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ESSENTIAL ENERGY SERVICES TRUST DECLARES JULY DISTRIBUTION

Calgary, Alberta – Essential Energy Services Trust (the “Trust”) (TSX: ESN.UN) is pleased to announce that the cash distribution for the month of July has been set at \$0.083 per trust unit. The distribution will be paid on August 15, 2006, to unitholders of record on July 31, 2006.

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