

FREEHOLD ROYALTY TRUST

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Freehold Royalty Trust Announces Trust Unit Offering

CALGARY, Alberta/April 30, 2001/CCN/ - Freehold Royalty Trust ("Freehold") announces that it has entered into an agreement with a syndicate of underwriters led by RBC Dominion Securities Inc. for the sale of 2,350,500 Trust Units to the public at a price of \$9.65 per Trust Unit for aggregate proceeds of \$22,682,325 on a bought deal basis. Concurrent with this offering, Freehold will issue 949,500 Trust Units to CN Pension Trust Fund at a price of \$9.65 per Trust Unit for aggregate proceeds of \$9,162,675. Combined, the offerings will result in gross proceeds to Freehold of \$31,845,000. The offering is expected to close on or about May 17, 2001.

The proceeds of this offering will be utilized to fund Freehold's previously announced acquisition of properties in southeast Saskatchewan for \$27.6 million, which closed today. The properties are expected to add approximately 500 barrels per day of medium to light oil royalty production.

Freehold is unique among oil and gas royalty trusts as a majority of its distributable income is generated from royalties (mineral rights and gross overriding royalties). Freehold's Trust Units trade on The Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol "FRU.UN". Additional information is available on the Trust's Web site www.freeholdtrust.com.

The Trust Units offered will not be, and have not been, registered under the *United States Securities Act of 1933* and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or applicable exemption from the registration requirement.

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