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Leading Independent Proxy Advisor, Glass Lewis, Recommends Inter Pipeline Shareholders Vote AGAINST the Pembina Transaction

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Brookfield Infrastructure agrees with the recommendation from another leading independent proxy advisor, Glass Lewis, that Inter Pipeline Ltd. ("IPL") shareholders vote AGAINST IPL's proposed transaction (the "Alternative Transaction") with Pembina Pipeline Corporation ("Pembina")

Consistent with the recommendation of Institutional Shareholder Services ("ISS") to vote AGAINST the Alternative Transaction, Glass Lewis cites the execution, integration, commodity price and market risks of the Alternative Transaction versus the meaningfully higher value of Brookfield Infrastructure's revised offer and the certainty and liquidity of its all-cash option

With two independent recommendations, the choice is clear - Vote AGAINST the Alternative Transaction and tender to Brookfield Infrastructure's superior offer

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BROOKFIELD, NEWS, July 23, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Brookfield Infrastructure Partners L.P. (NYSE: BIP; TSX: BIP.UN), together with its institutional partners (collectively, "**Brookfield Infrastructure**") agree with the recommendation from Glass Lewis to vote AGAINST the Alternative Transaction.

Consistent with the objective and impartial analysis of ISS in arriving at its recommendation, Glass Lewis considers the value of Brookfield Infrastructure's revised offer to be meaningfully higher than the Alternative Transaction and cited the certainty of value and liquidity of its all-cash option.

Glass Lewis stated that, "We consider Brookfield's latest revised offer, announced on July 15, 2021, provides for 100% cash consideration at a value which meaningfully exceeds both the headline value and the prevailing synergized value of the Pembina merger consideration...we remain cognizant of the execution and integration risks associated with the proposed merger [with Pembina] and the ongoing market and commodity price risk, among others, related to an ongoing equity investment in the combined company."

With vote AGAINST recommendations from two prominent proxy advisor firms Glass Lewis and ISS, providing objective and independent advice, combined with Pembina's announcement that it is not prepared to increase or otherwise change its consideration, Brookfield Infrastructure reaffirms its strong belief that its offer to IPL (TSX:IPL) shareholders is superior. **IPL** shareholders should vote AGAINST the Alternative Transaction well in advance of IPL's July 27, 2021 proxy voting deadline.

Given the superior value, flexibility, and certainty of our offer, we encourage IPL shareholders to tender to our offer which is open for acceptance until 5:00 p.m. (Mountain Time) on August 6, 2021.

#### **Advisors**

Brookfield Infrastructure has engaged BMO Capital Markets and Barclays Capital Canada Inc. to act as joint financial advisors and McCarthy Tétrault LLP to act as its legal advisor in connection with the offer. Laurel Hill Advisory Group has also been engaged to act as Brookfield Infrastructure's strategic communications advisor and proxy solicitation and information agent.

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Brookfield Infrastructure Partners is the flagship listed infrastructure company of Brookfield Asset Management, a global alternative asset manager with over US\$600 billion of assets under management. For more information, go to www.brookfield.com.

## **Additional Information Regarding Proxy Solicitation**

Brookfield Infrastructure is soliciting proxies through this press release pursuant to an order of the Alberta Securities Commission dated June 29, 2021, allowing Brookfield Infrastructure to solicit proxies through public broadcast without Brookfield Infrastructure filing a proxy circular. Brookfield Infrastructure is soliciting proxies in respect of IPL and the annual general and special meeting of shareholders of IPL to be held on July 29, 2021 (the "IPL Meeting"). IPL's head office is located at Suite 3200, 215 - 2nd Street SW, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 1M4.

Brookfield Infrastructure has engaged Laurel Hill Advisory Group as their strategic advisor and proxy solicitation agent to assist Brookfield Infrastructure in the solicitation of proxies from IPL shareholders for the IPL Meeting. The total cost of these proxy solicitation services is up to approximately \$100,000, plus reasonable out of-pocket expenses. Brookfield Infrastructure will bear the costs of this solicitation.

In addition to revocation in any other manner permitted by law, a registered IPL shareholder may revoke or change a previously made proxy vote: (a) by accessing the IPL Meeting by following the instructions under the heading "How to Participate at the IPL Shareholders' Meeting" in the Joint Information Circular of IPL and Pembina dated June 29, 2021 in respect of the IPL Meeting and voting their IPL shares during the designated time; (b) by an instrument in writing executed by the IPL shareholder or such IPL shareholder's attorney authorized in writing or, if the IPL shareholder is a corporation, under its corporate seal or by an officer or attorney thereof, duly authorized, indicating the capacity under which such officer or attorney is signing and deposited with Computershare, the transfer agent of IPL, at the office designated in the Notice of Special Meeting of IPL Shareholders dated June 29, 2021 not later than 10:00 a.m. (Calgary time), on the business day preceding the day of the IPL Meeting (or any adjournment or postponement thereof); or (c) by a duly executed and deposited proxy as provided herein bearing a later date or time than the date or time of the proxy being revoked. IPL shareholders who hold their shares through a bank, broker or other intermediary are encouraged to follow the instructions provided to them from their applicable intermediary as they differ from those of registered shareholders (shareholders who hold IPL shares in their own name). Alternatively, IPL shareholders may contact Laurel Hill for assistance.

