



PRESS RELEASE - February 3, 2023

## E SPLIT CORP. ESTABLISHES AT-THE-MARKET EQUITY PROGRAM

Toronto, February 3, 2023 – (TSX: ENS, ENS.PR.A) E Split Corp. (the "Company") is pleased to announce it has established an at-the-market equity program ("ATM Program") that allows the Company to issue Class A and Preferred Shares (the "Class A Shares" and "Preferred Shares", respectively) to the public from time to time, at the Company's discretion. Any Class A Shares or Preferred Shares sold in the ATM Program will be sold through the Toronto Stock Exchange (the "TSX") or any other marketplace in Canada on which the Class A Shares and Preferred Shares are listed, quoted or otherwise traded at the prevailing market price at the time of sale. Sales of Class A Shares and Preferred Shares through the ATM Program will be made pursuant to the terms of an equity distribution agreement dated January 16, 2023 (the "Equity Distribution Agreement") with National Bank Financial Inc. (the "Agent").

Sales of Class A Shares and Preferred Shares will be made by way of "at-the-market distributions" as defined in National Instrument 44-102 Shelf Distributions on the TSX or on any marketplace for the Class A Shares and Preferred Shares in Canada. Since the Class A Shares and Preferred Shares will be distributed at the prevailing market prices at the time of the sale, prices may vary among purchasers during the period of distribution. The ATM Program is being offered pursuant to a prospectus supplement dated January 16, 2023 to the Company's short form base shelf prospectus dated January 11, 2023. The maximum gross proceeds from the issuance of the shares will be \$200,000,000 for each of the Class A and Preferred Shares. Copies of the prospectus supplement and the short form base shelf prospectus may be obtained from your registered financial advisor or from representatives of the Agent and are available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

The volume and timing of distributions under the ATM Program, if any, will be determined at the Company's sole discretion. The ATM Program will be effective until February 13, 2025, unless terminated prior to such date by the Company. The Company intends to use the proceeds from the ATM Program in accordance with the investment objectives and investment strategies of the Company, subject to the investment restrictions of the Company.

E Split Corp. invests in a portfolio comprised primarily of common shares of Enbridge Inc. ("Enbridge"), a leading North American oil and gas pipeline, gas processing and natural gas distribution company. As North America's largest midstream company, Enbridge has generated highly predictable, resilient cash flow and has provided superior dividend growth and value creation through various commodity price cycles.

The investment objectives for the Class A Shares are to provide holders with non-cumulative monthly cash distributions and to provide holders with the opportunity for capital appreciation potential. The monthly cash distribution is targeted to be \$0.13 per Class A Share

The investment objectives for the Preferred Shares are to provide holders with fixed cumulative preferential quarterly cash distributions, currently in the amount of \$0.13125 per Preferred Share, and to return the original issue price to holders of Preferred Shares on June 30, 2028. On February 1, 2023, the Board of Directors of the Company announced their intention to extend the maturity date of the Company for an additional 5-year term to June 30, 2028.

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