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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM F-10  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

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**CANADIAN NATURAL RESOURCES LIMITED**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Alberta**  
(Province or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation or  
organization)

**1311**  
(Primary Standard  
Industrial  
Classification Code  
Number  
(if applicable))

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**Not Applicable**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification  
Number  
(if applicable))

**Suite 2100, 855-2nd Street, S.W., Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2P 4J8  
(403) 517-6700**

(Address and telephone number of Registrant's principal executive offices)

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**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale of the securities to the public:**

From time to time after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

**Province of Alberta, Canada**

(Principal jurisdiction regulating this offering)

It is proposed that this filing shall become effective (check appropriate box below):

- A.  upon filing with the Commission, pursuant to Rule 467(a) (if in connection with an offering being made contemporaneously in the United States and Canada).
- B.  at some future date (check appropriate box below)
1.  pursuant to Rule 467(b) on *(date)* at *(time)* (designate a time not sooner than 7 calendar days after filing).
  2.  pursuant to Rule 467(b) on *(date)* at *(time)* (designate a time 7 calendar days or sooner after filing) because the securities regulatory authority in the review jurisdiction has issued a receipt or notification of clearance on *(date)*.
  3.  pursuant to Rule 467(b) as soon as practicable after notification of the Commission by the Registrant or the Canadian securities regulatory authority of the review jurisdiction that a receipt or notification of clearance has been issued with respect hereto.
  4.  after the filing of the next amendment to this Form (if preliminary material is being filed).

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to the home jurisdiction's shelf prospectus offering procedures, check the following box.

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE CHART**

<b>Title of each class of securities to be registered</b>	<b>Amount to be registered</b>	<b>Proposed maximum offering price per unit(1)</b>	<b>Proposed maximum aggregate offering price</b>	<b>Amount of registration fee</b>
Debt securities	US\$3,000,000,000	100%	US\$3,000,000,000	US\$347,700.00

(1) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee.

**The Registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registration statement shall become effective as provided in Rule 467 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Act, may determine.**

**PART I**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED TO BE  
DELIVERED TO OFFEREEES OR PURCHASERS**

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**The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.**

**Subject to Completion Dated July 20, 2017  
PRELIMINARY SHORT FORM BASE SHELF PROSPECTUS**

New Issue

July 20, 2017

## **CANADIAN NATURAL RESOURCES LIMITED**

**US\$3,000,000,000**

### **Debt Securities**

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Canadian Natural Resources Limited may offer for sale from time to time debt securities in the aggregate principal amount of up to US\$3,000,000,000 (or the equivalent thereof in other currencies or currency units based on the applicable exchange rate at the time of the distribution) during the 25 month period that this prospectus (including any amendments hereto) remains valid. The debt securities may be offered separately or together, in one or more series, in amounts, at prices and on other terms to be determined based on market conditions at the time of issuance and set forth in an accompanying prospectus supplement.

We will provide the specific terms of the debt securities and all information omitted from this prospectus in supplements to this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplements carefully before you invest.

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We are permitted, under the multijurisdictional disclosure system adopted by the United States and the provinces of Canada, to prepare this prospectus in accordance with Canadian disclosure requirements, which are different from those of the United States. We prepare our financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"), and they are subject to Canadian generally accepted auditing standards and the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (U.S.). As a result, the financial statements included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement may not be comparable to financial statements of United States companies.

Certain data on oil and gas reserves included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement has been prepared in accordance with Canadian disclosure standards, which are not comparable in all respects to United States disclosure standards. See "Note Regarding Reserves Disclosure".

Owning the debt securities may subject you to tax consequences both in the United States and Canada. This prospectus or any applicable prospectus supplement may not describe these tax consequences fully. You should read the tax discussion in any applicable prospectus supplement and consult with your tax adviser. See "Certain Income Tax Considerations".

Your ability to enforce civil liabilities under the United States federal securities laws may be affected adversely because we are incorporated in Alberta, some of our officers and directors and some of the experts named in this prospectus are Canadian residents, and most of our assets and all or most of the assets of our officers and directors and the experts are located outside the United States. See "Enforceability of Civil Liabilities".

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Neither the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") nor any state or provincial securities commission or similar authority has approved or disapproved of the debt securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The debt securities have not been qualified for sale under the securities laws of any province or territory of Canada and are not being and may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, in Canada or to any resident of Canada in contravention of the securities laws of any province or territory of Canada.

All shelf information permitted under applicable law to be omitted from this prospectus will be contained in one or more prospectus supplements that will be delivered to purchasers together with this prospectus. Each prospectus supplement will be incorporated by reference into this prospectus for the purposes of securities legislation as of the date of the prospectus supplement and only for the purposes of the distribution of the debt securities to which the prospectus supplement pertains.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, the debt securities will not be listed on any securities or stock exchange. There is no market through which the debt securities may be sold and purchasers may not be able to resell the debt securities purchased under any prospectus supplement. This may affect the pricing of the debt securities in the secondary market, the transparency and availability of trading prices, the liquidity of the debt securities and the extent of issuer regulation. See "Risk Factors".

Certain of the earnings coverage ratios provided in this prospectus are less than one-to-one. See "Pro Forma Earnings Coverage".

Our head, principal and registered office is located at 2100, 855 2nd Street S.W., Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2P 4J8.

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**ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS**

In this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement, all capitalized terms and acronyms used and not otherwise defined have the meanings provided in the prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement. Unless otherwise specified or the context otherwise requires, all references in this prospectus to "Canadian Natural", the "Company", "we", "us", and "our" mean Canadian Natural Resources Limited and its subsidiaries, partnerships and, where applicable, interests in other entities. In the section entitled "Description of Debt Securities" in this prospectus, "Canadian Natural", "we", "us" and "our" refers only to Canadian Natural Resources Limited, without its subsidiaries or interests in partnerships and other entities.

Unless otherwise specified or the context otherwise requires, in this prospectus, in any applicable prospectus supplement and in documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement, all dollar amounts are expressed in Canadian dollars, and references to "dollars", "Cdn\$" or "\$" are to Canadian dollars and all references to "US\$" are to United States dollars.

Our financial statements incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement are prepared in accordance with IFRS, as issued by the IASB, and they are subject to Canadian generally accepted accounting standards and the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (U.S.).

This prospectus replaces our base shelf prospectus for debt securities dated October 30, 2015.

Canadian Natural has filed with the SEC under the United States *Securities Act of 1933*, as amended (the "**1933 Act**") a registration statement on Form F-10 relating to the offering of the debt securities, of which this prospectus forms part. This prospectus does not contain all of the information set forth in such registration statement, certain items of which are contained in the exhibits to the

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registration statement as permitted or required by the rules and regulations of the SEC. Items of information omitted from this prospectus but contained in the registration statement will be available on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). You may refer to the registration statement and the exhibits to the registration statement for further information with respect to us and the debt securities.

Information on or connected to our website, even if referred to in a document incorporated by reference herein, does not constitute part of this prospectus.

### **ENFORCEABILITY OF CIVIL LIABILITIES**

We are a corporation incorporated under and governed by the *Business Corporations Act* (Alberta). Some of our officers and directors and some of the experts named in this prospectus are Canadian residents, and most of our assets and all or most of the assets of our officers and directors and the experts are located outside the United States. We have appointed an agent for service of process in the United States, but it may be difficult for holders of debt securities who reside in the United States to effect service within the United States upon those directors, officers and experts who are not residents of the United States. It may also be difficult for holders of debt securities who reside in the United States to realize in the United States upon judgments of courts of the United States predicated upon our civil liability and the civil liability of our directors and officers and experts under the United States federal securities laws. We have been advised by our Canadian counsel, Bennett Jones LLP, that a judgment of a United States court predicated solely upon civil liability under U.S. federal securities laws would probably be enforceable in Canada if the United States court in which the judgment was obtained has a basis for jurisdiction in the matter that would be recognized by a Canadian court for the same purposes. We have also been advised by Bennett Jones LLP, however, that there is a substantial doubt whether an action could be brought in Canada in the first instance on the basis of liability predicated solely upon U.S. federal securities laws.

We filed with the SEC, concurrently with our registration statement on Form F-10 of which this prospectus forms a part, an appointment of agent for service of process and undertaking on Form F-X. Under the Form F-X, we appointed CT Corporation System as our agent for service of process in the United States in connection with any investigation or administrative proceeding conducted by the SEC and any civil suit or action brought against or involving us in a United States court arising out of or related to or concerning the offering of debt securities under this prospectus.

### **FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Certain statements contained in this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement, and in the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein, may contain or incorporate by reference "forward-looking information" and "forward-looking statements" (collectively referred to herein as "**forward-looking statements**") within the meaning of applicable securities legislation, including the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements can be identified by the words "believe", "anticipate", "expect", "plan", "estimate", "target", "continue", "could", "intend", "may", "potential", "predict", "should", "will", "objective", "project", "forecast", "goal", "guidance", "outlook", "effort", "seeks", "schedule", "proposed" or expressions of a similar nature, suggesting future outcome or statements regarding an outlook. Disclosure related to expected future commodity pricing; forecast or anticipated production volumes; royalties; operating costs; capital expenditures; income tax expenses and other guidance provided throughout this prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement and the documents incorporated by reference herein or therein constitute forward-looking statements. Disclosure of plans relating to and expected results of existing and future developments, including but not limited to the Horizon Oil Sands operations and future expansions, the Athabasca Oil Sands Project and the pro forma financial, operating and reserves information relating thereto, Primrose thermal projects, Pelican Lake water and polymer flood project, the Kirby Thermal Oil Sands Project, the construction and future operations of the North West

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Redwater bitumen upgrader and refinery, and construction by third parties of new or expansion of existing pipeline capacity or other means of transportation of bitumen, crude oil, natural gas or synthetic crude oil upon which we may be reliant to transport our products to market also constitute forward-looking statements. This forward-looking information is based on annual budgets and multi-year forecasts, and is reviewed and revised throughout the year as necessary in the context of targeted financial ratios, project returns, product pricing expectations and balance in project risk and time horizons. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to certain risks. The reader should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements as there can be no assurances that the plans, initiatives or expectations upon which they are based will occur.

In addition, statements relating to "reserves" are deemed to be forward-looking statements as they involve the implied assessment based on certain estimates and assumptions that the reserves described can be profitably produced in the future. There are numerous uncertainties inherent in estimating quantities of proved and proved plus probable crude oil, natural gas and NGLs reserves and in projecting future rates of production and the timing of development expenditures. The total amount or timing of actual future production may vary significantly from reserve and production estimates.