Brookfield Infrastructure beneficially own and exercise control or direction over 41,848,857 IPL shares. Additionally, Brookfield Infrastructure has economic exposure to an aggregate of 42,492,698 IPL shares pursuant to a cash-settled total return swap. The cash-settled total return swap affords economic exposure to IPL shares, but does not give Brookfield Infrastructure any right to vote, or direct or influence the voting, acquisition, or disposition of any IPL shares.

#### No Offer or Solicitation

This news release is for informational purposes only and does not constitute an offer to buy or sell, or a solicitation of an offer to sell or buy, any securities. The offer to acquire IPL securities and to issue securities of Brookfield Infrastructure Corporation will be made solely by, and subject to the terms and conditions set out in the formal offer to purchase and bid circular and accompanying letter of transmittal and notice of guaranteed delivery.

#### **NOTICE TO U.S. HOLDERS OF IPL SHARES**

Brookfield Infrastructure intends to make the offer and sale of the BIPC Shares in the offer subject to a registration statement of BIPC and BIP covering such offer and sale to be filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Such registration statement covering such offer and sale will include various documents related to such offer and sale. INVESTORS AND SHAREHOLDERS OF IPL ARE URGED TO READ SUCH REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND ANY AND ALL OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED OR TO BE FILED WITH THE SEC IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFER AS THOSE DOCUMENTS BECOME AVAILABLE, AS WELL AS ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS TO THOSE DOCUMENTS, BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN OR WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. You will be able to obtain a free copy of such registration statement, as well as other

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BIPC is a foreign private issuer and Brookfield Infrastructure is permitted to prepare the offer to purchase and takeover bid circular and related documents in accordance with Canadian disclosure requirements, which are different from those of the United States. BIPC prepares its financial statements in accordance with IFRS, and they may not be directly comparable to financial statements of United States companies.

Shareholders of IPL should be aware that owning BIPC Shares may subject them to tax consequences both in the United States and in Canada. The offer to purchase and takeover bid circular may not describe these tax consequences fully. IPL shareholders should read any tax discussion in the offer to purchase and takeover bid circular, and holders of IPL Shares are urged to consult their tax advisors.

An IPL shareholder's ability to enforce civil liabilities under the United States federal securities laws may be affected adversely because Brookfield Infrastructure Corporation is incorporated in British Columbia, Canada, some or all of Brookfield Infrastructure's officers and directors and some or all of the experts named in the offering documents reside outside of the United States, and a substantial portion of Brookfield Infrastructure's assets and of the assets of such persons are located outside the United States. IPL shareholders in the United States may not be able to sue Brookfield Infrastructure or its officers or directors in a non-U.S. court for violation of United States federal securities laws. It may be difficult to compel such parties to subject themselves to the jurisdiction of a court in the United States or to enforce a judgment obtained from a court of the United States. IPL shareholders should be aware that, during the period of the offer, Brookfield Infrastructure or its affiliates, directly or indirectly, may bid for or make purchases of the securities to be distributed or to be exchanged, or certain related securities, as permitted by applicable laws or regulations of Canada or its provinces or territories.

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Although Brookfield Infrastructure believes that these forward-looking statements and information are based upon reasonable assumptions and expectations, the reader should not place undue reliance on them, or any other forward-looking statements or information in this news release. The actual outcome of future events could differ from the forward-looking statements and information herein, which are subject to a number of known and unknown risks and uncertainties. Factors that could cause actual events to differ materially from those contemplated or implied by the statements in this news release include the ability to obtain regulatory approvals (including approval of the TSX and the NYSE) and meet other closing conditions to any possible transaction, the ability to realize financial, operational and other benefits from the proposed transaction, general economic conditions in the jurisdictions in which we operate and elsewhere which may impact the markets for our products and services, the impact of market conditions on our businesses, the fact that success of Brookfield Infrastructure is dependent on market demand for an infrastructure company, which is unknown, the availability of equity and debt financing for Brookfield Infrastructure, the ability to effectively complete transactions in the competitive infrastructure space and to integrate acquisitions into existing operations, changes in technology which have the potential to disrupt the business and industries in which we invest, the market conditions of key commodities, the price, supply or demand for which can have a significant impact upon the financial and operating performance of our business and other risks and factors described in other documents filed by Brookfield Infrastructure with the securities regulators in Canada and the United States. Except as required by law,

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