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**ARTIS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST
ANNOUNCES SPECIAL DISTRIBUTION OF \$2.39 PER TRUST UNIT**

Artis Real Estate Investment Trust (“Artis” or the “REIT”) (TSX: AX.UN) announced that its trustees have declared a special distribution of \$2.39 per trust unit (“Unit”), which will comprise of \$0.32 per Unit payable in cash and \$2.07 per Unit payable in Units. This special distribution is in addition to the monthly distributions totaling \$0.5927 per unit during 2021. The special distribution will be payable on December 31, 2021 to unitholders (the “Unitholders”) of record at the close of business on December 31, 2021, with payment of the cash distribution to be made as soon as practicable after the payable date. The special distribution is principally being made to distribute to Unitholders a portion of the capital gain realized by the REIT from transactions completed during the year ended December 31, 2021. The cash portion of the special distribution is intended to provide liquidity to Unitholders to cover all or part of any Canadian income tax or non-resident withholding tax obligations that may arise in relation to the special distribution.

As at the date hereof, there are an aggregate of 124,555,206 Units issued and outstanding.

Tax Considerations

Immediately following the issuance of Units pursuant to the special distribution, the outstanding Units of Artis will be consolidated such that each Unitholder will hold, after the consolidation, the same number of Units as such Unitholder held before the special distribution. The amount of the special distribution payable in Units will increase the adjusted cost base of Unitholders’ consolidated Units. Canadian resident Unitholders will generally be required to include their proportionate share of the REIT’s income and net taxable capital gain for the 2021 tax year as allocated and designated by the REIT in computing their respective income for the 2021 tax year. Unitholders not resident in Canada for Canadian federal income tax purposes may be subject to applicable withholding taxes in connection with the payment of the special distribution.

Artis cautions that the foregoing comments are not intended to be, and should not be construed as, legal or tax advice to any Unitholder. Artis recommends that Unitholders consult their own tax advisors regarding the income tax consequences to them of this anticipated special distribution and related Unit consolidation.

Artis is a diversified Canadian real estate investment trust with a portfolio of industrial, office and retail properties in Canada and the United States. Artis’ vision is to build a best-in-class asset management and investment platform focused on growing net asset value per unit and distributions for investors through value investing in real estate.

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