The forward-looking statements are based on current expectations, estimates and projections about us and the industry in which we operate, which speak only as of the date such statements were made or as of the date of the report or document in which they are contained, and are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include, among others: the ability to successfully integrate the assets acquired pursuant to the Acquisitions (as defined herein) and the employees associated with such assets; future use and development of technology; the ability to implement new technology necessary to efficiently and effectively operate the assets acquired pursuant to the Acquisitions; the ability to achieve the expected environmental impacts from the assets acquired pursuant to the Acquisitions; general economic and business conditions which will, among other things, impact demand for and market prices of our products; volatility of and assumptions regarding crude oil and natural gas prices; fluctuations in currency and interest rates; assumptions on which our current guidance is based; economic conditions in the countries and regions in which we conduct business; political uncertainty, including actions of or against terrorists, insurgent groups or other conflict including conflict between states; industry capacity; our ability to implement our business strategy, including exploration and development activities; impact of competition; our defense of lawsuits; availability and cost of seismic, drilling and other equipment; our ability to complete capital programs; our ability to secure adequate transportation for our products; unexpected disruptions or delays in the resumption of the mining, extracting or upgrading of our bitumen products; potential delays or changes in plans with respect to exploration or development projects or capital expenditures; our ability to attract the necessary labor required to build our thermal and oil sands mining projects; operating hazards and other difficulties inherent in the exploration for and production and sale of crude oil and natural gas and in mining, extracting or upgrading bitumen products; availability and cost of financing; our success of exploration and development activities and ability to replace and expand crude oil and natural gas reserves; timing and success of integrating the business and operations of acquired companies and assets, including those acquired pursuant to the Acquisitions; production levels; imprecision of reserve estimates and estimates of recoverable quantities of crude oil, natural gas and NGLs not currently classified as proved; actions by governmental authorities; government regulations and the expenditures required to comply with them (especially safety and environmental laws and regulations and the impact of climate change initiatives on capital and operating costs); asset retirement obligations; the adequacy of our provision for taxes; and other circumstances affecting revenues and expenses.



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Our operations have been, and in the future may be, affected by political developments and by federal, provincial and local laws and regulations such as restrictions on production, changes in taxes, royalties and other amounts payable to governments or governmental agencies, price or gathering rate controls and environmental protection regulations. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should any of our assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary in material respects from those projected in the forward-looking statements. The impact of any one factor on a particular forward-looking statement is not determinable with certainty as such factors are dependent upon other factors, and our course of action would depend upon our assessment of the future considering all information then available.

We caution that the foregoing list of important factors is not exhaustive. Unpredictable or unknown factors not discussed in this prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement and the documents incorporated by reference herein or therein, could also have material adverse effects on forward-looking statements. Although we believe that the expectations conveyed by the forward-looking statements are reasonable based on information available to us on the date such forward-looking statements are made, no assurances can be given as to future results, levels of activity and achievements. All subsequent forward-looking statements, whether written or oral, attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by these cautionary statements.

Additional factors are described in our AIF (as defined herein) dated March 23, 2017 which is filed with the securities commissions or similar authorities in Canada and incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement. You should also carefully consider the matters discussed under "Risk Factors" in this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement.

Except as required under applicable securities laws, we assume no obligation to update publicly or otherwise revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, or the foregoing factors affecting this information, should circumstances or management estimates or opinions change.

**NOTE REGARDING RESERVES DISCLOSURE**

The securities regulatory authorities in Canada have adopted National Instrument 51-101 *Standards of Disclosure for Oil and Gas Activities* ("**NI 51-101**"), which imposes oil and gas disclosure standards for Canadian public issuers engaged in oil and gas activities. NI 51-101 permits oil and gas issuers, in their filings with Canadian securities regulatory authorities, to disclose proved and proved plus probable reserves, to disclose resources, and to disclose reserves and production before deducting royalties. Probable reserves are of a higher uncertainty and are less likely to be accurately estimated or recovered than proved reserves.

We are required to disclose reserves in accordance with Canadian securities law requirements and the disclosure of proved and probable reserves in this prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement and the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein is in accordance with NI 51-101. The SEC definitions of proved and probable reserves are different from the definitions contained in NI 51-101; therefore, proved and probable reserves disclosed in this prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement and the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein in compliance with NI 51-101 may not be comparable to United States standards. The SEC requires United States oil and gas reporting companies, in their filings with the SEC, to disclose only proved reserves after the deduction of royalties and production due to others but permits the optional disclosure of probable and possible reserves.

In addition, as permitted by NI 51-101, we have determined and disclosed the net present value of future net revenue from our reserves in our NI 51-101 compliant reserves disclosure using forecast prices and costs. The SEC requires that reserves and related future net revenue be estimated based on

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historical 12-month average prices and current costs, but permits the optional disclosure of revenue estimates based on different price and cost criteria.

This prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement and the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein contain disclosure respecting oil and gas production expressed as "cubic feet of natural gas equivalent" and "barrels of oil equivalent" or "BOE". All equivalency volumes have been derived using the ratio of six thousand cubic feet of natural gas to one barrel of oil. Equivalency measures may be misleading, particularly if used in isolation. A conversion ratio of six thousand cubic feet of natural gas to one barrel of oil is based on an energy equivalence conversion method primarily applicable at the burner tip and does not represent a value equivalency at the wellhead. In comparing the value ratio using current crude oil prices relative to natural gas prices, the six thousand cubic feet of natural gas to one barrel of oil conversion ratio may be misleading as an indication of value.

For additional information regarding the presentation of our reserves and other oil and gas information, see the section entitled "Form 51-101F1 Statement of Reserves Data and Other Information" in our AIF, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

**WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION**

*Information has been incorporated by reference in this prospectus from documents filed with securities commissions or similar authorities in Canada.* Copies of the documents incorporated herein by reference may be obtained on request without charge from the Corporate Secretary of Canadian Natural Resources Limited at 2100, 855 2nd Street S.W., Calgary, Alberta T2P 4J8, Telephone (403) 517-6700. These documents are also available through the internet via the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval, which can be accessed at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

We file with the securities commission or similar authorities in each of the provinces of Canada, annual and quarterly reports, material change reports and other information. We are subject to the reporting requirements of the United States *Securities Exchange Act of 1934*, as amended (the "**Exchange Act**"), and, in accordance with the Exchange Act, we also file reports with and furnish other information to the SEC. Under the multijurisdictional disclosure system adopted by the United States and the provinces of Canada, these reports and other information (including financial information) may be prepared, in part, in accordance with the disclosure requirements of Canada, which differ from those in the United States. You may read any document we file with or furnish to the SEC at the SEC's public reference room at Room 1580, 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may also obtain copies of the same documents from the public reference room of the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington D.C. 20549 by paying a fee. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 or contact them at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) for further information on the public reference rooms. Our filings are also electronically available from the SEC's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval system (EDGAR), which can be accessed at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov), as well as from commercial document retrieval services.

Under the multijurisdictional disclosure system adopted by the United States and the provinces of Canada, the Canadian securities commissions and the SEC allow us to "incorporate by reference" certain information we file with them, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. Information that is incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below, which were filed with certain Canadian securities commissions under Canadian securities legislation and filed with or furnished to the SEC under the Exchange Act:

our Annual Information Form ("**AIF**") dated March 23, 2017 for the year ended December 31, 2016;

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our audited annual comparative consolidated financial statements as at and for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, together with the notes thereto and the independent auditor's report thereon;

our Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2016;

our unaudited interim comparative consolidated financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2017, together with the notes thereto (the "**Interim Financial Statements**");

our Management's Discussion and Analysis for the three months ended March 31, 2017;

our Information Circular dated March 15, 2017 relating to the Annual General Meeting of our Shareholders held on May 4, 2017;

our Information Circular dated March 16, 2016 relating to the Annual and Special Meeting of our Shareholders held on May 5, 2016, excluding the disclosure under the heading "Information Regarding the Plan of Arrangement Information Regarding PrairieSky Documents Incorporated by Reference";

our Material Change Report dated March 20, 2017 relating to the acquisitions of a combined direct and indirect 70% working interest in the Athabasca Oil Sands Project (the "**Acquired AOSP Assets**"), together with working interests in other ancillary non-producing oil sands leases (collectively, the "**Acquisitions**");

our Business Acquisition Report dated July 13, 2017 relating to the Acquisitions (the "**Business Acquisition Report**");

the supplementary oil and gas information prepared in accordance with the United States Financial Accounting Standards Board ("**FASB**") Topic 932 "Extractive Activities Oil and Gas", which is contained in the section entitled "Supplementary Oil & Gas Information (Unaudited)" in our Annual Report filed on March 23, 2017; and

the pro forma supplementary oil and gas information giving effect to the Acquisitions prepared in accordance with FASB Topic 932 "Extractive Activities Oil and Gas", which was filed under the category "Other" on July 20, 2017.

Any documents of the type required by National Instrument 44-101 *Short Form Prospectus Distributions* to be incorporated by reference in a short form prospectus including, without limitation, any material change reports (excluding confidential material change reports), comparative annual financial statements and the auditors' report thereon, comparative interim financial statements, management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations, information circulars, annual information forms, business acquisition reports and any press release containing financial information for periods more recent than the most recent annual or interim financial statements filed by us with the securities commissions or similar authorities in the provinces of Canada subsequent to the date of this prospectus and prior to 25 months from the date hereof are deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

Any report that we file with or furnish to the SEC pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this prospectus shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this prospectus and the registration statement of which it forms a part, if and to the extent expressly provided for in such report. Our U.S. filings are electronically available from the SEC's Electronic Document Gathering and Retrieval System, which is commonly known by the acronym EDGAR and may be accessed at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

To the extent that any document or information incorporated by reference into this prospectus is included in a report filed or furnished on Form 40-F, 20-F, 10-K, 10-Q, 8-K, 6-K or any respective successor form, such document or information shall also be deemed to be incorporated by reference as



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an exhibit to the registration statement relating to the debt securities of which this prospectus forms a part.

Upon a new annual information form and corresponding audited annual financial statements and management's discussion and analysis being filed with, and where required, accepted by, the applicable securities commission or similar authority in Canada during the currency of this prospectus, the previous annual information form, the previous audited annual financial statements and related management's discussion and analysis, all unaudited interim financial statements and related management's discussion and analysis and material change reports filed prior to the commencement of the current financial year in which the new annual information form and corresponding audited annual financial statements and management's discussion and analysis are filed, and business acquisition reports filed prior to the commencement of the fiscal year in respect of which the new annual information is filed, shall be deemed no longer to be incorporated into this prospectus for purposes of future distributions of debt securities under this prospectus. Upon new interim financial statements and related management's discussion and analysis being filed with the applicable securities commission or similar authority in Canada during the currency of this prospectus, all interim financial statements and related management's discussion and analysis filed prior to the new interim consolidated financial statements and related management's discussion and analysis shall be deemed no longer to be incorporated into this prospectus for purposes of future distributions of debt securities under this prospectus. Upon a new information circular relating to an annual general meeting of our shareholders being filed by us with the securities commission or similar authority in Canada during the currency of this prospectus, the information circular for the preceding annual general meeting of our shareholders shall be deemed no longer to be incorporated into this prospectus for purposes of future distributions of debt securities under this prospectus.

**Any statement contained in this prospectus or in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for the purposes of this prospectus to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is, or is deemed to be, incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. The modifying or superseding statement need not state that it has modified or superseded a prior statement or include any other information set forth in the document that it modifies or supersedes. The making of a modifying or superseding statement shall not be deemed an admission for any purposes that the modified or superseded statement, when made, constituted a misrepresentation, an untrue statement of a material fact or an omission to state a material fact that was required to be stated or that was necessary to make a statement not misleading in light of the circumstances in which it was made. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus.**

In addition, certain marketing materials (as that term is defined in applicable securities legislation) may be used in connection with a distribution of debt securities under this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement(s). Any template version of marketing materials (as those terms are defined in applicable securities legislation) pertaining to a distribution of debt securities, and filed by us after the date of the applicable prospectus supplement and before termination of the distribution of such debt securities, will be deemed to be incorporated by reference in that prospectus supplement for the purposes of the distribution of debt securities to which the prospectus supplement pertains.

