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ARTIS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST PROVIDES STATEMENT ON COVID-19

Artis Real Estate Investment Trust (TSX: AX.UN) ("Artis" or the "REIT") today provided unitholders with an update on Artis' business and the measures the REIT is taking to protect its tenants, its employees and the community as it relates to the COVID-19 virus pandemic. A message from Armin Martens, President and CEO of Artis, can be found on the REIT's website at https://www.artisreit.com/covid-19/covid-19-letter-to-unitholders/

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, 2019, Artis' commercial property comprises approximately 24.8 million square feet of leasable area.

During the three months ended December 31, 2019, Property Net Operating Income ("Property NOI") by asset class, including Artis' proportionate share of properties held in joint venture arrangements, was approximately 48.6% office, 17.9% retail and 33.5% industrial. Proportionate Share Property NOI by geographical region, was approximately 2.7% in British Columbia, 19.2% in Alberta, 6.3% in Saskatchewan, 13.0% in Manitoba, 11.1% in Ontario, 9.4% in Arizona, 21.0% in Minnesota, 9.5% in Wisconsin and 7.8% 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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