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CANADIANOXY APPOINTS NEW BOARD MEMBERS

CALGARY, Alta., May 24, 2000: Mr. Richard Thomson, Chairman of the Board of Canadian Occidental Petroleum Ltd. announced today that Mr. Dennis Flanagan and Mr. Charles Fischer have been appointed to the Board of Directors of the company.

Mr. Flanagan brings many years of experience and expertise in the oil and gas industry to the Board. He is the former Chairman of Elan Energy and sits on the boards of a number of major Canadian corporations.

Mr. Fischer has been with CanadianOxy since 1994 and is the company's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. Along with his role as past Chairman of the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, Mr. Fischer has taken a key leadership role in a number of industry and community organizations.

"We are very pleased to welcome these individuals to CanadianOxy's Board," commented Mr. Thomson, "both will bring a wealth of business expertise and will be most helpful in positioning the company for future growth."

Canadian Occidental Petroleum Ltd. is an independent, Canadian-based global energy and chemicals company and is listed for trading on the Toronto and AMEX stock exchanges. Major activities include exploration, development, production and marketing of crude oil and natural gas in Canada, the United States, Yemen, Nigeria, Australia, Colombia and Indonesia.

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