
**CANADIAN NATURAL RESOURCES LIMITED ACQUIRES ADDITIONAL OIL SANDS LEASES
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Canadian Natural Resources Limited (“Canadian Natural”) announces that it acquired at the December 13, 2000 Alberta government land sale, additional oil sands acreage adjacent to its Mic Mac oil sands project located north of Fort McMurray, Alberta. These new leases encompass a total area of 37,948 acres and Canadian Natural now holds a total of 96,259 acres in this area.

Canadian Natural also announces that Mr. Réal Doucet joined Canadian Natural as Vice-President, Oil Sands in the fall of 2000 to lead Canadian Natural’s development and production of its Mic Mac oil sands project. Mr. Doucet has extensive experience in the organization, development, construction and production phases of oil sands, most recently with a major Canadian producer of synthetic oil in the Fort McMurray area of Alberta. Canadian Natural’s oil sands team has recently been augmented with the addition of Mrs. Joy Romero as Extraction Process Manager and Mr. Nick Tannahill as Upgrading Process Manager.

The additional lands acquired (as shown in the attached map) will enhance Canadian Natural’s long-term growth strategy in the oil sands portion of its business and augment the orderly development of Canadian Natural’s holdings in the Fort McMurray area. The new leases also double the estimated productive life of Canadian Natural’s oil sands holdings in the area to over 50 years of bitumen production at the rate of 300,000 barrels per day (240,000 barrels of synthetic crude production per day). Canadian Natural is proceeding with the necessary regulatory approvals, scoping and feasibility studies in connection with this project. It continues to be Canadian Natural’s target to begin construction of facilities in 2004 with bitumen production commencing in 2009.

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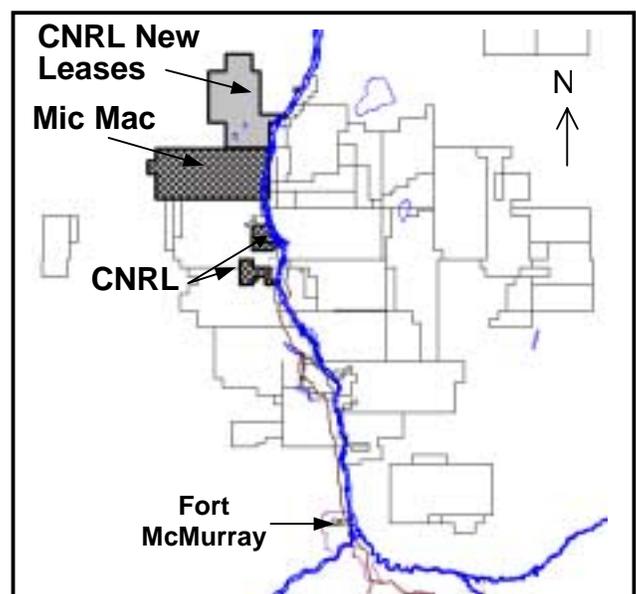
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