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ARTIS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST ANNOUNCES QUARTERLY CASH DISTRIBUTIONS

Artis Real Estate Investment Trust (TSX: AX.PR.A) (TSX: AX.PR.U) (TSX: AX.PR.E) ("Artis" or the "REIT") announced that its trustees have declared the following quarterly cash distributions:

- \$0.328125 per Series A preferred unit ("Series A Unit") of Artis for the quarter ending December 30, 2016. The cash distributions will be made on December 30, 2016 to Series A Unitholders of record on December 30, 2016. As at the date hereof, there are an aggregate of 3,450,000 Series A Units issued and outstanding.
- US\$0.328125 per Series C preferred unit ("Series C Unit") of Artis for the quarter ending December 30, 2016. The cash distributions will be made on December 30, 2016 to Series C Unitholders of record on December 30, 2016. As at the date hereof, there are an aggregate of 3,000,000 Series C Units issued and outstanding.
- \$0.296875 per Series E preferred unit ("Series E Unit") of Artis for the quarter ending December 30, 2016. The cash distributions will be made on December 30, 2016 to Series E Unitholders of record on December 30, 2016. As at the date hereof, there are an aggregate of 4,000,000 Series E 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 British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and select markets in the United States. As of September 30, 2016, Artis' commercial property comprises approximately 27.2 million square feet of leasable area.

During the three months ended September 30, 2016, Property Net Operating Income ("Property NOI") by asset class, including Artis' proportionate share of properties held in joint venture arrangements, was approximately 51.5% office, 24.6% retail and 23.9% industrial. Property NOI by geographical region, including Artis' proportionate share of properties held in joint venture arrangements, was approximately 9.0% in British Columbia, 30.2% in Alberta, 5.7% in Saskatchewan, 12.1% in Manitoba, 10.0 % in Ontario and 33.0% in the U.S.

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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