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ALBERTA SECURITIES ACT

Receipt for the Filing
of a Preliminary Short Form Prospectus
Pursuant to the Shelf Procedures under National Instrument 44-102
and Pursuant to the MultiJurisdictional Disclosure System
under National Instrument 71-101

Dated: May 14, 2002

On behalf of: **Nexen Inc.**

This receipt authorizes the distribution of information concerning the Securities described in the subject Preliminary Short Form Prospectus, pursuant to section 123 of the Securities Act.

The issuance of this receipt is not to be construed as meaning that the adequacy of the preliminary prospectus and supporting material has been established. These are being reviewed by Alberta Securities Commission staff and any comments will be furnished to you as soon as possible.

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DATED in Calgary, Alberta on May 14, 2002.

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Alberta Securities Commission

Per: "Mavis Legg"
Manager, Securities Analysis

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