SUNSHINE OILSANDS LTD.
陽光油砂有限公司*
(a corporation incorporated under the Business Corporations Act of the Province of Alberta, Canada with limited liability)

(HKEX: 2012, TSX: SUO)

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This announcement is made by the Corporation pursuant to Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance and Rule 13.09(1) of the Listing Rules.

Please see the attached announcement for more details.

By Order of the Board of Sunshine Oilsands Ltd.
Michael John Hibberd
Co-Chairman
and
Songning Shen
Co-Chairman

Hong Kong, September 9, 2013

As at the date of this announcement, the Board consists of Mr. Michael John Hibberd and Mr. Songning Shen as executive directors, Mr. Hok Ming Tseung, Mr. Tingan Liu, Mr. Haotian Li and Mr. Gregory George Turnbull as non-executive directors and Mr. Raymond Shengti Fong, Mr. Wazir Chand Seth, Mr. Robert John Herdman and Mr. Gerald Franklin Stevenson as independent non-executive directors.

**For identification purposes only*

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Calgary, Alberta (September 8, 2013) – Sunshine Oilsands Ltd. ("Sunshine" or the "Corporation") (HKEX: 2012, TSX: SUO) is pleased to announce that it received Alberta Order in Council approval for the Thickwood project on September 6, 2013.The next regulatory step is final AER (Alberta Energy Regulator) approval. The Thickwood Project is Sunshine's second Steam Assisted Gravity Drainage (SAGD) commercial development. The Thickwood site is located approximately 70 kilometers west of Ft. McMurray, Alberta, off the same road used to access its first SAGD project at West Ells about 40 kilometers away. President and CEO John Zahary said: "We are pleased to achieve this important milestone in realizing Sunshine's tremendous potential. Thickwood will provide asset diversification, as well as another core area for advancing Sunshine's growth." The Thickwood Project schedule is under development and will proceed on obtaining additional funding. The Thickwood Project area holds approximately 163 million barrels of Proved plus Probable reserves, and about 341 million barrels of Best Estimate Contingent resource, the reserves and resource evaluation completed by independent evaluators, effective Dec. 31, 2012, enough to possibly grow production to approximately 70,000 barrels per day.

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ABOUT SUNSHINE OILSANDS LTD.

Sunshine Oilsands Ltd. is one of the largest non-partnered holders of oil sands leases by area in the Athabasca oil sands region, which is located in the province of Alberta, Canada. Since the Company's incorporation on 22 February 2007, Sunshine has secured over one million acres of oil sands leases (equal to approximately 7% of all granted leases in this area).

The Company's principal operations are the evaluation, development and production of its diverse portfolio of oil sands leases. Its principal operating regions in the Athabasca area are at West Ells, Thickwood, Legend Lake, Harper, Muskwa, Goffer, Pelican and Portage. Sunshine's oil sands leases are grouped into three main asset categories: clastics, carbonates and conventional heavy oil.

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