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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 March, 2017. The cash distributions will be made on April 13, 2017 to Unitholders of record on March 31, 2017.

As at the date hereof, there are an aggregate of 150,578,389 Units issued and outstanding.

Artis is a diversified Canadian real estate investment trust investing in office, retail and industrial properties. Since 2004, Artis has executed an aggressive but disciplined growth strategy, building a portfolio of commercial properties in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and select markets in the United States. As of December 31, 2016, Artis' commercial property comprises approximately 25.7 million square feet of leasable area.

During the three months ended December 31, 2016, Property Net Operating Income ("Property NOI") by asset class, including Artis' proportionate share of properties held in joint venture arrangements, was approximately 54.9% office, 20.8% retail and 24.3% industrial. Property NOI by geographical region, including Artis' proportionate share of properties held in joint venture arrangements, was approximately 4.6% in British Columbia, 29.6% in Alberta, 6.3% in Saskatchewan, 12.2% in Manitoba, 10.3 % in Ontario, 7.2% in Arizona, 17.5% in Minnesota, 8.5% in Wisconsin and 3.8% in U.S. – Other.

Property NOI is a non-GAAP measure. Artis calculates Property NOI as revenues less property operating expenses such as utilities, repairs and maintenance and realty taxes. Property NOI does not include charges for interest or other expenses not specific to the day-to-day operation of the REIT's properties.

For further information, please contact Mr. Armin Martens, President and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Jim Green, Chief Financial Officer or Ms. Heather Nikkel, Vice-President – Investor Relations of the REIT at 1.204.947.1250

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