

## NEWS RELEASE

### **ESSENTIAL ENERGY SERVICES TRUST ANNOUNCES AGREEMENT TO SELL ITS TRANSPORT DIVISION AND CORRESPONDING DISTRIBUTION REDUCTION**

CALGARY, ALBERTA June 5, 2008 – Essential Energy Services Trust (“Essential” or the “Trust”) (TSX: ESN.UN) today announced that it has entered into an agreement to sell its Transport division to Mullen Group Income Fund (“Mullen”) for cash proceeds of \$135 million (the “Transaction”). The Transaction has received the unanimous support of the Board of Directors of each of Essential and Mullen and will include a cash deposit by Mullen of \$5 million. The Transport division assets include specialized transport and fluid hauling, rig relocation, pipe hauling and oilfield hauling equipment. In the first quarter of 2008, these assets generated approximately \$34 million of revenue or 38% of Essential’s revenue, on a combined basis including Builders Energy Services Trust. All the employees of the Transport division as well as Ken Wagner, Chief Operating Officer of Essential, are expected to become employees of Mullen. Completion of the sale is subject to the negotiation and execution of a definitive agreement, due diligence, regulatory approvals and other conditions customary for a transaction of this nature. The Transaction is expected to close in early July 2008.

The distribution is being reduced to a sustainable level that balances the growth objectives of Essential with the objectives of unitholders seeking a monthly distribution. The sale of the Transport division will reduce the operating cash flow available to support the monthly distribution. Essential will reduce the distribution to \$0.015 per unit per month effective with the June 2008 distribution, payable in July 2008. With industry conditions and the outlook for oilfield services improving, Essential believes that a greater proportion of cash flow should now be re-invested in the business to take advantage of growth opportunities. Essential intends to continue as a trust in the near-term as there are tax advantages to the unitholders. The June 2008 cash distribution will be paid on July 15, 2008 to unitholders of record on June 30, 2008. The ex-distribution date is June 26, 2008.

“This transaction is a critical step to re-define the strategic focus of Essential to a pure-play downhole services company,” said Garnet Amundson, President and Chief Executive Officer of Essential. “We have addressed three important aspects of our future by streamlining the scope of service offerings, reducing debt and setting the distribution at an appropriate level. The combination of these three decisions will result in a more focused oilfield services entity with significant balance sheet strength to capitalize on present and future oilfield service opportunities in our selected service lines.”

The proceeds of the Transaction will be applied against debt outstanding, which on June 4, 2008 was approximately \$150 million.

Essential will continue to provide oilfield services to oil and gas producers in western Canada through its Rigs and Downhole Tools & Rentals divisions. The Rigs division includes 55 service rigs, ranking it as the sixth largest service rig operator by equipment count in Canada. Essential also operates coil tubing, nitrogen, wireline, downhole tools and rentals businesses. With the reduction in debt, Essential will be well-positioned to grow these service lines as opportunities present themselves.

*Essential Energy Services Trust provides a range of essential oilfield services to oil and gas producers in western Canada related to the ongoing servicing of producing wells and new drilling activity.*

*This press release contains forward-looking statements and forward-looking information within the meaning of applicable securities laws. More particularly and without limitation, this press release contains forward looking statements and information concerning the timing and completion of the Transaction and the assessment of the Trust's operations, business strategy, future development and growth opportunities, prospects, asset base and anticipated benefits from the Transaction including improved operating efficiencies, growth opportunities, value and debt levels, capital programs, and future plans. Although the Trust believes that the expectations and assumptions on which such forward-looking statements and information are based are reasonable, undue reliance should not be placed on the forward looking statements and information because the Trust can give no assurance that they will prove to be correct. Since forward-looking statements and information address future events and conditions, by their very nature they involve inherent risks and uncertainties. Actual results could differ materially from those currently anticipated due to a number of factors and risks. These include, but are not limited to, the risks associated with the oilfield services sector (e.g. demand, pricing and terms for oilfield services; current and expected oil and gas prices; exploration and development costs and delays; reserves discovery rates; pipeline and transportation capacity; weather, health, safety and environmental risks), integration of acquisitions, competition, and uncertainties resulting from potential delays or changes in plans with respect to acquisitions, development projects or capital expenditures, failure to obtain required regulatory and other approvals, and changes in legislation, including but not limited to tax laws, royalties and environmental regulations. There are risks also inherent in the nature of the proposed Transaction, including failure to realize anticipated cost savings, failure of the Transaction to be completed, incorrect assessments of the values of the assets being sold and failure to obtain the required regulatory and other third party approvals. The Trust has also provided the anticipated times of completion of the Transaction in reliance on certain assumptions that they believe are reasonable at this time, including assumptions as to the timing of receipt of the necessary regulatory approvals and the time necessary to satisfy the conditions to the closing of the Transaction. These dates may change for a number of reasons, including the inability to secure necessary regulatory approvals in the time assumed or the need for additional time to satisfy the conditions to the completion of the Transaction. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements and information contained in this press release concerning these times. Readers are cautioned that the foregoing list of factors is not exhaustive. Additional information on these and other factors that could affect Essential's operations or financial results are included in reports on file with applicable securities regulatory authorities and may be accessed through the SEDAR website ([www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)). The forward-looking statements and information contained in this press release are made as of the date hereof and the Trust undertakes no obligation to update publicly or revise any forward-looking statements or information, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, unless so required by applicable securities laws.*

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