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Crius Announces 2% Distribution Increase and Confirms First Quarter 2018 Distributions

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TORONTO, Jan. 12, 2018 /CNW/ - **Crius Energy Trust** (the "Trust") (TSX: KWH.UN) announced today that the Board of Directors of Crius Energy Administrator Inc., the administrator of the Trust (the "Board") has approved a 2% increase to distributions paid on units of the Trust ("Units"), representing an increase of \$0.0164 per Unit and a total annualized distribution of \$0.8368 per Unit. Accordingly, monthly distributions on Units for the first quarter of 2018 will be paid at a rate of \$0.0697 per Unit, representing a 2% increase over the previous annualized distribution rate of \$0.8204 per Unit.

Today, the Board declared the Trust's monthly distributions on Units, each in the amount of \$0.0697 per Unit, through the first quarter of 2018. Such distributions are payable for each of January 2018, February 2018 and March 2018 to unitholders of the Trust as set forth below.

Record Date	Period	Ex-Distribution Date	Distribution Payable Date	Distribution Amount per Unit
January 31, 2018	January	January 30, 2018	February 15, 2018	\$0.0697
February 28, 2018	February	February 27, 2018	March 15, 2018	\$0.0697
March 31, 2018	March	March 28, 2018	April 16, 2018	\$0.0697

About Crius Energy Trust

Crius Energy Trust provides investors with a distribution-producing investment through its indirect 100% ownership interest in Crius Energy, LLC (the "Company"). With over 1.4 million residential customer equivalents, the Company provides innovative electricity, natural gas and solar products to residential and commercial customers through exclusive partnerships and direct-to-consumer marketing channels. Our unique brands offer consumers a broad suite of energy products and services including fixed and variable contracts, renewable energy, and bundled products to support their energy needs beyond what is offered by their local utility. Company growth is achieved organically with customers acquired through our diversified marketing channels and through accretive acquisitions in the deregulated energy and solar industries, where there is a significant opportunity to participate in the consolidation of market participants. The Company currently sells energy products in 19 states and the District of Columbia with plans to continue expanding its geographic reach. The Company is well positioned to deliver capital appreciation and stable, growing distributions to investors.

The Trust intends to continue to qualify as a "mutual fund trust" under the Income Tax Act (Canada) (the "Tax Act"). The Trust will not be a "SIFT trust" (as defined in the Tax Act), provided that the Trust complies at all times with its investment restriction which precludes the Trust from holding any "non-portfolio property" (as defined in the Tax Act). Material information pertaining to Crius may be found on SEDAR under the Trust's issuer profile at www.sedar.com or on the Trust's website at www.criusenergytrust.ca.

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