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**ARTIS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST  
ANNOUNCES MONTHLY CASH DISTRIBUTION**

Artis Real Estate Investment Trust (TSX: AX.UN) ("Artis" or the "REIT") announced that its trustees have declared its regular monthly cash distribution of \$0.09 per trust unit ("Unit") of Artis for the month of August, 2010. The cash distributions will be made on September 15, 2010 to Unitholders of record on August 31, 2010.

As at the date hereof, there are an aggregate of 58,054,746 Units issued and outstanding.

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Artis is a Canadian real estate investment trust. Since 2004, Artis has executed an aggressive but disciplined growth strategy, building a portfolio of commercial income-producing properties, with a major focus on Western Canada. Artis' commercial property comprises approximately 9.6 million square feet of leasable area in 112 properties. Leasable area by asset class is approximately 29.9% retail, 32.4% office and 37.7% industrial. The portfolio is 31.3% in Manitoba, 6.6% in Saskatchewan, 46.9% in Alberta, 14.0% in B.C. and 1.2% in the U.S.

The REIT's Distribution Reinvestment Plan ("DRIP") allows Unitholders to have their monthly cash distributions used to purchase trust units, without incurring commission or brokerage fees, and receive bonus units equal to 4% of their monthly cash distributions. More information can be obtained at [www.artisreit.com](http://www.artisreit.com).

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