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BAYTEX ENERGY TRUST ANNOUNCES INCREASE TO EXCHANGEABLE SHARE RATIO AND RELEASE DATE FOR SECOND QUARTER 2006 RESULTS

Calgary, Alberta (August 1, 2006) - Baytex Energy Trust (TSX: BTE.UN; NYSE: BTE) is pleased to announce the increase to the Exchange Ratio of the Exchangeable Shares of Baytex Energy Ltd. from 1.45548 to 1.46610. This increase will be effective on August 15, 2006.

The increase in the Exchange Ratio is calculated as follows:

Record Date of Baytex Energy Trust Distribution:	July 31, 2006
Opening Exchange Ratio:	1.45548
Baytex Energy Trust Distribution per Unit:	\$0.18
Five-day Weighted Average Trading Price of BTE.UN (prior to the end of July):	\$24.66
Increase in Exchange Ratio ^(xx) :	0.01062
Effective Date of the Increase in Exchange Ratio:	August 15, 2006
Exchange Ratio as of Effective Date:	1.46610

^(xx) The increase in the Exchange Ratio is calculated by multiplying the Baytex Energy Trust Distribution per Unit by the Opening Exchange Ratio and dividing by the Five-day Weighted Average Trading Price of BTE.UN.

A holder of Baytex Energy Ltd. Exchangeable Shares can exchange all or a portion of their holdings at any time by giving notice to their investment advisor or Valiant Trust Company at its principal transfer office at Suite 310, 606 - 4th Street S.W., Calgary, Alberta, T2P 1T1 (telephone: 403-233-2801).

Release Date for Second Quarter 2006 Results

Baytex would also like to announce that second quarter 2006 results will be released on Wednesday, August 9, 2006, prior to market open. A conference call to discuss the results will be held for the investment community the same day beginning at 2:00 p.m. MT. The conference call will be hosted by Raymond Chan, President and Chief Executive Officer and Derek Aylesworth, Chief Financial Officer. Interested parties are invited to participate by calling toll-free across North America at 1-800-708-7126. An archived recording of the call will be available from approximately 4:00 p.m. MT on August 9 until midnight August 23, 2006 by dialing (800) 558-5253 or (416) 626-4100 within the Toronto area, and entering the reservation number 21299542. The conference call will also be archived on Baytex's website at www.baytex.ab.ca.

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.

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