

## PRESS RELEASE

### FAIRBORNE ENERGY TRUST ANNOUNCES CDN \$0.13 CASH DISTRIBUTION FOR MARCH 15, 2007 PAYMENT DATE, EXCHANGEABLE SHARE RATIO INCREASE AND UPDATES ITS 2007 HEDGING POSITION

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Calgary, Alberta

Fairborne Energy Trust ("Fairborne") (TSX – FEL.UN) today confirmed a cash distribution of CDN \$0.13 per trust unit for the month of February 2007. The distribution will be paid on March 15, 2007 to Unitholders of record on February 28, 2007. The ex-distribution date is February 26, 2007.

Fairborne today announced the increase to the Exchange Ratio of the exchangeable shares of Fairborne Energy Ltd. from 1.18895 to 1.20495. This increase will be effective on February 15, 2007.

The increase in the Exchange Ratio is calculated as follows:

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| Record Date of Distribution:  | January 31, 2007  |
| Opening Exchange Ratio:   | 1.18895           |
| Distribution per Unit:  | \$0.13            |
| Five day Weighted Average Trading Price of FEL.UN<br>(prior to the end of January): | \$9.66            |
| Increase in Exchange Ratio (**):  | 0.01600           |
| Effective Date of the Increase in Exchange Ratio:                                   | February 15, 2007 |
| Exchange Ratio as of the Effective Date:  | 1.20495           |

(\*\*) The increase in the Exchange Ratio is calculated by multiplying the Fairborne Energy Trust Distribution per Unit by the Opening Exchange Ratio and dividing by the Five-day Weighted Average Trading Price of FEL.UN.

Exchangeable shares of Fairborne Energy Ltd. trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol FXL. Holders of exchangeable shares can exchange all or a portion of their holdings into trust units of Fairborne at any time, by giving notice to their investment advisor or Computershare Trust Company of Canada at its principal transfer office at Suite 710, 530 – 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., SW, Calgary, Alberta T2P 3S8.

Fairborne is pleased to provide an update to its 2007 risk management strategy. The objective of the strategy is to assist in managing cash flows and to support capital programs and distributions. Fairborne presently has 46% of its first quarter anticipated natural gas production and 53% of its second quarter anticipated natural gas production hedged at minimum average floor prices of \$9.73 and \$7.94/MCF CDN respectively. With respect to crude oil, 41% of anticipated first quarter production and 47% of second quarter anticipated production are hedged at minimum average floor prices of \$64.22 and \$66.75/BBL US respectively.

Overall for 2007 Fairborne has 36% of its anticipated natural gas production hedged at a minimum average floor price of \$8.78/MCF CDN and 34% of its anticipated crude oil production hedged at a minimum average floor price of \$67.37/BBL US.

The following table summarizes Fairborne's current natural gas and crude oil hedging for 2007:

|                              | Q1      | Q2      | Q3      | Q4      | 2007    |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| GAS % Hedged                 | 46%     | 53%     | 22%     | 23%     | 36%     |
| Minimum AVG Price \$/MCF CDN | \$9.73  | \$7.94  | \$8.54  | \$9.03  | \$8.78  |
| Crude % Hedged               | 41%     | 47%     | 24%     | 24%     | 34%     |
| Minimum AVG Price \$ /BBL US | \$64.22 | \$66.75 | \$70.68 | \$70.98 | \$67.37 |

The targeted 2007 payout ratio (excluding exchangeable shares) related to the above pricing and \$0.13 per month in distributions is in the 60% - 65% range with the all in payout ratio (excluding exchangeable

shares) of capital expenditures plus distributions as a percentage of cash flow is targeted to be between 100% - 110%.

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