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## CANADIAN NATURAL RESOURCES LIMITED ANNOUNCES SPECIAL DIVIDEND CALGARY, ALBERTA – AUGUST 4, 2022 – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Canadian Natural Resources Limited announces that strong execution across the Company's operations year-to-date has resulted in substantial free cash flow generation driven by our top tier long life low decline assets with low maintenance capital requirements and our low cost structure. The financial position of the Company is very robust and net debt is targeted to decrease rapidly with significant free cash flow generation allowing for incremental returns to shareholders, as such the Board of Directors has declared a special cash dividend on its common shares of C\$1.50 (one dollar and fifty cents) per common share. The dividend will be payable on August 31, 2022 to shareholders of record at the close of business on August 23, 2022.

The Board of Directors will continue to review incremental returns to shareholders going forward as part of the Company's free cash flow allocation policy. As per the policy, free cash flow is defined as adjusted funds flow less base capital expenditures and dividends, including special dividends. The Company targets to allocate 50% of this free cash flow to share repurchases and 50% to the balance sheet, less any strategic growth capital / acquisitions. In addition, when the Company's net debt reaches \$8 billion, which the Board sees as a base level of corporate debt, the Company will allocate additional free cash flow as incremental returns to shareholders.

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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