## NEWS RELEASE

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## **PrimeWest Mortgage Investment Corporation Completes First Closing of Private Placement**

**PrimeWest Mortgage Investment Corporation** ("**PrimeWest**"), a Saskatchewan based mortgage investment corporation, is pleased to announce today it completed the first closing of a private placement previously announced on December 9, 2009. The first closing consisted of 155,437 Class A shares of PrimeWest (the "**Shares**"), at a price of \$10 per Share, for gross proceeds of \$1,554,370. Commissions equal to 4.5% of the gross proceeds of the sale, in the aggregate amount of \$69,946.65, were paid to Sentinel Financial Management Corp., Paradigm Portfolio Mgmt. Corp. and Union Securities Ltd.

Further closings will occur from time to time on such dates as PrimeWest and any applicable agent may determine. All such closings shall occur on or before March 31, 2010.

The net proceeds of the offering will be used to make loans secured by mortgages on real property primarily located in Saskatoon and Regina in the Province of Saskatchewan.

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## About PrimeWest Mortgage Investment Corporation

PrimeWest is based in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and is the only mortgage investment corporation in the Province of Saskatchewan funded by a public offering. PrimeWest is a reporting issuer in the Provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario. The securities of PrimeWest are not listed or posted for trading on any exchange.

Launched in 2005, PrimeWest has raised over \$16 million in capital through a combination of public and private equity placements, providing an average four year return of 8.12% and has over 450 shareholders across western Canada and Ontario.

PrimeWest is overseen by an experienced board of directors representing many sectors within the real estate and investment industries.

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