

ENERPLUS RESOURCES FUND
Form 6-K
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FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

**Report of Foreign Issuer pursuant to Rule 13-a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2003

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 1-15150

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Yes No

EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT 1 ENERPLUS RESOURCES FUND ANNOUNCES CASH DISTRIBUTION OF CDN\$0.37.

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July 31, 2003

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ENERPLUS RESOURCES FUND

ANNOUNCES CASH DISTRIBUTION

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Enerplus is pleased to announce that a cash distribution in the amount of CDN\$0.37 (thirty-seven cents) per unit will be payable on August 20th, 2003, to all Unitholders of record at the close of business on August 10th, 2003. The ex-distribution date for this payment is August 6th, 2003.

The CDN\$0.37 per unit is equivalent to approximately US\$0.26 per unit if converted using a Canadian/US dollar exchange ratio of 1.40. The actual US dollar equivalent distribution will be based upon the actual US/Canadian exchange rate applied on the payment date and will be net of any Canadian withholding taxes that may apply.

Total cash distributions related to the quarter ending June 30, 2003 totalled CDN\$94.1 million or CDN\$1.11 per unit paid or payable in the months of June, July and August 2003. Total funds flow generated during the quarter totalled CDN\$122.2 million prior to CDN\$55.1 million in costs associated with the internalization of the management contract as approved by Unitholders at the April 23, 2003 Annual General & Special Meeting. Cash distributions related to the second quarter of 2003 represent a payout ratio of 77% of funds flow before deduction of costs associated with the internalization transaction.

The Fund's new trailing twelve month distribution paid totals CDN\$3.98 (three dollars and ninety eight cents) per unit. For further information, please contact Investor Relations at 1-800-319-6462 or e-mail investorrelations@enerplus.com.

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David McCoy

General Counsel & Corporate Secretary

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

ENERPLUS RESOURCES FUND

BY: /s/ Christina S. Meeuwsen
Christina S. Meeuwsen
Assistant Corporate Secretary

DATE: July 31, 2003