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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, 2012. The cash distributions will be made on September 14, 2012 to Unitholders of record on August 31, 2012.

As at the date hereof, there are an aggregate of 109,956,776 Units issued and outstanding.

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 over 20.4 million square feet of leasable area in 196 properties. Leasable area by asset class is approximately 19.4% retail, 37.1% office and 43.5% industrial. The portfolio is located 8.4% in British Columbia, 28.9% in Alberta, 4.9% in Saskatchewan, 17.7% in Manitoba, 15.3% in Ontario and 24.8% in the U.S.

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