

AVENIR DIVERSIFIED INCOME TRUST

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AVENIR DIVERSIFIED INCOME TRUST ANNOUNCES A 10% INCREASE IN THE AUGUST DISTRIBUTION

Calgary, Alberta – Avenir Diversified Income Trust (the "Trust") (TSX: AVF.UN) is pleased to announce its August 2004 distribution. The cash distribution will be \$0.09625 per Trust Unit, **which is a 10% increase on its previous monthly distributions.** The recently concluded oil and gas and energy services acquisitions, the new financial services contracts and continued high commodity prices has provided the Trust with the opportunity to increase distributions at this time. **The distribution will be** paid on September 15, 2004, to unitholders of record on August 31, 2004. The ex-distribution date is August 27, 2004.

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