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**ARTIS ANNOUNCES CLOSING OF EQUITY OFFERING
FOR GROSS PROCEEDS OF \$116 MILLION**

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Artis Real Estate Investment Trust (TSX: AX.UN) ("Artis" or the "REIT") announced today that it has closed its previously announced public offering of trust units through a syndicate of underwriters led by CIBC World Markets Inc. and Canaccord Genuity Corp. (the "Underwriters"), on a bought deal basis, pursuant to which Artis issued and sold an aggregate of 8,625,000 trust units ("Units") (inclusive of 1,125,000 Units issued pursuant to the exercise in full of the Underwriters' over-allotment option) at a price of \$13.45 per Unit for gross proceeds to Artis of \$116,006,250 (the "Financing").

Artis intends to use the proceeds of the Financing to acquire additional properties and/or for general trust purposes.

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 income-producing properties, with a major focus on Western Canada. Artis' commercial property comprises over 10.1 million square feet of leasable area in 117 properties. Leasable area by asset class is approximately 30.9% retail, 33.3% office, and 35.8% industrial. The portfolio is located 14.3% in B.C., 44.7% in Alberta, 6.3% in Saskatchewan, 32.2% in Manitoba, 1.4% in Ontario, and 1.1% 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.

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