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BAYTEX ENERGY TRUST CONFIRMS MONTHLY DISTRIBUTION AT \$0.20 PER UNIT

CALGARY, ALBERTA (May 15, 2008) - Baytex Energy Trust (TSX: BTE.UN; NYSE: BTE) announces that a cash distribution of \$0.20 per unit in respect of May operations will be paid on June 16, 2008 for unitholders of record on May 30, 2008. The ex-distribution date is May 28, 2008. The U.S. dollar equivalent distribution amount is approximately US\$0.1996 per trust unit assuming a Canadian to U.S. dollar exchange rate of \$0.9980. The actual U.S. dollar equivalent distribution for unitholders who hold through a brokerage firm will be based upon the Canadian/U.S. exchange rate in effect on the payment date, net of applicable Canadian withholding taxes. Registered shareholders are paid directly by Baytex's transfer agent, Valiant Trust Company, and the distribution will be based on the exchange rate as of the record date, net of applicable withholding taxes.

Baytex increased its monthly distribution to \$0.20 per unit beginning with the payment in April 2008. It is the second such increase in the history of the Trust compared to no reduction. The annualized distribution of \$2.40 represents a cash-on-cash yield of approximately 8.5% based on the closing price of Baytex trust units of \$28.16 on the TSX on May 14, 2008.

Baytex Energy Trust is a conventional oil and gas income trust focused on maintaining its production and asset base through internal property development and delivering consistent returns to its unitholders. Trust units of Baytex are traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol BTE.UN and on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol BTE.

Forward Looking Statements

Certain statements in this press release are forward-looking statements. The reader is cautioned that assumptions used in the preparation of such information, although considered reasonable by Baytex at the time of preparation, may prove to be incorrect. Actual results achieved during the forecast period will vary from the information provided herein as a result of numerous known and unknown risks and uncertainties and other factors, many of which are beyond the control of Baytex. There is no representation by Baytex that actual results achieved during the forecast period will be the same in whole or in part as those forecast. All dollar amounts in this press release are Canadian dollars unless otherwise identified.

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