AVENIR DIVERSIFIED INCOME TRUST

PRESS RELEASE

Avenir Diversified Income Trust Completes the Acquisition Makah Energy Corporation

Calgary, Alberta, Canada, August 9, 2005 - Avenir Diversified Income Trust (the "Trust") (TSX:AVF.UN) is pleased to announce that it has closed its previously announced acquisition of Makah Energy Corporation ("Makah"), a private oil and gas company, by acquiring all of the issued and outstanding common shares and options of Makah by way of a plan of arrangement (the "Arrangement").

After allowing for a planned transaction to option certain coal bed methane rights (in which the Trust will retain a working interest) as well as the value of undeveloped lands and proprietary seismic, the Trust acquired approximately 1.5 million boe of proved plus probable reserves at a cost of $17.00 per boe. On a cash flow and production basis, the transaction represents approximately 4.25 times existing annualized cash flow and $37,000 per producing boe. The Trust is now producing approximately 3,950 boe/d, 58% of which is natural gas and natural gas liquids.

The acquisition of Makah adds several key operated properties in the Trust's central Alberta focus area that enjoy excellent geographic and operational fit with existing Trust assets and the recently acquired Val Vista assets. The recent addition of key operational staff has allowed the Trust to identify, evaluate and prioritize numerous capital investment opportunities on the Trust's operated properties. The Trust is moving forward to commence an active drilling and recompletion program late in the third quarter.

The Trust is a diversified royalty and business trust which combines the cashflow streams from the three business segments of Energy, Financial Services and Real Estate with a target payout ratio of 75% to 80% in order to provide sustainable distributions.

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