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## ESSENTIAL ENERGY SERVICES TRUST ANNOUNCES JANUARY DISTRIBUTION

**Calgary, Alberta** – (TSX: ESN.UN) Essential Energy Services Trust (“Essential” or the “Trust”) is pleased to announce its cash distribution for the month of January 2008 will be \$0.05 per trust unit. The distribution will be paid on February 15, 2008 to unitholders of record on January 31, 2008. The ex-distribution date is January 29, 2008.

Essential is an energy service trust that provides post drilling production maintenance and enhancement services to oil and gas producers across western Canada from northeast British Columbia to southeast Saskatchewan including service rigs, coil tubing, rod rigs, swab rigs, vacuum trucks, pressure trucks, tank trucks, hydro-vacs, steaming and hot oiling along with other related services.

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