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**BARNWELL INDUSTRIES, INC. REPORTS RESULTS
FOR THE FIRST QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND
DECLARES CASH DIVIDEND**

HONOLULU, HAWAII, February 12, 2008 -- Barnwell Industries, Inc., (AMEX-BRN) today reported net earnings of \$3,319,000 (\$0.39 per share – diluted) for the three months ended December 31, 2007, as compared to \$1,114,000 (\$0.13 per share – diluted) for the three months ended December 31, 2006.

Mr. Morton H. Kinzler, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Barnwell, commented, “Net earnings for the three months ended December 31, 2007 include deferred tax benefits of \$909,000 due to reductions in Canadian Federal corporate income tax rates. There were no such benefits in last year’s quarter. In addition, earnings for the current quarter increased due to a \$1,722,000 increase in oil and natural gas revenues as a result of higher oil and natural gas liquids prices and a \$1,268,000 decrease in incentive compensation costs primarily due to a decrease in stock appreciation rights expense.

“In the quarter ended December 31, 2007, Kaupulehu Developments, Barnwell’s 77.6%-owned land development partnership, received \$3,196,000, \$2,656,000 for the seventh of ten scheduled option payments relating to the development rights within Hualalai Resort at Kaupulehu in the North Kona district on the island of Hawaii, and \$540,000 for an Increment I payment relating to an adjacent project. In the quarter ended December 31, 2006 Kaupulehu Developments received \$3,778,000. There is no assurance the remaining options will be exercised, that any of the remaining lots will be sold or that further payments will be made to Kaupulehu Developments.

“The Company continues to move forward in its residential homes construction project at Kaupulehu. The planning process is complete for two residences to be built for sale, site work has been substantially completed to expand the building envelope on the two lots and construction commenced on the two houses in January 2008. Additionally, a fourth residential lot was purchased on January 31, 2008.”

Barnwell also announced today that its Board of Directors has declared a cash dividend of \$0.05 per share, payable March 17, 2008, to stockholders of record on March 3, 2008.

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COMPARATIVE OPERATING RESULTS

(Unaudited)

	Quarter ended December 31,	
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Revenues	<u>\$15,660,000</u>	<u>\$13,268,000</u>
Net earnings	<u>\$3,319,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,114,000</u>
Net earnings per share - basic	<u>\$0.40</u>	<u>\$ 0.14</u>
Net earnings per share - diluted	<u>\$0.39</u>	<u>\$ 0.13</u>
Weighted average shares and equivalent shares outstanding:		
Basic	<u>8,212,712</u>	<u>8,169,060</u>
Diluted	<u>8,476,595</u>	<u>8,685,959</u>