



PRESS RELEASE

**CANADIAN NATURAL RESOURCES LIMITED ANNOUNCES SIGNING OF PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH NORTH WEST UPGRADING AND AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA TO PROCESS BITUMEN UNDER ITS BITUMEN ROYALTY IN KIND (BRIK) INITIATIVE
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Canadian Natural Resources Limited (“Canadian Natural” or the “Company”) has entered into a partnership agreement with North West Upgrading Inc. (“North West”) to move forward with detailed engineering regarding the construction and operation of a bitumen refinery near Redwater, Alberta.

In addition, the partnership has entered into an agreement to process bitumen supplied by the Government of Alberta under the BRIK initiative. Provided the project is sanctioned following detailed engineering, Phase 1 will process 50,000 bbl/d of bitumen to finished products and will incorporate an integrated CO2 management solution. The facility can be expanded in two additional identical phases of 50,000 bbl/d of bitumen at a future date. Canadian Natural believes it is important to ensure conversion capacity is available in the mid and long term to support heavy oil demand and facilitate unlocking the value of the Company’s vast heavy oil assets in Alberta. As such, Canadian Natural has agreed to provide 12,500 bbl/d of bitumen to Phase 1 of the facility.

Canadian Natural’s President, Steve Laut commented, “This is a great opportunity for Canadian Natural to be part of a project that not only supports the Alberta Government’s efforts to create value by keeping refining in Alberta but also supports our marketing strategy to ensure conversion capacity for our products and create shareholder value. Working together with the North West management team who have extensive experience in building and operating such facilities will help ensure the success of the project and complements our well balanced and vast asset portfolio.”

Canadian Natural is a senior crude oil and natural gas production company, with continuing operations in its core areas located in Western Canada, the U.K. portion of the North Sea and Offshore West Africa.

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