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CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT

Canadian Natural Resources Limited (CNQ) Stock Split

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PREPARED FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF <u>CANADIAN DERIVATIVES CLEARING CORPORATION ("CDCC") MEMBERS AND BOURSE DE MONTRÉAL INC. (the "Bourse") APPROVED PARTICIPANTS.</u> THIS DOCUMENT IS AN UNOFFICIAL SUMMARY OF THE TERMS OF THE AFOREMENTIONED STOCK SPLIT. CDCC AND THE BOURSE ACCEPT NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACCURACY OR COMPLETENESS OF THE SUMMARY.

Bourse de Montréal Inc. (the "Bourse") and Canadian Derivatives Clearing Corporation ("CDCC") hereby inform you that Canadian Natural Resources Limited ("CNQ") announced the shareholders approval on May 6, 2004 of the two-for-one stock split of the company's outstanding common shares.

Shareholders will receive one additional CNQ common share for each CNQ common share held. The exdistribution will be effective by issuing a certificate on or about Friday May 28, 2004 to shareholders of record as of the close of business on Friday May 21, 2004. The ex-date is Wednesday, May 19, 2004.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT DETAILS

CDCC Adjustment details:

Pursuant to Terms of Adjustment provided in Section A-902 of the Rules of CDCC, all CNQ options will be adjusted as follows:

> EFFECTIVE DATE: May 19, 2004.

➢ <u>OPTION SYMBOL:</u> CNQ - unchanged.

► NUMBER OF CONTRACTS: Doubled.

➤ <u>NEW DELIVERABLE PER</u> 100 CNQ common shares. <u>CONTRACT:</u>

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> STRIKE PRICES: An adjustment will be made for all existing series.

> MULTIPLIER: 100.

> <u>POSITION AND EXERCISE</u> On the effective date, Position and Exercise Limits will be increased at 75,000 contracts.

> <u>CUSIP*</u>: 136385101.

*CDCC is supplying this as information only, although every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information, CDCC cannot be responsible for any errors or omissions.

CDCC will not adjust any outstanding escrow receipts. Members who want to maintain margin relief for their entire position will be required to deposit additional escrow receipts.

Bourse de Montréal Inc. adjustment details:

It is important to note that on the effective date mentioned above, i.e. on May 19, 2004, all open orders on the CNQ options class <u>will not be automatically modified</u> to reflect the two-for-one stock split and will therefore have to <u>be re-entered again</u> into the Montreal Automated System (SAM) by the approved participants using the same symbol.

At the opening of business on May 19, 2004, Bourse de Montréal Inc. will adjust the strike prices for CNQ series as indicated below:

Canadian Natural Resources Limited		
Actual Strike Prices	New Strike Prices Effective on Wednesday May 19, 2004	Strike Price Codes
\$ 47.50	\$ 23.75	A
\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	Е
\$ 52.50	\$ 26.25	D
\$ 55.00	\$ 27.50	Y
\$ 57.50	\$ 28.75	W
\$ 60.00	\$ 30.00	F
\$ 65.00	\$ 32.50	Z
\$ 70.00	\$ 35.00	G
\$ 75.00	\$ 37.50	U
\$ 80.00	\$ 40.00	Н
\$ 85.00	\$ 42.50	V
\$ 90.00	\$ 45.00	I

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Strike prices are subject to change, depending on the underlying value closing price on Tuesday, May 18, 2004.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL CLIENTS WHO HAVE EITHER LONG OR SHORT POSITIONS IN THIS OPTION CLASS ARE ADVISED OF THIS NOTICE.

For further information, please contact your local CDCC office.

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