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**ARTIS REIT ANNOUNCES TIMING OF RELEASE OF
Q4-11 RESULTS AND CONFERENCE CALL**

Artis Real Estate Investment Trust (TSX: AX.UN) (“Artis” or the “REIT”) announced today that it intends to release its financial results for the three-month period ended December 31, 2011, after the close of the Toronto Stock Exchange on March 14, 2012.

Interested parties are invited to participate in a conference call with management on Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. CST (1:00 p.m. EST). In order to participate, please dial 1-416-340-8530 or 1-877-240-9772. You will be required to identify yourself and the organization on whose behalf you are participating.

Alternatively, you may access the simultaneous webcast by following the link from our website at http://www.artisreit.com/areit_investor.php. Prior to the webcast, you may follow the link to confirm you have the right software and system requirements.

If you cannot participate on March 15, 2012, a replay of the conference call will be available by dialing 1-905-694-9451 or 1-800-408-3053 and entering passcode #4805287. The replay will be available until March 29, 2012. The webcast will be archived 24 hours after the end of the conference call and will be accessible for 90 days.

Artis is a diversified Canadian real estate investment trust investing in office, industrial and retail properties. Since 2004, Artis has executed an aggressive but disciplined growth strategy, building a portfolio of commercial properties in Canada and the United States, with a major focus on Western Canada. Artis' commercial property comprises nearly 16.9 million square feet of leasable area in 163 properties. Leasable area by asset class is approximately 22.2% retail, 36.3% office and 41.5% industrial. The portfolio is located 9.5% in British Columbia, 29.5% in Alberta, 5.5% in Saskatchewan, 20.5% in Manitoba, 11.7% in Ontario and 23.3% in the U.S.

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