

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Suncor Energy agrees to sell non-core Wildcat Hills assets in Alberta

(All financial figures are approximate and in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted.)

**Calgary, Alberta (August 12, 2010)** – Suncor Energy has reached an agreement with Direct Energy to sell certain natural gas properties for approximately \$375 million with an effective date of May 1, 2010. Current production on these lands is approximately 80 million cubic feet of natural gas and natural gas equivalent per day.

The sale includes properties known as Wildcat Hills, located near Cochrane, Alberta.

The sale is expected to close during the fourth quarter, and is subject to closing conditions, closing adjustments to the purchase price and regulatory approvals typical of transactions of this nature.

As part of its strategic business alignment, Suncor is continuing with plans to divest of a number of non-core assets. Announced sales to date include all oil and gas producing assets in the United States Rockies, some non-core natural gas properties in Western Canada, all shares in Petro-Canada Netherlands B.V. and all Trinidad and Tobago assets. Remaining proposed divestments include certain natural gas assets in Western Canada and non-core North Sea assets.

To date – including the sale announced today – Suncor has disposed of, or reached agreements to dispose of, assets for aggregate consideration of approximately \$2.8 billion, prior to closing adjustments.

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*Suncor’s Earnings Release, Quarterly Report and Management’s Discussion & Analysis for the second quarter of 2010 and its most recently filed Annual Information Form/Form 40-F, Annual Report to Shareholders and other*

*documents it files from time to time with securities regulatory authorities describe the risks, uncertainties, material assumptions and other factors that could influence actual results and such factors are incorporated herein by reference. Copies of these documents are available without charge from Suncor at 150 6th Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta T2P 3Y7, by calling 1-800-558-9071, or by email request to [info@suncor.com](mailto:info@suncor.com) or by referring to the company's profile on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) or EDGAR at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Except as required by applicable securities laws, Suncor disclaims any intention or obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.*

*Production estimates include natural gas liquids (NGL) converted into millions of cubic feet of natural gas equivalent (mmcf) at a ratio of one barrel of NGL: six thousand cubic feet of natural gas. This conversion ratio is based on an energy equivalency conversion method primarily applicable at the burner tip and does not represent a value equivalency at the wellhead. This mmcf equivalent may be misleading, particularly if used in isolation.*

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