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ESSENTIAL ENERGY SERVICES TRUST DECLARES AUGUST DISTRIBUTION

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

Essential is an energy service trust that provides a range of essential production services to oil and gas producers across western Canada from northeast British Columbia to southwest Saskatchewan including service rigs, coil tubing, rod rigs, swab rigs, vacuum truck, pressure truck, tank truck, hydro-vac, steaming and hot oiling along with other related services. Essential focuses on post drilling production maintenance and enhancement services to ensure stable cash flows for Essential's unitholders.

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