statements are qualified in their entirety by the inherent risks and uncertainties surrounding future expectations. Some important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from expectations include, among other things, general economic and market factors, impact of the acquisition of Canmarc Real Estate Investment Trust including the increased indebtedness associated with this acquisition, competition, changes in government regulation and the factors described under “Risk Factors” in the Annual Information Form of Cominar. The cautionary statements qualify all forward-looking statements attributable to Cominar and persons acting on its behalf. Unless otherwise stated, all forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this press release.

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