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Freehold Royalty Trust Declares Distribution for March 15, 2009

CALGARY, Alberta, February 17, 2009 – Freehold Royalty Trust (Freehold) announces that the Board of Directors has declared a distribution for the month of February 2009 of Cdn \$0.10 per Trust Unit to be paid on March 15, 2009 to Unitholders of record on February 28, 2009 (ex-distribution date February 25, 2009). Including the March 15, 2009 payment, the twelve-month trailing cash distributions total Cdn \$2.81 per Trust Unit.

Freehold's primary focus is on acquiring and managing oil and gas royalties. A majority of Freehold's production comes from royalty assets (mineral title and gross overriding royalties). The Trust Units trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange in Canada under the symbol FRU.UN.

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