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St. John's Area June Housing Starts

ST. JOHN'S, July 9, 2009 – Urban housing starts increased during the month of June and were positive during the first half of 2009, according to preliminary data¹ released today by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). June's housing starts totaled 183 throughout the St. John's area versus 172 starts in June of 2008. An additional 47 housing starts were recorded in other urban areas across the province, for a total of 230 provincial starts compared to 212 the previous June. For the January to June 2009 period, St. John's area housing starts totaled 659 versus 628 starts during the same period last year, while provincial starts totaled 774 compared to 738 a year ago.

“For the month of June and the first half of this year, St. John's was one of only five metropolitan areas in Canada to record growth in residential construction activity,” said Chris Janes, senior market analyst with CMHC in Newfoundland and Labrador. “Local job, income and population growth continue to fuel the housing sector in 2009,” added Janes.

For Canada's urban centres, total housing starts fell 36 per cent with 11,686 recorded in June compared to 18,338 during June of 2008. Single-detached starts decreased 27 per cent to 5,716, while multiple starts of 5,970 represent a 43 per cent decline from a year ago. Throughout Atlantic Canada, there were 904 urban housing starts posted versus 1,092 the previous June, a decline of 17 per cent.

As Canada's national housing agency, CMHC draws on more than 60 years of experience to help Canadians access a variety of quality, environmentally sustainable, and affordable homes — homes that will continue to create vibrant and healthy communities and cities across the country.

1 Figures for the most recent month are preliminary and subject to revisions due to corrections or updates from quarterly enumeration or sampling results.

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Quarterly Table:

PRELIMINARY QUARTERLY HOUSING STARTS NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR SUMMARY						
	2009	2008	% Change	YEAR-TO-DATE		% Change
	Q2	Q2		2009	2008	
ALL URBAN CENTRES WITH POPULATIONS > 10,000						
ST. JOHN'S CMA						
Single	409	368	11.1%	575	509	13.0%
Multiple	36	88	-59.1%	84	119	-29.4%
TOTAL	445	456	-2.4%	659	628	4.9%
BAY ROBERTS CA						
Single	28	19	47.4%	32	19	68.4%
Multiple	0	0	-	0	0	-
TOTAL	28	19	47.4%	32	19	68.4%
CORNER BROOK CA						
Single	20	16	25.0%	22	20	10.0%
Multiple	6	0	-	8	0	-
TOTAL	26	16	62.5%	30	20	50.0%
GANDER CA						
Single	33	21	57.1%	33	21	57.1%
Multiple	12	8	50.0%	12	8	50.0%
TOTAL	45	29	55.2%	45	29	55.2%
GRAND FALLS/ WINDSOR CA						
Single	4	16	-75.0%	6	16	-62.5%
Multiple	2	26	-92.3%	2	26	-92.3%
TOTAL	6	42	-85.7%	8	42	-81.0%
LABRADOR CA						
Single	0	0	-	0	0	-
Multiple	0	0	-	0	0	-
TOTAL	0	0	-	0	0	-
ALL CENTRES*						
Single	494	440	12.3%	668	585	14.2%
Multiple	56	122	-54.1%	106	153	-30.7%
TOTAL	550	562	-2.1%	774	738	4.9%

Monthly Table:

PRELIMINARY URBAN MONTHLY HOUSING STARTS NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR SUMMARY						
	2009	2008	% Change	YEAR-TO-DATE		% Change
	JUN	JUN		2009	2008	
ALL URBAN CENTRES WITH POPULATIONS > 50,000						
ST. JOHN'S CMA						
Single	162	148	9.5%	575	509	13.0%
Multiple	21	24	-12.5%	84	119	-29.4%
TOTAL	183	172	6.4%	659	628	4.9%
ALL URBAN CENTRES WITH POPULATION > 10,000						
ALL CENTRES*						
Single	197	179	10.1%	668	585	14.2%
Multiple	33	33	0.0%	106	153	-30.7%
TOTAL	230	212	8.5%	774	738	4.9%

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