



# Delayed Coker Engineering Experience Horizon Oil Sands Project



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# Presentation Overview



- CNRL and the Horizon Project Oil Sands Project
- Design features of the Delayed Coker for safety and reliability
- Future design actions
- Current status of the Horizon Oil Sands Project

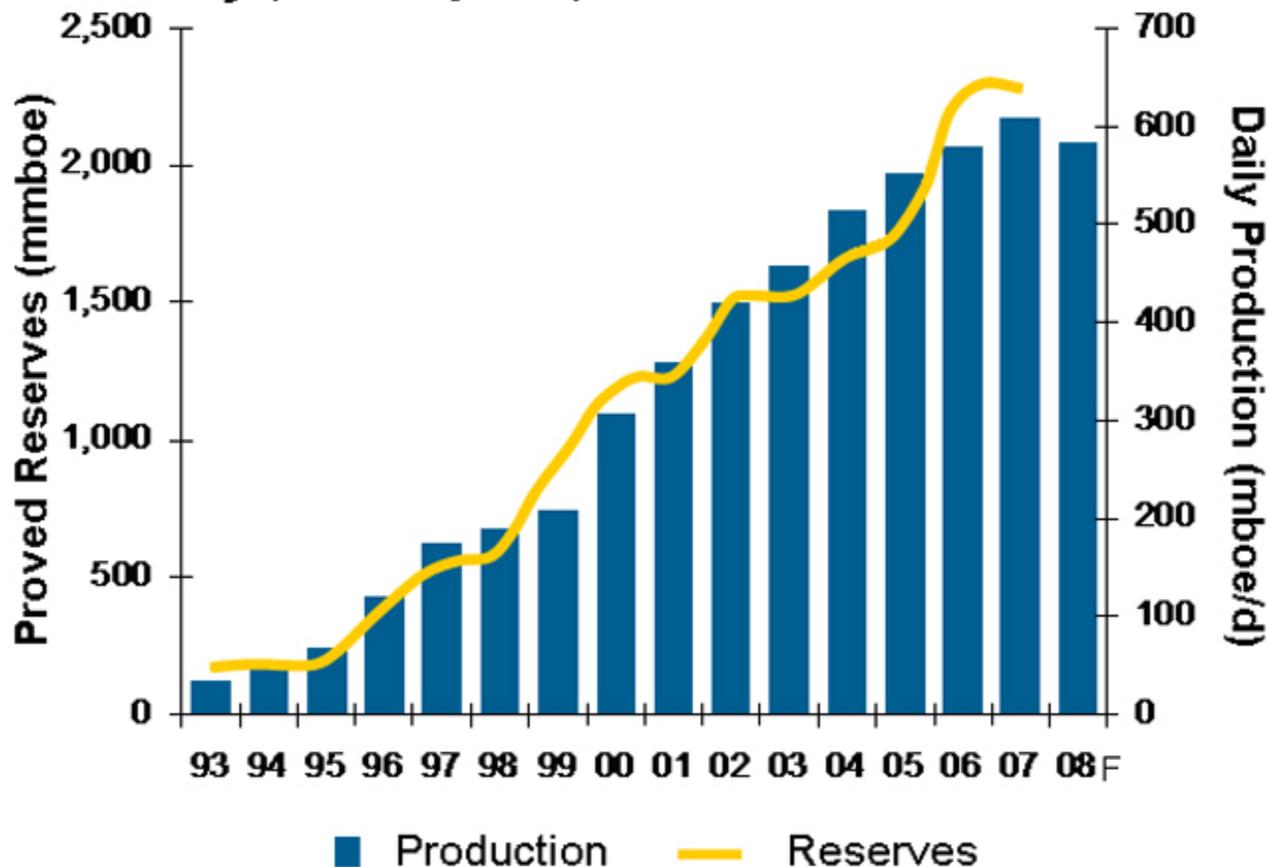
- **In 1989, Canadian Natural was an oil and natural gas company operating only in Alberta**
  - employed 9 people,
  - produced about 1,400 barrels of oil equivalent per day and,
  - had a market capitalization of about \$1 million.
  
