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Suncor Energy provides update on Syncrude return to service plan

Calgary, Alberta (April 19, 2017) – Suncor today provided an update on the Syncrude Mildred Lake Oil Sands facility following the March 14 incident.

Syncrude has developed a detailed repair schedule and return to service plan that includes the completion of a planned turnaround which Syncrude advanced in order to minimize the impact of the outage. The plant is currently operating at reduced rates and Suncor will continue to assist in inventory management.

The investigation and inspection show that damage was largely isolated to a piperack adjacent to the hydrotreater. An accelerated repair schedule has been developed to achieve restart of pipeline shipments at approximately 50% capacity in early May and production is expected to return to full rates by the end of June.

Suncor does not expect this outage to result in a change to overall production guidance for 2017 as strong production from oil sands and offshore operations is expected to offset the impact.

Legal Advisory – Forward-Looking Information

This news release contains certain forward-looking information and forward-looking statements (collectively referred to herein as “forward-looking statements”) within the meaning of applicable Canadian and U.S. securities laws. Forward-looking statements in this news release include references to: Suncor continuing to assist in inventory management; the restart of pipeline shipments at approximately 50% capacity in early May; the expectation that production will return to full rates by the end of June; and the expectation that this outage will not result in a change to Suncor’s overall production guidance for 2017 as strong production from oil sands and offshore operations is expected to offset the impact. Some of the forward-looking statements may be identified by words like “expected” and similar expressions.

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Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve a number of risks and uncertainties, some that are similar to other oil and gas companies and some that are unique to Suncor, including the risk that the planned turnaround duration or the timing for the resumption of pipeline shipments, the completion of repairs or the return of production to full rates may be longer than expected. Suncor’s actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied by its forward-looking statements, so readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on them.
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