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## HARVEST ENERGY ANNOUNCES OCTOBER 2009 DISTRIBUTION

Calgary, Alberta - October 8, 2009 (TSX: HTE.UN; NYSE: HTE) - Harvest Energy Trust ("Harvest") today announces a cash distribution in the amount of C\$0.05 per unit; payable on November 16, 2009 to all Harvest unitholders of record on October 22, 2009. The ex-distribution date for this payment is October 20, 2009.

The C\$0.05 per unit distribution is equivalent to approximately US\$0.05 per unit if converted using a Canadian/US dollar exchange ratio of 0.9492 USD/\$1.00 CAD. The U.S. dollar equivalent distribution will be based upon the prevailing Canadian/US exchange rate applied on the payment date and will be net of any Canadian withholding taxes that may apply.

The distribution declared is based on forecast commodity price levels and operating performance that are consistent with the current environment.

| <u>Record Date</u> | <u>Ex-Distribution Date</u> | <u>Payment Date</u> | <u>\$CAD Distribution Amount</u> | <u>\$USD Distribution Amount</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Oct. 22, 2009      | Oct. 20, 2009               | Nov. 16, 2009       | \$0.05                           | \$0.05*                          |

*\*This amount assumes an exchange rate of \$0.9492 USD / \$1.00 CAD, which may not reflect the exchange rate in effect on the payment date. This conversion is provided for directional information only.*

Harvest is a significant operator in Canada's energy industry offering unitholders exposure to an integrated structure with upstream (exploration, development & production of crude oil and natural gas) and downstream (refining & marketing of distillate, gasoline and fuel oil) segments. We focus on identifying opportunities to create and deliver value to unitholders through monthly distributions and unit price appreciation. Our upstream oil and gas production is weighted approximately 70% to crude oil and liquids and 30% to natural gas, and is complemented by our long-life refining and marketing business. Harvest trust units are traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") under the symbol "HTE.UN" and on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") under the symbol "HTE".

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