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ESSENTIAL ENERGY SERVICES TRUST ANNOUNCES DECEMBER 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 December 2006 will be \$0.083 per trust unit, which is consistent with the previous monthly distributions. The distribution will be paid on January 15, 2007 to unitholders of record on December 29, 2006. The ex-distribution date is December 27, 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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