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March Housing Starts for the St. John's Area

ST. JOHN'S, April 8, 2011 – Housing starts in the St. John's region increased during the month of March, according to preliminary data¹ released today by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). March's housing starts totaled 84 units throughout the St. John's area compared to 75 units in March of 2010. There were three additional starts recorded in urban centres outside the St. John's area, for a total of 87 urban housing starts across the province.

“New home construction activity was healthy in March, with starts up 12 per cent,” said Chris Janes, senior market analyst with CMHC in Newfoundland and Labrador. “While housing starts have fallen from their recent highs, solid economic and demographic fundamentals have supported the local housing market again this year,” added Janes.

In urban centres across Canada, total housing starts recorded in March were up two per cent to 11,655 units compared to last year's total of 11,375. Single-detached starts declined 34 per cent to 3,633 units, while multiple starts increased 37 per cent to 8,022 units in March. In the Atlantic region, 271 new units were started compared to 311 units during March 2010.

As Canada's national housing agency, CMHC draws on 65 years of experience to help Canadians access a variety of high quality, environmentally sustainable and affordable homes. CMHC also provides reliable, impartial and up-to-date housing market reports, analysis and knowledge to support and assist consumers and the housing industry in making informed decisions.

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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**PRELIMINARY URBAN MONTHLY HOUSING STARTS
NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR SUMMARY**

	2011	2010	% Change	YEAR-TO-DATE		% Change
	MAR	MAR		2011	2010	
ALL URBAN CENTRES WITH POPULATIONS > 50,000						
ST. JOHN'S CMA						
Single	42	60	-30.0%	173	199	-13.1%
Multiple	42	15	##	68	47	44.7%
TOTAL	84	75	12.0%	241	246	-2.0%
ALL URBAN CENTRES WITH POPULATION > 10,000						
ALL CENTRES*						
Single	44	61	-27.9%	182	203	-10.3%
Multiple	43	20	##	70	59	18.6%
TOTAL	87	81	7.4%	252	262	-3.8%

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* Includes all centres with a total population of more than 10,000 (St. John's CMA, Corner Brook CA, Gander MD, Grand Falls/Windsor CA, Bay Roberts CA)

Indicates changes in excess of 100% which are not reported due to volatility resulting from small absolute numbers.

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**PRELIMINARY QUARTERLY HOUSING STARTS
NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR SUMMARY**

	2011	2010	% Change	YEAR-TO-DATE		% Change
	Q1	Q1		2011	2010	
ALL URBAN CENTRES WITH POPULATIONS > 10,000						
ST. JOHN'S CMA						
Single	173	199	-13.1%	173	199	-13.1%
Multiple	68	47	44.7%	68	47	44.7%
TOTAL	241	246	-2.0%	241	246	-2.0%
BAY ROBERTS CA						
Single	6	0	-	6	0	-
Multiple	0	0	-	0	0	-
TOTAL	6	0	-	6	0	-
CORNER BROOK CA						
Single	2	2	0.0%	2	2	0.0%
Multiple	0	0	-	0	0	-
TOTAL	2	2	0.0%	2	2	0.0%
GANDER CA						
Single	0	1	##	0	1	##
Multiple	0	0	-	0	0	-
TOTAL	0	1	##	0	1	##
GRAND FALLS/ WINDSOR CA						
Single	1	1	0.0%	1	1	0.0%
Multiple	2	12	-83.3%	2	12	-83.3%
TOTAL	3	13	-76.9%	3	13	-76.9%
LABRADOR CA						
Single	0	0	-	0	0	-
Multiple	0	0	-	0	0	-
TOTAL	0	0	-	0	0	-
ALL CENTRES*						
Single	182	203	-10.3%	182	203	-10.3%
Multiple	70	59	18.6%	70	59	18.6%
TOTAL	252	262	-3.8%	252	262	-3.8%

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Data for 2006 on 2001 Census Definitions.

Data for 2009 on 2006 Preliminary Census Definitions.

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