In addition, you may obtain a copy of the AIF and other information mentioned above by writing or calling us at the following address and telephone number:

Canadian Natural Resources Limited  
2100, 855 2nd Street S.W.  
Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2P 4J8  
(403) 517-6700

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Attention: Corporate Secretary

You should rely only on the information contained in: (a) this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement; and (b) any documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus or in any applicable prospectus supplement. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different or additional information. If anyone provides you with any different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. You should bear in mind that although the information contained in, or incorporated by reference in, this prospectus is intended to be accurate as of the date hereof or the date of such documents incorporated by reference, respectively, such information may also be amended, supplemented or updated, as may be required by applicable securities laws, by the subsequent filing of additional documents deemed by applicable securities laws to be, or otherwise incorporated by reference into this prospectus, any prospectus supplement and by any subsequently filed prospectus amendments, if any. This prospectus constitutes a public offering of debt securities only in those jurisdictions where they may be lawfully distributed and therein only by persons permitted to distribute such debt securities. We are not making any offer of debt securities in any jurisdiction where the offer is not permitted by law.

**CANADIAN NATURAL RESOURCES LIMITED**

We are a Canadian-based senior, independent energy company engaged in the acquisition, exploration, development, production, marketing and sale of crude oil, natural gas liquids, natural gas and bitumen. Our core regions of operations are in western Canada, the United Kingdom sector of the North Sea and Offshore Africa. Our head and principal office is located at 2100, 855 2nd Street S.W., Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2P 4J8.

Our common shares are listed for trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange and on the New York Stock Exchange under the trading symbol "CNQ".

**CONSOLIDATED CAPITALIZATION**

Except as described below, there have been no material changes in the consolidated share and loan capitalization of the Company since the date of the Interim Financial Statements.

In connection with the Acquisitions and as further described in the Business Acquisition Report, we issued: (i) on May 31, 2017, 97,560,975 common shares of the Company; (ii) on May 30, 2017, 2.95% notes due January 15, 2023 with an aggregate principal amount of US\$1 billion, 3.85% notes due June 1, 2027 with an aggregate principal amount of US\$1.25 billion and 4.95% notes due June 1, 2047 with an aggregate principal amount of US\$750 million; and (iii) on May 30, 2017, 2.05% medium term notes due June 1, 2020 with an aggregate principal amount of \$900 million, 3.42% medium term notes due December 1, 2026 with an aggregate principal amount of \$600 million and 4.85% medium term notes due May 30, 2047 with an aggregate principal amount of \$300 million.

For the purposes of financing a portion of the cash purchase price and expenses relating to the Acquisitions, on May 4, 2017, a syndicate of lenders committed to provide to the Company: (i) a senior unsecured 364-day term credit facility in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$6 billion on a fully underwritten basis (the "**Bridge Facility**"); and (ii) a senior unsecured three year term loan facility in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$3 billion (the "**Term Loan Facility**"). The Bridge Facility was cancelled on May 30, 2017 following the note issuances described above. The Term Loan Facility will mature on May 31, 2020 and is subject to annual amortization of 5% of the original balance. As at May 31, 2017, being the closing date of the Acquisitions, \$3 billion was drawn on the Term Loan Facility, including a US\$375 million letter of credit regarding a deferred payment due to Marathon Oil Dutch Holdings B.V. in the first quarter of 2018.

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On June 29, 2017, we entered into an amending agreement to our \$1,500 million non-revolving term credit facility maturing April 4, 2018 to extend the maturity date of the facility to October 15, 2019 and to increase the principal amount authorized under the facility to \$2,200 million. The additional \$700 million in principal under the facility was used to repay indebtedness outstanding under our existing revolving facilities and for general corporate purposes. Also on June 29, 2017, we entered into an amending agreement to our \$2,425 million revolving syndicated credit facility maturing June 30, 2019 to extend the maturity date of \$2,095 million of loan commitments under the facility to June 30, 2021, with the remaining \$330 million maturing June 30, 2019.

**USE OF PROCEEDS**

Unless otherwise indicated in an applicable prospectus supplement relating to a series of debt securities, we will use the net proceeds we receive from the sale of the debt securities for general corporate purposes relating to our core regions of operations in western Canada, the United Kingdom sector of the North Sea and Offshore Africa, which may include financing our capital expenditure program and working capital requirements in those regions. We may also use the net proceeds for the repayment of indebtedness. Pending such use of any proceeds, we may invest funds in short-term marketable securities. We may, from time to time, issue securities (including debt securities) other than pursuant to this prospectus.

**PRO FORMA EARNINGS COVERAGE**

The following pro forma earnings coverage ratios have been prepared in accordance with Canadian securities law requirements and are included in this prospectus in accordance with Canadian disclosure requirements.

The pro forma coverage ratios are calculated on a consolidated basis for the twelve month periods ended March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016 and are based on information contained within our financial statements for the related periods which were prepared in accordance with IFRS. The impact of the Acquired AOSP Assets to our earnings on a consolidated basis cannot be reliably estimated from the operating statements included in the Business Acquisition Report, which is incorporated by reference herein, therefore no earnings attributable to the Acquired AOSP Assets are included in the pro forma coverage ratios.

The borrowing cost requirements used in calculating the pro forma coverage ratios have been adjusted to take into account the following: (i) on May 30, 2017, we issued 2.95% notes due January 15, 2023 with an aggregate principal amount of US\$1 billion, 3.85% notes due June 1, 2027 with an aggregate principal amount of US\$1.25 billion and 4.95% notes due June 1, 2047 with an aggregate principal amount of US\$750 million; (ii) on May 30, 2017, we issued 2.05% medium term notes due June 1, 2020 with an aggregate principal amount of \$900 million, 3.42% medium term notes due December 1, 2026 with an aggregate principal amount of \$600 million and 4.85% medium term notes due May 30, 2047 with an aggregate principal amount of \$300 million; and (iii) any other incremental borrowing required to complete the Acquisitions, including the Term Loan Facility. Any other adjustments for normal course issuances and repayments of financial obligations subsequent to December 31, 2016 would not materially affect the pro forma coverage ratios.

The pro forma coverage ratios do not give effect to any debt securities offered by this prospectus since the aggregate amount of debt securities that will be issued hereunder, if any, and terms of issue are not presently known. The pro forma coverage ratios set forth below do not purport to be indicative

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of the actual earnings coverage ratios that would have occurred if the foregoing events had actually occurred on the foregoing dates, nor to be indicative of coverage ratios for any future periods.

	March 31, 2017 (unaudited)	December 31, 2016 (unaudited)
Earnings coverage(1)(2)	0.3x	(0.4x)

#### Notes:

- (1) Earnings coverage is equal to Canadian Natural's net earnings (loss) plus income taxes and interest expense excluding current and deferred United Kingdom Petroleum Revenue Tax ("PRT") expense and other taxes; divided by the sum of interest expense and capitalized interest, estimated to give effect to the estimated interest expense associated with the notes issuances referred to above and the application of the estimated proceeds therefrom.
- (2) For purposes of calculating pro forma coverage ratios, we have made certain assumptions regarding the interest expense associated with funding the Acquisitions. We believe these assumptions to be reasonable, but we make no assurance that the actual interest expense will not be greater than the interest expense we have assumed. If the actual interest expense is greater than the expense we have assumed, the pro forma coverage ratios may decrease.

After adjusting for the issuance and sale of the notes on May 30, 2017 and additional borrowings, our borrowing cost requirements would have amounted to \$876 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2016. Our loss before borrowing costs and income tax for the twelve months then ended was \$356 million, which is (0.4) times our borrowing cost requirements for this period. After adjusting for the issuance and sale of notes on May 30, 2017 and additional borrowings, our borrowing cost requirements, adjusted as discussed above, would have amounted to \$879 million for the twelve months ended March 31, 2017. Our earnings before borrowing costs and income tax, adjusted as discussed above, for the twelve months then ended was \$220 million which is 0.3 times our borrowing cost requirements for this period.

Our earnings coverage ratios for the twelve month periods ended December 31, 2016 and March 31, 2017 are less than one to one largely as a result of lower commodity prices. We would have required additional earnings (as defined in note (1) above) of approximately \$1.2 billion for the period ended December 31, 2016 and approximately \$660 million for the period ending March 31, 2017 to achieve coverage ratios of one to one.

### DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

In this section, "we", "us", "our" or "Canadian Natural" refers only to Canadian Natural Resources Limited without its subsidiaries or interest in partnerships and other entities. The following describes certain general terms and provisions of the debt securities. The particular terms and provisions of the series of debt securities offered by any prospectus supplement, and the extent to which the general terms and provisions described below may apply to them, will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement. Accordingly, for a description of the terms of a particular series of debt securities, reference must be made to both the applicable prospectus supplement relating to them and the description of the debt securities set forth in this prospectus. You should rely on information in the applicable prospectus supplement if it is different from the description set forth in this prospectus.



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The debt securities will be issued under a trust indenture dated July 24, 2001 originally made between us and The Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company of New York, as trustee (the "**Initial Trustee**"), as amended by a supplemental indenture dated October 28, 2011 (the "**First Supplemental Indenture**") entered into between us and the Initial Trustee and having effect only with respect to debt securities issued after the date of the First Supplemental Indenture, as amended by a second supplemental indenture (the "**Second Supplemental Indenture**") dated as of August 30, 2013 among us, the Initial Trustee and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association (the "**Trustee**"), as the successor trustee on the resignation of the Initial Trustee (the trust indenture dated July 24, 2001 as amended by the First Supplemental Indenture and the Second Supplemental Indenture referred to herein as the "**Indenture**"). Pursuant to the terms of the Second Supplemental Indenture, the Trustee has accepted its appointment as successor Trustee, Security Registrar and Paying Agent under the Indenture. The Indenture is subject to and governed by the United States *Trust Indenture Act of 1939*, as amended. A copy of the Indenture has been filed with the SEC as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

The following is, unless otherwise indicated, a summary of certain provisions of the Indenture and the debt securities issuable thereunder and is not meant to be complete and is subject to and qualified in its entirety by the detailed provisions of the Indenture. For more information, you should refer to the full text of the Indenture and the debt securities, including the definitions of certain terms not defined in this prospectus, and the applicable prospectus supplement. References in parentheses are to section numbers in the Indenture.

**General**

The Indenture does not limit the aggregate principal amount of debt securities (which may include debentures, notes and other unsecured evidences of indebtedness) that may be issued under the Indenture, and provides that debt securities may be issued from time to time in one or more series and may be denominated and payable in foreign currencies. The debt securities offered pursuant to this prospectus will be issued in an amount up to US\$3,000,000,000 (or the equivalent thereof in other currencies or currency units based on the applicable exchange rate at the time of the distribution). The Indenture also permits us to increase the principal amount of any series of debt securities previously issued and to issue that increased principal amount.

