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HARVEST ENERGY TRUST CONFIRMS NOVEMBER 14th, 2003 CASH DISTRIBUTION OF \$0.20 PER UNIT

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Calgary, October 17th, 2003 (TSX: HTE.UN) – Harvest Energy Trust ("Harvest") announces that a cash distribution of \$0.20 per trust unit will be paid on November 14th, 2003 to Unitholders of record on October 31st, 2003. Harvest trust units are expected to commence trading on an ex-distribution basis on October 29th, 2003. This distribution amount represents Distributable Cash earned in the month of October 2003.

Harvest Energy Trust is a Calgary based oil and natural gas trust that strives to deliver stable monthly cash distributions to its Unitholders through its strategy of acquiring, enhancing and producing crude oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids. Harvest's assets, comprised of high quality medium and heavy gravity crude oil properties in East Central Alberta, and its hands-on operating strategy underpin Harvest's objective to deliver consistent returns to Unitholders.

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