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**CANADIAN NATURAL RESOURCES LIMITED
ANNOUNCES THE COMMENCEMENT OF START UP ACTIVITIES AT HORIZON
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Canadian Natural Resources Limited (“Canadian Natural”) announces that the unplanned maintenance on the Fractionating Unit in the Primary Upgrading Facility at Horizon has been safely and successfully completed.

The Horizon facility has now begun start up activities with Ore Preparation Plants, Extraction and Froth Treatment Plants starting today, March 13, 2012. Subsequently, bitumen feed into Primary Upgrading will be started followed by Secondary Upgrading with pipeline deliveries targeted to commence on March 15, 2012.

Canadian Natural is a senior 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 Africa.

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