The applicable prospectus supplement will contain a description of the following terms relating to the debt securities being offered:

- (a) the title of the debt securities of such series;
- (b) any limit on the aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of such series;
- (c) the date or dates, if any, on which the principal (and premium, if any) of the debt securities of such series will mature and the portion (if less than all of the principal amount) of the debt securities of such series to be payable upon declaration of acceleration of maturity and/or the method by which such date or dates shall be determined;
- (d) the rate or rates (which may be fixed or variable) at which the debt securities of such series will bear interest, if any, the date or dates from which that interest will accrue and on which that interest will be payable and the Regular Record Dates for any interest payable on the debt securities of such series which are Registered Securities and/or the method by which such date or dates shall be determined;
- (e) if applicable, any mandatory or optional redemption or sinking fund provisions, including the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which and the terms and conditions upon which the debt securities of such series may be redeemed or purchased at the option of Canadian Natural or otherwise;

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- (f) if applicable, whether the debt securities of such series will be issuable in registered form or bearer form or both, and, if issuable in bearer form, the restrictions as to the offer, sale and delivery of the debt securities of such series in bearer form and as to exchanges between registered and bearer form;
- (g) whether the debt securities of such series will be issuable in the form of one or more Registered Global Securities and, if so, the identity of the Depository for those Registered Global Securities;
- (h) the denominations in which any of the debt securities of such series which are in registered form will be issuable, if other than denominations of US\$1,000 and any multiple thereof, and the denominations in which any of the debt securities of such series which are in bearer form will be issuable, if other than the denomination of US\$1,000;
- (i) each office or agency where the principal of and any premium and interest on the debt securities of such series will be payable, and each office or agency where the debt securities of such series may be presented for registration of transfer or exchange;
- (j) if other than United States dollars, the foreign currency or the units based on or relating to foreign currencies in which the debt securities of such series are denominated and/or in which the payment of the principal of and any premium and interest on the debt securities of such series will or may be payable;
- (k) any index pursuant to which the amount of payments of principal of and any premium and interest on the debt securities of such series will or may be determined;
- (l) any applicable Canadian and U.S. federal income tax consequences;
- (m) whether and under what circumstances we will pay Additional Amounts on the debt securities of such series in respect of certain taxes (and the terms of any such payment) and, if so, whether we will have the option to redeem the debt securities of such series rather than pay the Additional Amounts (and the terms of any such option);
- (n) any deletions from, modifications of or additions to the Events of Default or covenants of Canadian Natural with respect to such debt securities, whether or not such Events of Default or covenants are consistent with the Events of Default or covenants set forth herein; and
- (o) any other terms of the debt securities of such series.

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, the Indenture does not afford the Holders the right to tender debt securities to us for repurchase, or provide for any increase in the rate or rates of interest per annum at which the debt securities will bear interest, in the event we become involved in a highly leveraged transaction or in the event that we undergo a change in control.

Debt securities may be issued under the Indenture bearing no interest or interest at a rate below the prevailing market rate at the time of issuance and may be offered and sold at a discount below their stated principal amount. The Canadian and U.S. federal income tax consequences and other special considerations applicable to those discounted debt securities or other debt securities offered and sold at par which are treated as having been issued at a discount for Canadian and/or U.S. federal income tax purposes will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to the debt securities.

**Ranking and Other Indebtedness**

The debt securities will be unsecured obligations of ours and, unless otherwise provided in the prospectus supplement relating to such debt securities, will rank *pari passu* with all our other unsecured and unsubordinated debt from time to time outstanding and *pari passu* with other debt securities issued under the Indenture. The debt securities will be structurally subordinated to all existing and future



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liabilities of any of our corporate or partnership subsidiaries, including trade payables and other indebtedness.

**Registered Global Securities**

Unless otherwise indicated in a prospectus supplement, a series of debt securities will be issued in the form of one or more Registered Global Securities which will be registered in the name of and be deposited with a Depository, or its nominee, each of which will be identified in the prospectus supplement relating to that series. Unless and until exchanged, in whole or in part, for debt securities in definitive registered form, a Registered Global Security may not be transferred except as a whole by the Depository for a Registered Global Security to a nominee of that Depository, by a nominee of that Depository to that Depository or another nominee of that Depository or by that Depository or any nominee of that Depository to a successor of that Depository or a nominee of a successor of that Depository.

The specific terms of the depository arrangement with respect to any portion of a particular series of debt securities to be represented by a Registered Global Security will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to that series. Canadian Natural anticipates that the following provisions will apply to all depository arrangements.

Upon the issuance of a Registered Global Security, the Depository or its nominee will credit, on its book entry and registration system, the respective principal amounts of the debt securities represented by that Registered Global Security to the accounts of those persons having accounts with that Depository or its nominee ("**participants**") as shall be designated by the underwriters, investment dealers or agents participating in the distribution of those debt securities or by us if those debt securities are offered and sold directly by us. Ownership of beneficial interests in a Registered Global Security will be limited to participants or persons that may hold beneficial interests through participants. Ownership of beneficial interests in a Registered Global Security will be shown on, and the transfer of the ownership of those beneficial interests will be effected only through, records maintained by the Depository therefor or its nominee (with respect to beneficial interests of participants) or by participants or persons that hold through participants (with respect to interests of persons other than participants).

The laws of some states in the United States require certain purchasers of securities to take physical delivery of the debt securities in definitive form. These depository arrangements and these laws may impair the ability to transfer beneficial interests in a Registered Global Security.

So long as the Depository for a Registered Global Security or its nominee is the registered owner of the debt securities, that Depository or its nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner or Holder of the debt securities represented by that Registered Global Security for all purposes under the Indenture. Except as provided below, owners of beneficial interests in a Registered Global Security will not be entitled to have debt securities of the series represented by that Registered Global Security registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of debt securities of that series in definitive form and will not be considered the owners or Holders of those debt securities under the Indenture.

Principal, premium, if any, and interest payments on a Registered Global Security registered in the name of a Depository or its nominee will be made to that Depository or nominee, as the case may be, as the registered owner of that Registered Global Security. Neither we, the Trustee nor any paying agent for debt securities of the series represented by that Registered Global Security will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial interests in that Registered Global Security or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to those beneficial interests.

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We expect that the Depository for a Registered Global Security or its nominee, upon receipt of any payment of principal, premium or interest, will immediately credit participants' accounts with payments in amounts proportionate to their respective beneficial interests in the principal amount of that Registered Global Security as shown on the records of that Depository or its nominee. We also expect that payments by participants to owners of beneficial interests in that Registered Global Security held through those participants will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers registered in "street name", and will be the responsibility of those participants.

If the Depository for a Registered Global Security representing debt securities of a particular series is at any time unwilling or unable to continue as Depository, or if the Depository is no longer eligible to continue as Depository, and a successor Depository is not appointed by us within 90 days, or if an Event of Default described in clauses (a) or (b) of the first sentence under "Events of Default" below with respect to a particular series of debt securities has occurred and is continuing, we will issue Registered Securities of that series in definitive form in exchange for that Registered Global Security. In addition, we may at any time and in our sole discretion determine not to have the debt securities of a particular series represented by one or more Registered Global Securities and, in that event, will issue Registered Securities of that series in definitive form in exchange for all of the Registered Global Securities representing debt securities of that series.

**Debt Securities in Definitive Form**

If indicated in an applicable prospectus supplement, the debt securities may be issued in definitive form without coupons. Debt securities in definitive form may be presented for exchange and for registration of transfer in the manner, at the places and, subject to the restrictions set forth in the Indenture and in the applicable prospectus supplement, without service charge, but upon payment of any taxes or other governmental charges due in connection therewith. We have appointed the Trustee as Security Registrar. Debt securities in bearer form and the coupons appertaining thereto, if any, will be transferable by delivery.

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, payment of the principal of and any premium and interest on debt securities in definitive form will be made at the office or agency of the Trustee except that, at our option, payment of any interest may be made (a) by check mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto as that Person's address will appear in the Security Register or (b) by wire transfer to an account maintained by the Person entitled thereto as specified in the Security Register.

**Negative Pledge**

The Indenture includes our covenant that, so long as any of the debt securities remain outstanding, we will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary to, create, assume or otherwise have outstanding any Security Interest, except for Permitted Encumbrances, on or over its or their respective assets (present or future) securing any Indebtedness of any Person without also at the same time or prior to that time securing equally and ratably with other Indebtedness all of the debt securities then Outstanding under the Indenture.

**Certain Definitions**

Set forth below is a summary of certain of the defined terms used in the Indenture. Reference is made to the Indenture for the full definitions of all such terms.

The term "*Capital Lease Obligation*" means the obligation of a Person, as lessee, to pay rent or other amounts to the lessor under a lease of real or personal property which is required to be classified

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and accounted for as a capital lease on a consolidated balance sheet of such Person in accordance with GAAP.

The term "*Consolidated Net Tangible Assets*" means the total amount of assets of any Person on a consolidated basis (less applicable reserves and other properly deductible items) after deducting therefrom:

- (a) all current liabilities (excluding any indebtedness classified as a current liability and any current liabilities, in each case which are by their terms extendible or renewable at the option of the obligor thereon to a time more than 12 months after the time as of which the amount thereof is being computed);
- (b) all goodwill, trade names, trademarks, patents and other like intangibles; and
- (c) non-controlling interests in subsidiaries as defined under GAAP,

in each case, as shown on the most recent annual audited or quarterly unaudited consolidated balance sheet of such Person computed in accordance with GAAP.

The term "*Current Assets*" means current assets as determined in accordance with GAAP.

The term "*Financial Instrument Obligations*" means obligations arising under:

- (a) interest rate swap agreements, forward rate agreements, floor, cap or collar agreements, futures or options, insurance or other similar agreements or arrangements, or any combination thereof, entered into by a Person of which the subject matter is interest rates or pursuant to which the price, value or amount payable thereunder is dependent or based upon interest rates in effect from time to time or fluctuations in interest rates occurring from time to time;
- (b) currency swap agreements, cross-currency agreements, forward agreements, floor, cap or collar agreements, futures or options, insurance or other similar agreements or arrangements, or any combination thereof, entered into by a Person of which the subject matter is currency exchange rates or pursuant to which the price, value or amount payable thereunder is dependent or based upon currency exchange rates in effect from time to time or fluctuations in currency exchange rates occurring from time to time; and
- (c) commodity swap or hedging agreements, floor, cap or collar agreements, commodity futures or options or other similar agreements or arrangements, or any combination thereof, entered into by a Person of which the subject matter is one or more commodities or pursuant to which the price, value or amount payable thereunder is dependent or based upon the price of one or more commodities in effect from time to time or fluctuations in the price of one or more commodities occurring from time to time.

The term "*GAAP*" means generally accepted accounting principles which are in effect from time to time in Canada.

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The term "*Indebtedness*" means at any time, and whether or not contingent, all items of indebtedness in respect of any amounts borrowed which, in accordance with GAAP, would be recorded as indebtedness in the consolidated financial statements of Canadian Natural as at the date as of which Indebtedness is to be determined, and in any event including, without duplication (i) any obligation for borrowed money, (ii) any obligation evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes, guarantees or other similar instruments, including, without limitation, any such obligations incurred in connection with the acquisition of property, assets or businesses, (iii) any Purchase Money Obligation, (iv) any reimbursement obligation with respect to letters of credit, bankers' acceptances or similar facilities, (v) any obligation issued or assumed as the deferred purchase price of property or services, (vi) any Capital Lease Obligation, (vii) any obligation to pay rent or other payment amounts with respect to any Sale and Leaseback Transaction, (viii) any payment obligation under Financial Instrument Obligations at the time of determination, (ix) any indebtedness in respect of any amounts borrowed or any Purchase Money Obligation secured by any Security Interest existing on property owned subject to such Security Interest, whether or not the indebtedness or Purchase Money Obligation secured thereby shall have been assumed and (x) guarantees, indemnities, endorsements (other than endorsements for collection in the ordinary course of business) or other contingent liabilities in respect of obligations of another Person for indebtedness of that other Person in respect of any amounts borrowed by that other Person.

