

PRESS RELEASE

FAIRBORNE ENERGY TRUST CONFIRMS APRIL DISTRIBUTION OF CDN \$0.13 PER UNIT

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Fairborne Energy Trust (TSX – FEL.UN) today confirmed a cash distribution of CDN \$0.13 per trust unit for the month of April 2006. The distribution will be paid on May 15, 2006 to Unitholders of record on April 30, 2006. The ex-distribution date is April 27, 2006.

Fairborne Energy Trust is a conventional oil and gas income trust that was formed through the corporate reorganization of Fairborne Energy Ltd., completed on June 1, 2005. Trust units of Fairborne are traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol FEL.UN. Exchangeable shares of Fairborne Energy Ltd. trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol FXL.

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