- **By adhering to defined growth principles and through opportunistic acquisitions we have grown**
  - approximately 3,700 employees,
  - production of over 590,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day and,
  - An enterprise value of approximately \$65 billion.

# CNRL Growth



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### Conventional Production / Proved Reserves History (before royalties)



Note: Excluding bitumen mining reserves.

## ■ MINING FACILITIES

- Overburden - Mining

## ■ BITUMEN PRODUCTION FACILITIES

- Ore Preparation - Extraction -Froth Treatment

## ■ UTILITIES AND OFFSITES FACILITIES

- Co-generation -Interconnecting piperack, Tank Farms – Heat Integration – Main Electrical Distribution - Sulphur Block – Water Systems, Temporary Construction

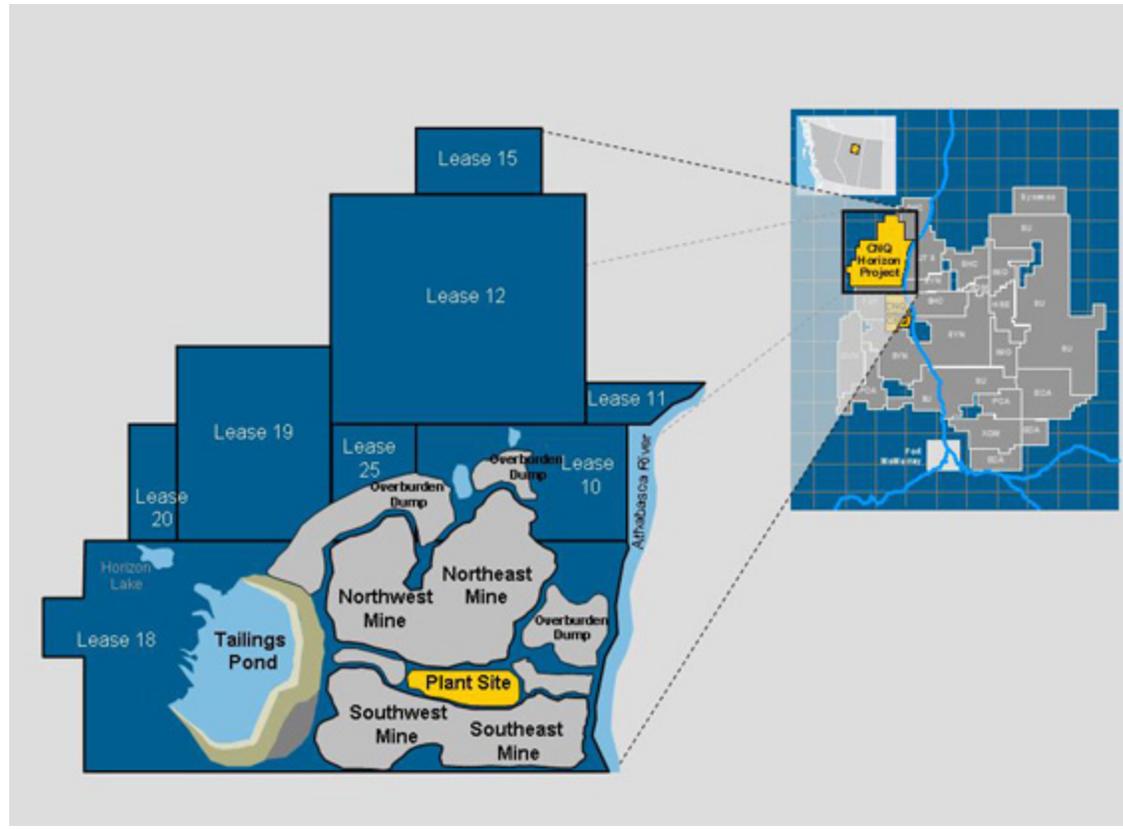
## ■ UPGRADER FACILITIES

- Primary Upgrading -Secondary Upgrading -Hydrogen plant -Gas Clean-up and Support

