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ESSENTIAL ENERGY SERVICES TRUST ACQUIRES JACAR HOT OIL SERVICE LTD.

Calgary, Alberta – (TSX: ESN.UN) Essential Energy Services Trust (“Essential”, or the “Trust”) is pleased to announce the closing of a transaction to acquire all of the assets and business of JaCar Hot Oil Service Ltd. (“JaCar”).

JaCar is based in Taber, Alberta with operational bases in Medicine Hat, Taber, Pincher Creek and Cayley, Alberta. JaCar has a fleet of 57 revenue generating units including 6 hot oilers, 11 pressure trucks and 36 tankers providing a range of production services to oil and gas operators across southern Alberta and into southwest Saskatchewan. JaCar also provides chemicals such as methanol and KCl (potassium chloride) solution to the oil and gas industry and maintains facilities for mixing, storage and transport of these chemicals.

“JaCar is a well known and widely respected company in southern Alberta”, said James Burns, President and CEO of Essential. “They provide a complimentary operation to our service rig, coil tubing, swabbing and flush-by operations and greatly expand the range of essential production services we can offer in this core area. This will provide economies of scale, operational synergies and improved capabilities as JaCar will operate in parallel with our existing Richmond Energy Services operations in southwest Saskatchewan. This is a strategic acquisition that provides the full range of truck based services in the south to match the capabilities we have in northern Alberta and British Columbia with our Cascade and WestVac operations.”

The total purchase price of approximately \$17.5 million consists of \$13.1 million in cash and 544,053 units of the Trust. The units will be held in escrow for a period of one year from the closing date. The cash to fund the transaction was drawn from existing credit facilities. JaCar is expected to add approximately \$4.0 to \$4.5 million in earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (“EBITDA”) to the Trust on an annualized basis. The acquisition is accretive to the Trust. Warren Vancuren, Mike Bukatka and Tim Erick, the principals of JaCar, have agreed to continue on in senior roles with JaCar and Essential to ensure continuity.

“It is important to understand that Essential has grown substantially through acquisitions in 2006 and had we owned and operated all the business units that now make up Essential through the entire first half of 2006, the aggregate pro forma EBITDA would have been approximately \$20 million”, said Duncan Au, Vice President of Business Development and CFO. “This would result in a payout ratio, or pro forma distributions as a percentage of EBITDA, of about 70%. These results include the second quarter which is traditionally the weakest. We are optimistic as the fourth and first quarters of the year have traditionally provided the best results for our operating business units,” Mr. Au concluded.

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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