The term "*Permitted Encumbrances*" means any of the following:

- (a) any Security Interest existing as of the date of the first issuance by us of the debt securities issued pursuant to the Indenture;
- (b) any Security Interest on pipelines, pumping stations or other pipeline facilities, drilling equipment, production equipment and platforms; tank cars, tankers, barges, ships, trucks, automobiles, airplanes or other marine, automotive, aeronautical or other similar moveable facilities or equipment, computer systems and associated programs; office equipment; weather stations; townsites; housing facilities, recreation halls, stores and other related facilities; gasification or natural gas liquefying facilities and burning towers, flares or stacks; retail service stations, bulk plants, storage facilities, terminals or warehouses; or similar facilities and equipment of or associated with any of the foregoing; provided, in each case, that such Security Interest is incurred to finance the acquisition of such property or assets within 90 days after such acquisition and such Security Interest shall be limited to the specified property or assets being financed;
- (c) (i) any Security Interest on any specific properties or any interest therein, construction thereon or improvement thereto, and on any receivables, inventory, equipment, chattel paper, contract rights, intangibles and other assets, rights or collateral specifically connected with such properties, incurred (A) to secure all or any part of the financing for acquisition, surveying, exploration, drilling, extraction, development, operation, production, construction, alteration, repair or improvement of, in, under or on such properties and the plugging and abandonment of wells located thereon (it being understood that, in the case of oil and natural gas producing properties (including oil sands properties), or any interest therein, financing incurred for "development" shall include financing incurred for all facilities relating to such properties or to projects, ventures or other arrangements of which such properties form a part or which relate to such properties or interests), or (B) for acquiring ownership of any Person which owns any such property or interest therein, provided that such Security Interest is limited to such property or such interest therein owned by any such Person; and (ii) any Security Interest on an oil and/or natural gas producing property (including oil sands properties) to secure Indebtedness incurred in connection with or necessarily incidental to commitments for the purchase or sale of, or the transportation or distribution of, the products derived from such property;

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- (d) any Security Interest in favor of Canadian Natural or any of its wholly-owned Subsidiaries;
- (e) any Security Interest existing on the property of any Person at the time such Person becomes a Subsidiary, or arising thereafter pursuant to contractual commitments entered into prior to and not in contemplation of such Person becoming a Subsidiary;
- (f) any Security Interest on property of a Person which Security Interest exists at the time such Person is merged into, or amalgamated or consolidated with, Canadian Natural or a Subsidiary, or such property is otherwise acquired by Canadian Natural or a Subsidiary, provided such Security Interest does not extend to property owned by Canadian Natural or such Subsidiary immediately prior to such merger, amalgamation, consolidation or acquisition;
- (g) any Security Interest on Current Assets securing any Indebtedness to any bank or banks or other lending institution or institutions incurred in the ordinary course of business and for the purpose of carrying on the same, repayable on demand or maturing within 12 months of the date when such Indebtedness is incurred or the date of any renewal or extension thereof, provided that such security is given at the time that the Indebtedness is incurred;
- (h) any Security Interest in respect of (i) liens for taxes and assessments not at the time overdue or any liens securing workmen's compensation assessments, unemployment insurance or other social security obligations; provided, however, that if any such liens, duties or assessments are then overdue, Canadian Natural or the Subsidiary, as the case may be, shall be prosecuting an appeal or proceedings for review with respect to which it shall have secured a stay in the enforcement of any such obligations, (ii) any liens for specified taxes and assessments which are overdue but the validity of which is being contested at the time by Canadian Natural or the Subsidiary, as the case may be, in good faith, and with respect to which Canadian Natural or the Subsidiary shall have secured a stay of enforcement thereof, if applicable, (iii) any liens or rights of distress reserved in or exercisable under any lease for rent and for compliance with the terms of such lease, (iv) any obligations or duties, affecting the property of Canadian Natural or that of a Subsidiary to any municipality or governmental, statutory or public authority, with respect to any franchise, grant, license, lease or permit and any defects in title to structures or other facilities arising solely from the fact that such structures or facilities are constructed or installed on lands held by Canadian Natural or the Subsidiary under government permits, licenses, leases or other grants, which obligations, duties and defects in the aggregate do not materially impair the use of such property, structures or facilities for the purpose for which they are held by Canadian Natural or the Subsidiary, (v) any deposits or liens in connection with contracts, bids, tenders or expropriation proceedings, surety or appeal bonds, costs of litigation when required by law, public and statutory obligations, liens or claims incidental to current construction, builders', mechanics', laborers', materialmen's, warehousemen's, carrier's and other similar liens, (vi) the right reserved to or vested in any municipality or governmental or other public authority by any statutory provision or by the terms of any lease, license, franchise, grant or permit, that affects any land, to terminate any such lease, license, franchise, grant or permit or to require annual or other periodic payments as a condition to the continuance thereof, (vii) any Security Interest the validity of which is being contested at the time by Canadian Natural or a Subsidiary in good faith or payment of which has been provided for by deposit with the Trustee of an amount in cash sufficient to pay the same in full, (viii) any easements, rights-of-way and servitudes (including, without in any way limiting the generality of the foregoing, easements, rights-of-way and servitudes for railways, sewers, dykes, drains, pipelines, natural gas and water mains or electric light and power or telephone conduits, poles, wires and cables) that, in the opinion of Canadian Natural, will not in the aggregate materially and adversely impair the use or value of the land concerned for the purpose for which it is held by Canadian Natural or the Subsidiary, as the case may be, (ix) any security to a public utility or any municipality or governmental or other



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public authority when required by such utility or other authority in connection with the operations of Canadian Natural or the Subsidiary, as the case may be, and (x) any liens and privileges arising out of judgments or awards with respect to which Canadian Natural or the Subsidiary shall be prosecuting an appeal or proceedings for review and with respect to which it shall have secured a stay of execution pending such appeal or proceedings for review;

- (i) any Security Interest arising under partnership agreements, oil and natural gas leases, overriding royalty agreements, net profits agreements, production payment agreements, royalty trust agreements, master limited partnership agreements, farm-out agreements, division orders, contracts for the sale, purchase, exchange, transportation, gathering or processing of oil, natural gas or other hydrocarbons or by-product thereof, unitizations and pooling designations, declarations, orders and agreements, development agreements, operating agreements, production sales contracts (including security in respect of take or pay or similar obligations thereunder), area of mutual interest agreements, natural gas balancing or deferred production agreements, injection, repressuring and recycling agreements, salt water or other disposal agreements, seismic or geophysical permits or agreements, which in each of the foregoing cases is customary in the oil and natural gas business, and other agreements which are customary in the oil and natural gas business, provided in all instances that such Security Interest is limited to the assets that are the subject of the relevant agreement;
- (j) any Security Interest on cash or marketable securities of Canadian Natural or any Subsidiary granted in the ordinary course of business in connection with Financial Instrument Obligations;
- (k) any Security Interest in respect of the sale (including any forward sale) or other transfer, in the ordinary course of business, of (i) oil, natural gas, other hydrocarbons or by-product thereof, or other minerals, whether in place or when produced, for a period of time until, or in an amount such that, the purchaser will realize therefrom a specified amount of money (however determined) or a specified amount of such minerals and (ii) any other interests in property of a character commonly referred to as a "production payment";
- (l) any extension, renewal, alteration or replacement (or successive extensions, renewals, alterations or replacements) in whole or in part, of any Security Interest referred to in the foregoing clauses (a) through (k) inclusive, provided the principal amount thereof is not increased and provided that such extension, renewal, alteration or replacement shall be limited to all or a part of the property or other assets which secured the Security Interest so extended, renewed, altered or replaced (plus improvements on such property or other assets); and
- (m) any Security Interests that would otherwise be prohibited (including any extensions, renewals, alterations or replacements thereof) provided that the aggregate Indebtedness outstanding and secured under this clause (m) does not (calculated at the time of the granting of the Security Interest) exceed an amount equal to 10 percent of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets.

The term "*Person*" means any individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

The term "*Purchase Money Obligation*" means any monetary obligation created or assumed as part of the purchase price of real or tangible personal property, whether or not secured, any extensions, renewals or refundings of any such obligation, provided that the principal amount of such obligation on the date of such extension, renewal or refunding is not increased and further provided that any security given in respect of such obligation shall not extend to any property other than the property acquired in

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connection with which such obligation was created or assumed and fixed improvements, if any, thereto or erected or constructed thereon.

The term "*Sale and Leaseback Transaction*" means any direct or indirect arrangement (excluding, however, any such arrangement between Canadian Natural and a Subsidiary or between one or more Subsidiaries) pursuant to which property is sold or transferred and is thereafter leased back from the purchaser or transferee thereof.

The term "*Security Interest*" means any security by way of an assignment, mortgage, charge, pledge, lien, encumbrance, title retention agreement or other security interest whatsoever, howsoever created or arising, whether absolute or contingent, fixed or floating, perfected or not; however, for purposes of the "Negative Pledge" covenant only, such term shall not include any encumbrance that may be deemed to arise solely as a result of entering into an agreement, not in violation of the terms of the Indenture, to sell or otherwise transfer assets or property.

The term "*Shareholders' Equity*" means the aggregate amount of shareholders' equity of a Person as shown on the most recent annual audited or unaudited interim consolidated balance sheet of such Person and computed in accordance with GAAP.

The term "*Significant Subsidiary*" means a Subsidiary that constitutes a "significant subsidiary" as defined in Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X of the Exchange Act.

The term "*Subsidiary*" means any corporation or other Person of which there are owned, directly or indirectly, by or for Canadian Natural or by or for any corporation or other Person in like relation to Canadian Natural, Voting Shares or other interests which, in the aggregate, entitle the holders thereof to cast more than 50 percent of the votes which may be cast by the holders of all outstanding Voting Shares of such first mentioned corporation or other Person for the election of its directors or, in the case of any Person which is not a corporation, Persons having similar powers or (if there are no such persons) entitle the holders thereof to more than 50 percent of the income or capital interests (however called) thereon and includes any corporation in like relation to a Subsidiary; provided, however, that such term will not include, for purposes of the "Negative Pledge" covenant only, any Subsidiary if the assets of the Subsidiary do not at the time exceed 2 percent of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets.

The term "*Voting Shares*" means shares of capital stock of any class of a corporation and other interests of any other Persons having under all circumstances the right to vote for the election of the directors of such corporation or in the case of any Person which is not a corporation, Persons having similar powers or (if there are no such Persons) income or capital interests (however called), provided that, for the purpose of this definition, shares or other interests which only carry the right to vote conditionally on the happening of an event shall not be considered Voting Shares whether or not such event shall have happened.

**Events of Default**

The occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the debt securities of any series will constitute an "Event of Default" with respect to the debt securities of that series:

- (a) default by Canadian Natural in payment of all or any part of the principal of any of the debt securities of that series when the same becomes due under any provision of the Indenture or of those debt securities;
- (b) default by Canadian Natural in payment of any interest due on any of the debt securities of that series, or Additional Amounts on any of the debt securities of that series when they become due and payable, and continuance of that default for a period of 30 days;

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- (c) default by Canadian Natural in observing or performing any of the covenants described below under "Consolidation, Merger, Amalgamation and Sale of Assets";
- (d) default by Canadian Natural in observing or performing any other of its covenants or conditions contained in the Indenture or in the debt securities of that series and continuance of that default for a period of 60 days after written notice as provided in the Indenture;
- (e) default by Canadian Natural or any Subsidiary in payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any Indebtedness for borrowed money having an outstanding principal amount in excess of the greater of \$75 million and 2 percent of the Shareholders' Equity of Canadian Natural in the aggregate at the time of default or default in the performance of any other covenant of Canadian Natural or any Subsidiary contained in any instrument under which that indebtedness is created or issued and the holders thereof, or a trustee, if any, for those holders, declare that indebtedness to be due and payable prior to the stated maturities of that indebtedness ("**accelerated indebtedness**"), and such acceleration shall not be rescinded or annulled, or such default under such instrument shall not be remedied or cured, whether by payment or otherwise, or waived by the holders of such indebtedness, provided that if such accelerated indebtedness is the result of an event of default which is not related to the failure to pay principal or interest on the terms, at the times and on the conditions set forth in such instrument, it will not be considered an Event of Default under this clause (e) until 15 days after such acceleration;
- (f) certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency, winding up, liquidation or dissolution relating to Canadian Natural or any Significant Subsidiary;
- (g) the taking or entry of certain judgments or decrees against Canadian Natural or any Subsidiary for the payment of money in excess of the greater of \$75 million and 2 percent of the Shareholders' Equity of Canadian Natural in the aggregate, if Canadian Natural or such Subsidiary, as the case may be, fails to file an appeal or, if Canadian Natural or such Subsidiary, as the case may be, does file an appeal, that judgment or decree is not and does not remain vacated, discharged or stayed as provided in the Indenture; or
- (h) any other Event of Default provided with respect to debt securities of that series.

