Canadian Overseas Petroleum Ltd Announces Canadian Court Approval Re. Cuda Wyoming Assets

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COPL Receives Canadian Court Approval for Purchase of Cuda Wyoming Assets

LONDON, May 3, 2022 - Canadian Overseas Petroleum Ltd. ("COPL" or the "Company") (XOP:CSE) & (COPL:LSE), an international oil and gas exploration, production and development company with production and development operations focused in Converse and Natrona counties, Wyoming, USA, is pleased to announce that its affiliate COPL America Inc's purchase of the Wyoming assets of Cuda Energy LLC was approved in Canada by the Court of Queens Bench of Alberta at a hearing held in Calgary on Friday April 29, 2022.

At the hearing held at the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta in Calgary on April 29, 2022, The Honourable Justice D.B. Nixon issued an Approval and Vesting Order (the "AVO") for the sale of the assets of Cuda Energy LLC by its Court Appointed Receiver and Manager to COPL America Inc. In addition, The Honourable Justice D.B. Nixon issued an Order Restricting Court Access ("ORCA") to the terms of the AVO until closing of the transaction, or a further order of the Court. A copy of the AVO and the ORCA with other associated orders and motion documents can be found on the Receiver's website: http://cfcanada.fticonsulting.com/cuda.

Final approval of the sale of the assets of Cuda Energy LLC by its Court Appointed Receiver to COPL America Inc is subject to the approval of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Wyoming. On April 22, 2022, in furtherance of obtaining such approval, the Court Appointed Receiver and Manager for Cuda Energy LLC filed with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Wyoming (the "US Court") the following:

- 1. Notice Of Motion For Entry Of Order: (I) Approving Asset Purchase And Sale Agreement And Authorizing The Sale Of Substantially All Of Cuda Energy LLC's Assets Under 11 U.S.C. §§ 363(B) And 363(M); (II) Authorizing The Sale Of Assets Free And Clear Of All Liens, Claims, Rights, Encumbrances And Other Interests Pursuant To 11 U.S.C. § 363(F); (III) Recognizing And Giving Full Force And Effect To Order[s] Of The Canadian Court Approving The Sales Procedures And The Sale Of Substantially All Assets, And (Iv) Granting Related Relief And Opportunity To Object; and a
- 2. Motion For Entry Of Order: (I) Approving Asset Purchase And Sale Agreement And Authorizing The Sale Of Substantially All Of Cuda Energy LLC's Assets Under 11 U.S.C. §§ 363(B) And 363(M); (II) Authorizing The Sale Of Assets Free And Clear Of All Liens, Claims, Rights, Encumbrances And Other Interests Pursuant To 11 U.S.C. § 363(F); (III) Recognizing And Giving Full Force And Effect To Order[s] Of The Canadian Court Approving The Sales Procedures And The Sale Of Substantially All Assets, And (Iv) Granting Related Relief (the "US Sale Motion").

A hearing before the US Court to consider and issue an order (the "Sale Order") approving the US Sale Motion is scheduled for May 26, 2022. The Sale Order by the US Court becomes final and non-appealable 14 days after issuance. Closing of the acquisition of the assets of Cuda Energy LLC by COPL America Inc, assuming the Sale Order becomes final, is anticipated to occur sometime between June 10 and July 10, 2022.

Arthur Millholland, President & CEO, commented: "We have achieved the first step in the Court approval process for the acquisition of the Cuda assets. The next step is the process mandated by Chapter 15 of the United States Bankruptcy Code as it pertains to Cuda Energy LLC. Though the timelines appear lengthy, they are part of the process as mandated by the bankruptcy laws in Canada and the United States that

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allows for the acquisition of the assets free and clear of liens and claims."

About the Company:

COPL is an international oil and gas exploration, development and production company actively pursuing opportunities in the United States with operations in Wyoming, and in sub-Saharan Africa through its ShoreCan joint venture company in Nigeria.

The Company's Wyoming operations are one of the most environmentally responsible with minimal gas flaring and methane emissions combined with electricity sourced from a neighbouring wind farm to power production facilities.

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