## ■ SITE DEVELOPMENT

- Site Preparation -Common Services - Housing & Air Transportation

# Horizon Location



# Horizon Plant Site



# Mine – Overburden Removal



# Primary Upgrading



# Delayed Coker Unit



## ▪ **Minimize Main Fractionator Salt deposition**

- Two stage overhead condensing system
  - Warm reflux minimizes water condensation and salt deposition.
- Water wash system
  - Designed to wash the tower top trays with the unit in service in the event of salt deposition

## ▪ **Fractionator Coke removal system**

- Typical close circulation with strainer and sparger ring design.
- Addition of 1 ½ in. from sparger ring to bottom nozzle
  - Takeoff nozzle of close loop system

# Design Features of the Delayed Coker (Cont)



## ▪ Furnace design features

- Eight pass furnace with four cells that operates as independent heaters
  - Design allows one cell to be decoked while the other three are still in service.

## ▪ Coke Drum Valves

- All valves with Electric operated actuator
- Valves interlocked through the SIS of the unit
- Design facilitates future automation of the decoking cycle

# Design Features of the Delayed Coker (Cont)



## ▪ **Coke Drum Unheading System**

- Top and bottom Delta Valve
- Interlocked with cutting system PLC

## ▪ **Coke Cutting System**

- Ruhrpumpen System
- Hydraulics to control winch and electric motor for rotary joint
- Electrically traced self draining hose
- Design of the PLC to allow future upgrade to perform remote cutting

# Design Features of the Delayed Coker (Cont)



## ■ Coker Structure

- Deluge system at cutting and switching decks with necessary drain system.
- Insulated checker plate floor at cutting deck.
- Crane at switching deck mainly to remove valves to grade level.

## ■ Other features

- Close hydrocarbon drain system.
- Unit designed to process light and heavy hydrocarbon slop separately

- **Further development of the 3D model**
  - Model secondary cable trays.
  - Model pipe supports for 60 & 90 % model reviews.
  - In certain cases piping layout by equipment vendor would need to be modeled.
  
- **Reserve areas for egress and drop zones**
  - Avoid that piping, instrument and electrical disciplines occupy these areas.
  
- **Electrical tracing design**
  - Location of power supply and temperature sensor need to be model.

# Current Project Status



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- **Mining** – Completed, ready to mine oil sands and continues to move overburden
- **Ore Preparation Plant** – Completed, targeted to receive first oil sands in August
- **Hydrotransport** – Completed, ready to accept slurry
- **Piperack** – Completed, live and operational
- **Extraction** – Completed, ready for operation
- **Froth Treatment** – Targeted to be complete by August
- **Delayed Coker/Diluent Recovery Unit** – Commissioning well underway
- **Hydrogen Plant** – Completed, turned over to operations
- **Hydrotreaters** – NHTU and GOHTU completing loop checks. DHTU encountering some scheduling issues.
- **Co-generation** – Completed, producing steam
- **Sulphur Plant** – Completed, turned over to operations
- **Tankage** – Completed, ready for first oil
- **Main Control Room** – Completed, live and operational
- **Utilities & Services** – Completed, live and operational
- **SCO Pipeline** (third party owned and operated) – Completed, ready to accept product with terminaling facilities in Edmonton arranged.



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In this document, all references to dollars refer to Canadian dollars unless otherwise stated. Production data is presented on a before royalties basis unless otherwise stated. In addition, reference is made to oil and gas in common units called barrel of oil equivalent ("boe"). A boe is derived by converting six thousand cubic feet of natural gas to one barrel of crude oil (6 mcf:1 bbl). This conversion may be misleading, particularly if used in isolation, since the 6mcf:1bbl ratio is based on an energy equivalency at the burner tip and does not represent the value equivalency at the well head. Canadian Natural retains qualified independent reserve evaluators to evaluate 100% of the Company's conventional proved, as well as proved and probable crude oil, natural gas liquids and natural gas reserves and prepare Evaluation Reports on these reserves. Canadian Natural has been granted an exemption from National Instrument 51-101 – Standards of Disclosure for Oil and Gas Activities ("NI 51-101"), which prescribes the standards for the preparation and disclosure of reserves and related information for companies listed in Canada. This exemption allows the Company to substitute United States Security and Exchange Commission ("SEC") requirements for certain disclosures required under NI 51-101. There are three principal differences between the two standards. The first is the requirement under NI 51-101 to disclose both proved, and proved and probable reserves, as well as the related net present value of future net revenues using forecast prices and costs. The second is in the definition of proved reserves; however, as discussed in the Canadian Oil and Gas Evaluation Handbook ("COGEH"), the standards that NI 51-101 employs, the difference in estimated proved reserves based on constant pricing and costs between the two standards is not material. The third is the requirement to disclose a gross reserve reconciliation (before the consideration of royalties). Canadian Natural discloses its reserve reconciliation net of royalties in adherence to SEC requirements.

