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Freehold Royalty Trust Announces Cash Distribution for April 15, 2005

CALGARY, Alberta, March 17, 2005 /CCN/ - Freehold Royalty Trust ("Freehold") (TSX: FRU.UN) announces that the regular monthly cash distribution in the amount of Cdn \$0.12 (twelve cents) per Trust Unit will be paid on April 15, 2005 to Unitholders of record on March 31, 2005 (ex-distribution date March 29, 2005). Including the April 15, 2005 payment, the twelve-month trailing cash distributions total Cdn \$1.77 per Trust Unit.

For Canadian tax purposes, Freehold estimates that cash distributions paid to Unitholders during the 2005 taxation year will be approximately 25% tax deferred ("return of capital") and approximately 75% taxable ("other income").

Freehold is a Calgary-based oil and gas royalty trust that provides monthly cash distributions to Unitholders. Monthly distributions are supplemented by quarterly top-ups when excess funds are available. More than 85% of distributions to Unitholders comes from mineral title and gross overriding royalties, the majority of which Freehold owns in perpetuity. Freehold currently has an interest in over 17,000 oil and gas wells in western Canada. The Trust Units trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange in Canada under the symbol FRU.UN.

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