If an Event of Default described in clause (a) or (b) above occurs and is continuing with respect to debt securities of any series, unless the principal of all of the debt securities of that series shall have already become due and payable, the Trustee may, in its discretion, and shall upon request in writing made by the Holders of not less than 25 percent in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of that series then Outstanding, declare the principal of (and premium, if any, on) all the debt securities of that series then Outstanding and the interest accrued thereon and all other money, if any, owing under the provisions of the Indenture in respect of those debt securities to be due and payable immediately on demand. If an Event of Default described in clause (d) or (h) above occurs and is continuing with respect to the debt securities of one or more series, unless the principal of all of the debt securities of the affected series shall have already become due and payable, the Trustee may, in its discretion, and shall upon request in writing made by the Holders of not less than 25 percent in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of all such affected series then Outstanding (voting as one class), declare the principal of (and premium, if any, on) all the debt securities of all the affected series then Outstanding and the interest accrued thereon and all other money, if any, owing under the provisions of the Indenture in respect of those debt securities to be due and payable immediately on demand. If an Event of Default described in clause (c), (e), (f) or (g) above occurs and is continuing, unless the principal of all debt securities then Outstanding shall have already become due and payable, the Trustee may, in its discretion, and shall upon request in writing made by the Holders of not less than 25 percent in aggregate principal amount of all the debt securities then Outstanding (voting as one class), declare the principal of (and premium, if any, on) all the debt securities then Outstanding

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and the interest accrued thereon and all other money, if any, owing under the provisions of the Indenture in respect of those debt securities to be due and payable immediately on demand.

Upon certain conditions, any declaration of this kind may be cancelled if all Events of Default with respect to the debt securities of all those affected series then Outstanding shall have been cured or waived as provided in the Indenture by the Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of the affected series then Outstanding (voting as one class, except in the case of Events of Default described in clauses (a) and (b) of the first sentence of the preceding paragraph, as to which each series so affected will vote as a separate class). See "Modification and Waiver" below. Reference is made to the applicable prospectus supplement or supplements relating to any series of Original Issue Discount Securities for the particular provisions relating to the acceleration of a portion of the principal amount thereof upon the occurrence and continuance of an Event of Default with respect thereto.

The Indenture provides that the Trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the Indenture at the request or direction of the Holders, unless those Holders shall have provided to the Trustee reasonable indemnity. Subject to those provisions for indemnity and certain other limitations contained in the Indenture, the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of all affected series then Outstanding (voting as one class) will have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee, with respect to the debt securities of those affected series.

The Indenture provides that no Holder of the debt securities of any series will have any right to institute any proceeding with respect to the Indenture or for any remedy thereunder, unless (a) that Holder shall have previously given to the Trustee written notice of a continuing Event of Default with respect to the debt securities of that series, (b) the Holders of not less than 25 percent in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of all affected series then Outstanding (voting as one class) shall have made written request, and provided reasonable indemnity, to the Trustee to institute that proceeding, (c) the Trustee shall have failed to institute that proceeding within 60 days after that notification, request and offer of indemnity and (d) the Trustee shall not have received from the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of all affected series then Outstanding (voting as one class) a direction inconsistent with that request during such 60 day period. However, the Holder of any Security will have an absolute right to receive payment of the principal of and any premium and interest on that Security on or after the due dates expressed in that Security and to institute suit for the enforcement of any of these payments. The Indenture requires Canadian Natural to furnish to the Trustee annually an Officers' Certificate as to the compliance by Canadian Natural with certain covenants, conditions or other requirements contained in the Indenture and as to any non-compliance therewith.

The Indenture provides that the Trustee may withhold notice to the Holders of the debt securities of one or more series of any default affecting those series (except defaults as to payment of principal or interest) if it, in good faith, considers that withholding to be in the best interests of the Holders of the debt securities of those series.

**Consolidation, Merger, Amalgamation and Sale of Assets**

Canadian Natural shall not enter into any transaction (whether by way of reorganization, reconstruction, consolidation, amalgamation, merger, lease, transfer, sale or otherwise) whereby all or substantially all of its assets would become the property of any other Person (the "**Successor Corporation**") unless (a) the Successor Corporation shall, prior to or contemporaneously with the consummation of that transaction, execute those instruments, which may include a supplemental indenture, and do those things as shall be necessary or advisable to establish that upon the

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consummation of that transaction (i) the Successor Corporation will have assumed all of the covenants and obligations of Canadian Natural under the Indenture in respect of the debt securities of every series, and (ii) the debt securities of every series will be valid and binding obligations of the Successor Corporation entitling the Holders thereof, as against the Successor Corporation, to all the rights of Holders of debt securities under the Indenture; (b) the Successor Corporation is a corporation, partnership, or trust organized and validly existing under the laws of Canada or any province thereof or of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia, (c) Canadian Natural has delivered to the Trustee, within 60 days thereof, an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel each stating that such transaction and such supplemental indenture comply with this covenant and all conditions precedent to Section 7.1 relating to such transaction have been complied with, and (d) immediately before and after giving effect to such transaction, no Event of Default, and no event which, after notice or lapse of time or both, would become an Event of Default, shall have occurred and be continuing.

**Additional Amounts**

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, all payments made by Canadian Natural under or with respect to the debt securities will be made free and clear of and without withholding or deduction for or on account of any present or future tax, duty, levy, impost, assessment or other governmental charge (including penalties, interest and other liabilities related thereto) imposed or levied by or on behalf of the Government of Canada or of any province or territory thereof or by any authority or agency therein or thereof having power to tax (hereinafter "**Canadian Taxes**"), unless Canadian Natural is required to withhold or deduct Canadian Taxes by law or by the interpretation or administration thereof. If Canadian Natural is so required to withhold or deduct any amount for or on account of Canadian Taxes from any payment made under or with respect to the debt securities, Canadian Natural will pay to each Holder as additional interest such additional amounts ("**Additional Amounts**") as may be necessary so that the net amount received by each Holder after such withholding or deduction (and after deducting any Canadian Taxes on such Additional Amounts) will not be less than the amount the Holder would have received if such Canadian Taxes had not been withheld or deducted. However, no Additional Amounts will be payable with respect to a payment made to a Holder (such Holder, an "**Excluded Holder**") in respect of the beneficial owner thereof:

- (a) with which Canadian Natural does not deal at arm's length (within the meaning of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada)) at the time of making such payment;
- (b) which is subject to such Canadian Taxes by reason of the Holder being a resident, domicile or national of, or engaged in business or maintaining a permanent establishment or other physical presence in or otherwise having some connection with Canada or any province or territory thereof otherwise than by the mere holding of debt securities or the receipt of payments thereunder; or
- (c) which is subject to such Canadian Taxes by reason of the Holder's failure to comply with any certification, identification, information, documentation or other reporting requirements if compliance is required by law, regulation, administrative practice or an applicable treaty as a precondition to exemption from, or a reduction in the rate of deduction or withholding of, such Canadian Taxes.

Canadian Natural will also:

- (a) make such withholding or deduction; and
- (b) remit the full amount deducted or withheld to the relevant authority in accordance with applicable law.

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Canadian Natural will furnish to the Holders of the debt securities, within 60 days after the date the payment of any Canadian Taxes is due pursuant to applicable law, certified copies of tax receipts or other documents evidencing such payment by Canadian Natural.

Canadian Natural will indemnify and hold harmless each Holder (other than an Excluded Holder) and upon written request reimburse each such Holder for the amount of:

- (a) any Canadian Taxes so levied or imposed and paid by such Holder as a result of payments made under or with respect to the debt securities;
- (b) any liability (including penalties, interest and expenses) arising therefrom or with respect thereto; and
- (c) any Canadian Taxes imposed with respect to any reimbursement under clause (a) or (b) above, but excluding any such Canadian Taxes on such Holder's net income.

Wherever in the Indenture there is mentioned, in any context, the payment of principal (and premium, if any), interest or any other amount payable under or with respect to a Security, such mention shall be deemed to include mention of the payment of Additional Amounts to the extent that, in such context, Additional Amounts are, were or would be payable in respect thereof.

**Tax Redemption**

The debt securities will be subject to redemption in whole, but not in part, at the option of Canadian Natural, at any time, on not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior written notice, at 100 percent of the principal amount, together with accrued interest thereon to the redemption date, in the event that we have become or would become obligated to pay, on the next date on which any amount would be payable with respect to the debt securities, any Additional Amounts as a result of an amendment to or change in the laws (including any regulations promulgated thereunder) of Canada (or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein), or any amendment to or change in any official position regarding the application or interpretation of such laws or regulations, which change is announced or becomes effective on or after the date of this prospectus.

**Modification and Waiver**

The Indenture permits Canadian Natural and the Trustee to enter into supplemental indentures without the consent of the Holders of the debt securities to, among other things: (a) secure the debt securities of one or more series, (b) evidence the assumption by the Successor Corporation of Canadian Natural's covenants and obligations under the Indenture and the debt securities then Outstanding, (c) add covenants or Events of Default for the benefit of the Holders of one or more series of the debt securities, (d) cure any ambiguity or correct or supplement any defective provision in the Indenture which correction will not be prejudicial to the interests of the Holders of the debt securities, (e) establish the form and terms of the debt securities of any series, (f) evidence the acceptance of appointment by a successor Trustee, (g) to comply with any requirements of the SEC in order to effect and maintain the qualification of the Indenture under the United States *Trust Indenture Act of 1939*, as amended, (h) to supplement any of the provisions of the Indenture to the extent necessary to permit or facilitate defeasance and discharge of any series of debt securities, provided, however, such action shall not adversely affect the interests of the Holders of any debt securities in any material respect, and (i) make any other modifications which will not be prejudicial to the interests of the Holders of the debt securities.

The Indenture also permits Canadian Natural and the Trustee, with the consent of the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of each series then Outstanding and affected (voting as one class), to add any provisions to, or change in any manner or eliminate any of the provisions of, the Indenture or modify in any manner the rights of the Holders of the debt

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securities of each such affected series; provided, however, that Canadian Natural and the Trustee may not, among other things, without the consent of the Holder of each Security then Outstanding and affected thereby: (a) change the Stated Maturity of the principal amount of, or any installment of the principal of or the interest on, that Security, (b) reduce the principal amount of or the rate of interest on or any premium payable upon the redemption of that Security, (c) reduce the amount of principal of an Original Issue Discount Security payable upon acceleration of the Maturity thereof, (d) change the place or currency of payment of the principal of or any premium or interest on that Security, (e) impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of payment of this kind with respect to that Security on or after the Stated Maturity thereof, (f) reduce the percentage in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of the affected series, the consent of whose Holders is required for modification or amendment of the Indenture, or for any waiver with respect to defaults, breaches, Events of Default or declarations of acceleration, (g) change the time at which any Security may or shall be redeemable or repayable, (h) change any obligation of Canadian Natural to pay additional amounts provided for pursuant to the Indenture, with certain exceptions, or (i) modify any provisions of the Indenture relating to modifying or amending the Indenture or the waiving of past defaults or covenants except as otherwise specified in the Indenture.

