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**CANADIAN NATURAL RESOURCES LIMITED ANNOUNCES  
FIRST SHIPMENT OF SYNTHETIC CRUDE OIL FROM HORIZON  
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Canadian Natural Resources Limited (“Canadian Natural”) is pleased to provide an update on Horizon Oil Sands (“Horizon”).

On March 18th, 2009, Canadian Natural commenced first shipment of synthetic crude oil from Horizon to the sales pipeline. This is the next major milestone achieved by Canadian Natural after previously announcing first production of synthetic crude oil on February 28, 2009. Horizon is located 70 kilometers north of Fort McMurray and includes a surface oil sands mining and bitumen extraction plant with on-site bitumen upgrading and associated infrastructure to produce synthetic crude oil.

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 West Africa.

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