

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Freehold Royalty Trust Announces Cash Distribution for February 15, 2006

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**CALGARY, Alberta, January 18, 2006** /CCN/ - Freehold Royalty Trust ("Freehold") (TSX: FRU.UN) announces that the regular monthly cash distribution in the amount of Cdn \$0.18 per Trust Unit will be paid on February 15, 2006 to Unitholders of record on January 31, 2006 (ex-distribution date January 27, 2006). Including the February 15, 2006 payment, the twelve-month trailing cash distributions total Cdn \$1.90 per Trust Unit.

On a taxation year basis, Freehold paid a total of Cdn \$1.78 per Trust Unit to Unitholders during 2005. For Canadian tax purposes, Freehold estimates that cash distributions paid to Unitholders during the 2005 taxation year will be approximately 20% tax deferred ("return of capital") and approximately 80% taxable ("other income"). Freehold will confirm 2005 taxability in mid February.

Freehold is a Calgary-based oil and gas royalty trust that provides monthly cash distributions to Unitholders. Approximately 80% of production and over 90% of our distributions come from our royalty assets (mineral title and gross overriding royalties). Freehold currently has an interest in over 21,000 oil and gas wells in western Canada and Ontario. The Trust Units trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange in Canada under the symbol FRU.UN. Visit our website at [www.freeholdtrust.com](http://www.freeholdtrust.com).

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