Prior to the acceleration of the Maturity of any debt securities, the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of all series at the time Outstanding with respect to which a default or breach or an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing (voting as one class) may on behalf of the Holders of all such affected debt securities waive any past default or breach or Event of Default and its consequences, except a default in the payment of the principal of or premium or interest on any Security of any series or an Event of Default in respect of a covenant or provision of the Indenture or of any Security which cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the Holder of each Security affected.

**Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance**

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, the Indenture provides that, at the option of Canadian Natural, Canadian Natural will be discharged from any and all obligations with respect to the debt securities of any series (except for certain obligations to register the transfer or exchange of the debt securities of that series, to replace mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen debt securities of that series, to maintain paying agencies, to compensate and indemnify the Trustee and to maintain the trust and payments under the trust described below and the defeasance provisions of the Indenture) (hereinafter called a "**defeasance**") upon the irrevocable deposit with the Trustee, in trust, of money, and/or Government Obligations which, through the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon in accordance with their terms, will provide money, in an amount sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent chartered accountants, to pay all the principal of and any premium and interest on the debt securities of that series on the Stated Maturity of those payments in accordance with the terms of the debt securities of that series. Such a defeasance may be effected only if, among other things, (i) Canadian Natural has delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel in the United States (who may be counsel for Canadian Natural) stating that Canadian Natural has received from, or there has been published by, the Internal Revenue Service a ruling, since the date of the Indenture, or there has been a change in the applicable laws or regulations, in either case to the effect that the Holders of the debt securities of that series will not recognize income, gain or loss for United States federal income tax purposes as a result of that defeasance and will be subject to United States federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if that defeasance had not occurred, and (ii) Canadian Natural has delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel in Canada (who may be counsel for Canadian Natural) or a ruling from the Canada Revenue Agency to the effect that the Holders of the debt securities of that series will not recognize income, gain or loss for Canadian federal or provincial income or other Canadian tax purposes as a result of that defeasance and will be subject to Canadian federal or

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provincial income and other Canadian tax (including withholding tax) on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if that defeasance had not occurred (and for the purposes of such opinion, such Canadian counsel shall assume that Holders of the debt securities include holders who are not resident in Canada). In addition, Canadian Natural may also obtain a discharge of the Indenture with respect to the debt securities of all series issued under the Indenture by depositing with the Trustee, in trust, an amount of money and government securities as shall be sufficient to pay, at Stated Maturity or upon redemption, all of those debt securities, provided that those debt securities are by their terms to become due and payable within one year or are to be called for redemption within one year.

The Indenture also provides that Canadian Natural may omit to comply with the restrictive covenants described under the caption "Negative Pledge" and certain other covenants and no Event of Default shall arise with respect to the debt securities of that series by reason of this failure to comply (hereinafter called a "**covenant defeasance**"), upon the irrevocable deposit with the Trustee, in trust, of money and/or Government Obligations which, through the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon in accordance with their terms, will provide money, in an amount sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent chartered accountants, to pay all the principal of and any premium and interest on the debt securities of that series on the Stated Maturity of those payments in accordance with the terms of the debt securities of that series. Canadian Natural's other obligations with respect to the debt securities of that series would remain in full force and effect. A covenant defeasance may be effected only if, among other things, (i) Canadian Natural has delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel in the United States (who may be counsel for Canadian Natural) to the effect that the Holders of debt securities of that series will not recognize income, gain or loss for United States federal income tax purposes as a result of the covenant defeasance and will be subject to United States federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if that covenant defeasance had not occurred, and (ii) Canadian Natural has delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel in Canada (who may be counsel for Canadian Natural) or a ruling from the Canada Revenue Agency to the effect that the Holders of the debt securities of that series will not recognize income, gain or loss for Canadian federal or provincial income or other Canadian tax purposes as a result of that covenant defeasance and will be subject to Canadian federal or provincial income and other Canadian tax (including withholding tax) on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if that covenant defeasance had not occurred (and for the purposes of such opinion, such Canadian counsel shall assume that Holders of the debt securities include holders who are not resident in Canada).

In the event that Canadian Natural exercises its option to effect a covenant defeasance with respect to the debt securities of any series, the debt securities of that series are thereafter declared due and payable because of the occurrence of another Event of Default and the amount of money and securities on deposit with the Trustee would be sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent chartered accountants, to pay the amounts due on the debt securities of that series at their respective Stated Maturities, but may not be sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent chartered accountants, to pay the amounts due on the debt securities of that series at the time of the acceleration resulting from that Event of Default, then Canadian Natural would remain liable for this deficiency.



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**Provision of Financial Information**

We will file with the Trustee, within 15 days after we file them with the SEC, copies of our annual report and other information (or copies of such portions of any of the foregoing as the SEC may by rules and regulations prescribe) which we are required to file with the SEC pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act. Notwithstanding that we may not be required to remain subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act or otherwise report on an annual and quarterly basis on forms provided for such annual and quarterly reporting pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the SEC, we will continue to provide the Trustee, and file with the SEC, in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed from time to time by the SEC, the information, documents and reports which may be required pursuant to Section 13 of the Exchange Act, in respect of a security listed and registered on a national securities exchange as may be prescribed from time to time in such rules and regulations, which, regardless of applicable requirements shall, at a minimum, consist of such information required to be provided in quarterly and annual reports under the laws of Canada or any province thereof to security holders of a corporation with securities listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange, whether or not we have any of our securities listed on such exchange. Such information will be prepared in accordance with Canadian disclosure requirements and Canadian GAAP.

**Resignation of Trustee**

The Trustee may resign or be removed with respect to one or more series of debt securities and a successor Trustee may be appointed to act with respect to such series. In the event that two or more persons are acting as Trustee with respect to different series of debt securities, each such Trustee shall be a Trustee of a trust under the Indenture separate and apart from the trust administered by any other such Trustee, and any action described herein to be taken by the "Trustee" may then be taken by each such Trustee with respect to, and only with respect to, the one or more series of debt securities for which it is Trustee.

**Payment and Paying Agents**

Unless otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on debt securities will be payable at an office or agency of the Trustee in New York, New York, except that at our option interest, if any, may be paid (i) by check mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto as such address shall appear in the Security Register or (ii) by wire transfer to an account located in the United States maintained by the Person entitled thereto as specified in the Security Register. Unless otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, payment of any instalment of interest on debt securities will be made to the Person in whose name such debt security is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest.

Any Paying Agents outside the United States and any other Paying Agents in the United States initially designated by us for the debt securities will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement. We may at any time designate additional Paying Agents or rescind the designation of any Paying Agent or approve a change in the office through which any Paying Agent acts, except that we will be required to maintain a Paying Agent in each Place of Payment for such series.

**Consent to Service and Jurisdiction**

We have designated CT Corporation System, 111 Eighth Avenue, 13th Floor, New York, New York 10011 as our authorized agent for service of process in the United States in any action, suit or proceeding arising out of or relating to the Indenture or the debt securities. Any such action may be brought in any Federal court (or, if such court refuses to take jurisdiction, in any New York state court) located in the Borough of Manhattan in The City of New York (a "**New York Court**"), or brought

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under United States federal or state securities laws or brought by the Trustee, and Canadian Natural has irrevocably submitted to the jurisdiction of any such court.

**Governing Law**

The Indenture and the debt securities will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

**CERTAIN INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS**

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the material Canadian federal income tax consequences to an investor who is a citizen or resident of the United States purchasing the debt securities, including whether payments of principal, premium, if any, and interest will be subject to Canadian non-resident withholding tax.

The applicable prospectus supplement will also describe certain United States federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the debt securities by an investor who is a United States person (as defined in the applicable prospectus supplement), including, to the extent applicable, certain relevant United States federal income tax rules pertaining to capital gains and ordinary income treatment, original issue discount, backup withholding and the foreign tax credit, and any consequences relating to debt securities payable in a currency other than U.S. dollars, issued at an original discount for United States federal income tax purposes or containing early redemption provisions or other special terms.

**RISK FACTORS**

In addition to the risk factors set forth below, various risk factors relating to the business and securities of Canadian Natural are described in our disclosure documents filed from time to time with the securities commissions and similar authorities in each of the provinces of Canada and with the SEC and are incorporated by reference in this prospectus, including in particular, our current AIF and Management's Discussion and Analysis. Such risk disclosure forms an integral part hereof.

**The debt securities will be structurally subordinated to any indebtedness of our subsidiaries.**

The majority of our assets are held in one or more corporate subsidiaries or partnerships. In the event of the liquidation of any corporate subsidiary, the assets of the subsidiary would be used first to repay the indebtedness of the subsidiary, including trade payables or obligations under any guarantees, prior to being used by us to pay our indebtedness, including any debt securities. Such indebtedness and any other future indebtedness of our subsidiaries would be structurally senior to the debt securities. The Indenture pursuant to which the debt securities will be issued does not limit our ability or the ability of our subsidiaries to incur additional unsecured indebtedness. See "Description of Debt Securities Ranking and Other Indebtedness".

**Credit ratings may not reflect all risks of an investment in the debt securities and may change.**

Credit ratings assigned to us and to our securities by independent credit rating companies may not reflect all risks associated with an investment in the debt securities. Any credit ratings applied to the debt securities are an independent assessment of our ability to pay our obligations. Consequently, real or anticipated changes in the credit ratings will generally affect the market value of the debt securities. The credit ratings, however, may not reflect the potential impact of risks related to structure, market or other factors discussed herein on the value of the debt securities. There is no assurance that any credit rating assigned to the debt securities will remain in effect for any given period of time or that any rating will not be lowered or withdrawn entirely by the relevant rating agency.

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**Changes in interest rates may cause the market price or value of the debt securities to decline.**

Prevailing interest rates will affect the market price or value of the debt securities. The market price or value of the debt securities may decline as prevailing interest rates for comparable debt instruments rise, and increase as prevailing interest rates for comparable debt instruments decline.

**There is an absence of a public market for the debt securities.**

There is no public market for the debt securities and, unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, we do not intend to apply for listing of the debt securities on any securities exchanges. If the debt securities are traded after their initial issue, they may trade at a discount from their initial offering prices depending on prevailing interest rates, the market for similar securities and other factors, including general economic debt conditions and our financial condition. There can be no assurance as to the liquidity of the trading market for the debt securities or that a trading market for the debt securities will develop.

**PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION**

We may sell the debt securities to or through underwriters or dealers or to one or more other purchasers directly or through agents.

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the terms of the offering, including the name or names of any underwriters or agents, the purchase price or prices of the debt securities to be offered, the proceeds to us from the sale of the debt securities to be offered, any initial public offering price, any underwriting discount or commission and any discounts, concessions or commissions allowed or reallocated or paid by any underwriter to other dealers. Any initial public offering price and any discounts, concessions or commissions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers may be changed from time to time.

The debt securities may be sold from time to time in one or more transactions at a fixed price or fixed prices, which may be changed, or at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to these prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices.

If indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, we may authorize dealers or other persons acting as our agents to solicit offers by certain institutions to purchase the debt securities directly from us pursuant to contracts providing for payment and delivery on a future date. These contracts will be subject only to the conditions described in the applicable prospectus supplement or supplements, which will also describe the commission payable for solicitation of these contracts.

We may enter into agreements to indemnify underwriters, dealers and agents who participate in the distribution of the debt securities against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the 1933 Act, as amended, or to contribution with respect to payments which the underwriters, dealers or agents may be required to make in respect of these liabilities. The underwriters, dealers and agents with whom we enter into agreements may be customers of, engage in transactions with or perform services for us in the ordinary course of business.

The debt securities will not be qualified for sale under the securities laws of any province or territory of Canada and may not be offered, sold or delivered, directly or indirectly, in Canada or to any resident of Canada in contravention of the securities laws of any province or territory of Canada. Each underwriter and each dealer participating in the distribution of debt securities will agree that it will not, directly or indirectly, offer, sell or deliver any such debt securities purchased by it in connection with that distribution in Canada or to any resident of Canada in contravention of the securities laws of any province or territory of Canada.

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Each series of the debt securities will be a new issue of securities with no established trading market. Unless otherwise specified in an applicable prospectus supplement relating to a series of debt securities, the debt securities will not be listed on any securities exchange or on any automated dealer quotation system. Some broker-dealers may make a market in the debt securities, but they will not be obligated to do so and may discontinue any market-making activities at any time without notice. We cannot assure you that there will be liquidity in the trading market for the debt securities of any series or that an active public market for the debt securities of any series will develop. If an active public trading market for the debt securities of any series does not develop, the market price and liquidity of the series of debt securities may be adversely affected.

**APPOINTMENT OF AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS**

Messrs. N. Murray Edwards, Timothy W. Faithfull and Gordon D. Giffin are directors of Canadian Natural who reside outside of Canada and each of these directors has appointed us as their agent for service of process in Canada at 2100, 855 2nd Street S.W., Calgary, Alberta T2P 4J8. Purchasers are advised that it may not be possible for investors to enforce judgments obtained in Canada against any person or company that is incorporated, continued or otherwise organized under the laws of a foreign jurisdiction or resides outside of Canada, even if the party has appointed an agent for service of process.

**EXPERTS**

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, certain legal matters in connection with the offering will be passed upon for us by Bennett Jones LLP, Calgary, Alberta, concerning matters of Canadian law, and by Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, New York, New York, concerning matters of U.S. law. Based on information provided to us, as of the date of this prospectus, the partners and associates of Bennett Jones LLP, as a group, beneficially own, directly or indirectly, less than 1% of any class of our outstanding securities.

Our consolidated balance sheets as at December 31, 2016 and 2015 and the related consolidated statements of earnings (loss), comprehensive income (loss), changes in equity and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2016, incorporated by reference in this prospectus, have been so incorporated in reliance on the report dated March 15, 2017 of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm. Such financial statements have been included herein in reliance upon the report of such firm, given upon their authority as experts in auditing and accounting. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP has advised that it is independent with respect to Canadian Natural within the meaning of the Code of Professional Conduct of the Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of Alberta and the rules of the SEC and the Public Company Accounting Board (U.S.).

The audited operating statements for Shell Canada Limited's mining and in-situ oil sands properties acquired by Canadian Natural for the year ended December 31, 2016, incorporated by reference in this prospectus, have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent auditors. Such financial statements have been incorporated by reference herein in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in auditing and accounting. Ernst & Young LLP have advised that they are independent with respect to Shell Canada Limited within the meaning of the Code of Professional Conduct of the Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of Alberta and within the meaning of the 1933 Act and the applicable rules and regulations thereunder adopted by the SEC and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (U.S.).

The audited operating statements of Marathon Oil Canada Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2016, incorporated by reference in this prospectus, have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm. Such operating

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statements have been incorporated by reference in this prospectus in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in auditing and accounting. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP has advised that, as at the date of such report, it was independent with respect to Marathon Oil Canada Corporation within the meaning of the Code of Professional Conduct of the Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of Alberta and the rules of the SEC and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (U.S.).

Sproule Associates Limited, Sproule International Limited and GLJ Petroleum Consultants Ltd., independent qualified reserves evaluators, have evaluated our reserves in reports dated March 1, 2017 with an effective date of December 31, 2016 and a preparation date of February 6, 2017, as more particularly described in our AIF, incorporated by reference herein. GLJ Petroleum Consultants Ltd. has evaluated the reserves attributable to the Acquired AOSP Assets in a report with an effective date of December 31, 2016 and a preparation date of May 2, 2017. The statements as to our reserves, which are incorporated by reference in this prospectus, have been so incorporated by reference upon the authority, as experts, of Sproule Associates Limited, Sproule International Limited and GLJ Petroleum Consultants Ltd., to the extent described in the documents incorporated by reference herein.

Based on information provided by the relevant persons or companies, there are beneficial interests, direct or indirect, in less than one percent of our securities or property or securities or property of our associates or affiliates held by Sproule Associates Limited, Sproule International Limited or GLJ Petroleum Consultants Ltd. or by "designated professionals", being any partners, employees or consultants of such independent consultants who participated in and who were in a position to directly influence the preparation of the relevant report, or any such person who, at the time of the preparation of the report was in a position to directly influence the outcome of the preparation of the report.

**DOCUMENTS FILED AS PART OF THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

The following documents have been filed with the SEC as part of the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part insofar as required by the SEC's Form F-10:

the documents listed in the third paragraph under "Where You Can Find More Information" in this prospectus;

the consent of our independent auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP;

the consent of the auditors of the operating statements of Marathon Oil Canada Corporation, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP;

the consent of the auditors of the operating statements of Shell Canada Limited, Ernst & Young LLP;

the consent of our Canadian counsel, Bennett Jones LLP;

the consents of our independent qualified reserves evaluators, Sproule Associates Limited, Sproule International Limited and GLJ Petroleum Consultants Ltd.;

powers of attorney from directors and officers of Canadian Natural;

the Indenture relating to the debt securities;

the First Supplemental Indenture;

the Second Supplemental Indenture; and

the statement of eligibility of the Trustee on Form T-1.

**PART II**

**INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED TO BE DELIVERED  
TO OFFEREEES OR PURCHASERS**

**Indemnification**

Under the Business Corporations Act (Alberta) (the "ABCA"), the Registrant may indemnify a present or former director or officer or a person who acts or acted at the Registrant's request as a director or officer of a body corporate of which the Registrant is or was a shareholder or creditor, and his heirs and legal representatives, against all costs, charges and expenses, including an amount paid to settle an action or satisfy a judgment, reasonably incurred by him in respect of any civil, criminal or administrative action or proceeding to which he is made a party by reason of being or having been a director or officer of the Registrant or that body corporate, if the director or officer acted honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Registrant, and, in the case of a criminal or administrative action or proceeding that is enforced by a monetary penalty, had reasonable grounds for believing that his conduct was lawful. Such indemnification may be in connection with a derivative action only with court approval. A director or officer is entitled to indemnification from the Registrant as a matter of right if he or she was substantially successful on the merits in his defence of the action or proceedings, fulfilled the conditions set forth above, and is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity.

The by-laws of the Registrant provide that, subject to the limitations contained in the ABCA, the Registrant shall indemnify a director or officer, a former director or officer, or a person who acts or acted at the Registrant's request as a director or officer of a body corporate of which the Registrant is or was a shareholder or creditor, and his heirs, executors, administrators and other legal representatives, to the fullest extent which may from time to time be permitted by the ABCA, from and against, (a) all costs, charges and expenses that he incurs in respect of any civil, criminal or administrative action or proceeding that is proposed or commenced against him by reason of being or having been a director or officer of the Registrant, and (b) all other costs, charges and expenses that he sustains or incurs in respect of the affairs of the Registrant, except in respect of an action by or on behalf of the Registrant, or such body corporate, to procure a judgment in its favor.

The by-laws of the Registrant provide that the Registrant may, subject to the limitations contained in the ABCA, purchase and maintain insurance for the benefit of any director or officer as such against any liability incurred by him in his capacity as a director or officer of the Registrant or as a director or officer of any body corporate where he acts or acted in that capacity at the Registrant's request. The Registrant has purchased third party director and officer liability insurance.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act") may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, the Registrant has been informed that in the opinion of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is therefore unenforceable.

**EXHIBITS**

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6.1	Power of Attorney (included on the signature page of this Registration Statement).
7.1	Indenture dated as of July 24, 2001, between the Registrant and The Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company New York, as trustee (the "Prior Trustee") (incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form F-9 (File No. 333-98063), as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 12, 2002).
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**PART III**

**UNDERTAKING AND CONSENT TO SERVICE OF PROCESS**

**Item 1. Undertaking**

The Registrant undertakes to make available, in person or by telephone, representatives to respond to inquiries made by the Commission staff, and to furnish promptly, when requested to do so by the Commission staff, information relating to the securities registered pursuant to Form F-10 or to transactions in said securities.

**Item 2. Consent to Service of Process**

Concurrent with the filing of this Registration Statement, the Registrant has filed with the Commission a written irrevocable consent and power of attorney on Form F-X.

Any change to the name or address of the agent for service of process of the Registrant shall be communicated promptly to the Commission by an amendment to the Form F-X referencing the file number of the relevant registration statement.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form F-10 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Calgary, Province of Alberta, Canada, on July 20, 2017.

**CANADIAN NATURAL RESOURCES LIMITED**

By: /s/ STEVE W. LAUT

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Name: Steve W. Laut  
Title: *President*

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**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Steve W. Laut and Corey B. Bieber, and each of them, any of whom may act without the joinder of the other, the true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent of the undersigned, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for and in the name, place and stead of the undersigned, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments to this Registration Statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and hereby grants to such attorney-in-fact and agent, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent, or his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
<u>/s/ STEVE W. LAUT</u> Steve W. Laut	President and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	July 20, 2017
<u>/s/ COREY B. BIEBER</u> Corey B. Bieber	Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice-President, Finance (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	July 20, 2017
<u>/s/ N. MURRAY EDWARDS</u> N. Murray Edwards	Executive Chairman and Director	July 20, 2017
<u>/s/ CATHERINE M. BEST</u> Catherine M. Best	Director	July 20, 2017
<u>/s/ TIMOTHY W. FAITHFULL</u> Timothy W. Faithfull	Director	July 20, 2017
<u>/s/ GARY A. FILMON</u> Gary A. Filmon	Director	July 20, 2017
<u>/s/ CHRISTOPHER L. FONG</u> Christopher L. Fong	Director	July 20, 2017
<u>/s/ GORDON D. GIFFIN</u> Gordon D. Giffin	Director	July 20, 2017

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Signature	Title	Date
<hr/> <i>/s/ WILFRED A. GOBERT</i> Wilfred A. Gobert	Director	July 20, 2017
<hr/> <i>/s/ FRANK J. MCKENNA</i> Frank J. McKenna	Director	July 20, 2017
<hr/> <i>/s/ DAVID A. TUER</i> David A. Tuer	Director	July 20, 2017
<hr/> <i>/s/ ANNETTE M. VERSCHUREN</i> Annette M. Verschuren	Director	July 20, 2017

**AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 6(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, the Authorized Representative has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, solely in its capacity as the duly authorized representative of Canadian Natural Resources Limited in the United States, on July 20, 2017.

**CANNAT ENERGY INC.**

By: /s/ STEVE W. LAUT

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Name: Steve W. Laut

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