

## **NEWS RELEASE**

## **ALTAGAS' HARMATTAN COMPLEX RETURNS TO FULL OPERATIONS**

Calgary, Alberta (August 12, 2008) – AltaGas Income Trust (AltaGas or the Trust) (TSX: ALA.UN) today announced that its Harmattan Complex has returned to full operations. The Complex, which is located approximately 100 kilometres northwest of Calgary, Alberta, had been shut down on July 24, 2008 following a fire that was confined to an oil heater. On the afternoon of July 28, the Complex resumed operations at reduced levels. At that time, the Complex was gathering and processing gas at close to normal levels, while some extraction functions were limited. As of August 11, the Complex is processing gas at pre-incident volumes, with full extraction and fractionation capabilities.

As previously announced, AltaGas is spending \$55 million on growth initiatives at its Harmattan Complex. The recent incident will not delay any of the initiatives, which include consolidating a gas plant in the Carstairs area of southern Alberta, commissioning additional gathering systems, and efficiency enhancements to increase volumes and boost reliability. These projects are underway and are expected to be in service by fourth quarter of 2008. Once complete, the initiatives are expected to increase volumes processed at this facility by between 25 and 30 percent and increase AltaGas' ethane extraction volumes by 1,800 to 2,400 Bbls/d.

AltaGas Income Trust is one of Canada's largest and fastest growing energy infrastructure organizations. The Trust creates value by acquiring, growing and optimizing gas and power infrastructure, including a focus on renewable energy sources.

AltaGas Income Trust's units are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol ALA.UN. The Trust is included in the S&P/TSX Composite Index, the S&P/TSX Income Trust Index and the S&P/TSX Capped Energy Trust Index.

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