The Company has disclosed proved conventional reserves and the Standardized Measure of discounted future net cash flows using year-end constant prices and costs as mandated by the SEC. The Company has elected to provide the net present value of these same conventional proved reserves as well as its conventional proved and probable reserves and the net present value of these reserves under the same parameters as additional voluntary information. In addition to the constant price and cost scenario, Canadian Natural has also elected to provide both proved, and proved and probable conventional reserves and the net present value of these reserves using forecast prices and costs as voluntary additional information.

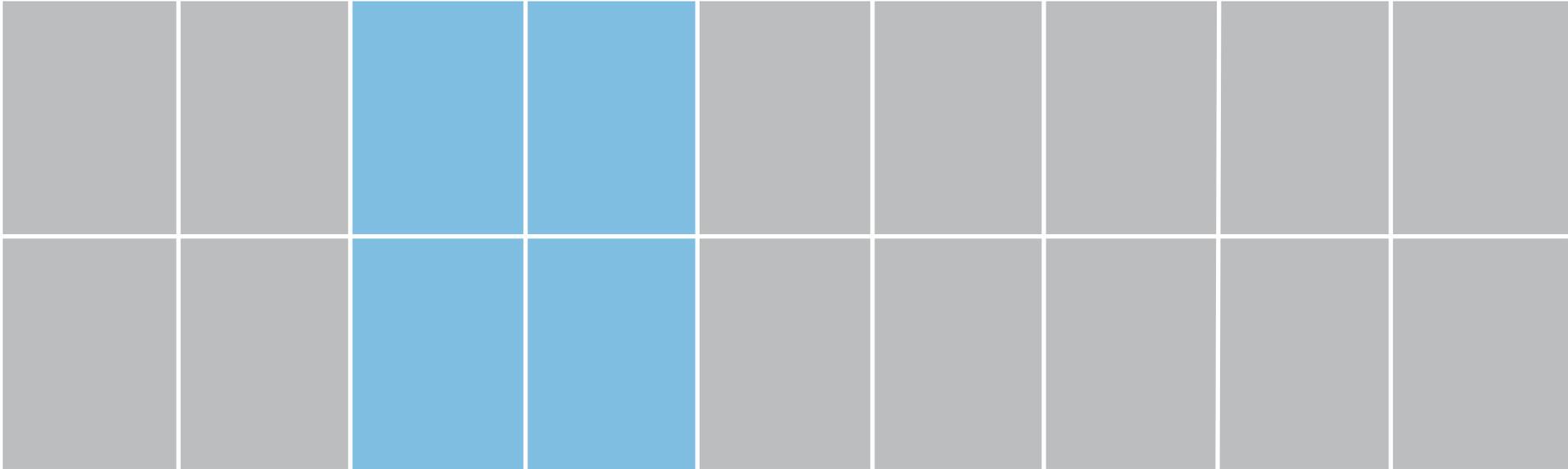
Conventional reserves and net present values of these reserves presented for years prior to 2003 were evaluated in accordance with the standards of National Policy 2-B which has now been replaced by NI 51-101. The stated reserves were reasonably evaluated as economically productive using year-end costs and prices escalated at appropriate rates throughout the productive life of the properties.

Canadian Natural's independent reserve evaluators utilize the proved conventional reserve definition as prescribed by SEC in Regulation S-X 210.4-10 and the conventional proved and probable reserves definitions as prescribed under NI 51-101 in COGEH. Mining reserves are evaluated as prescribed in SEC Industry Guide 7. Internal estimates of Contingent Resources also utilize the definitions as prescribed under NI 51-101 in COGEH.

## Special Note Regarding non-GAAP Financial Measures

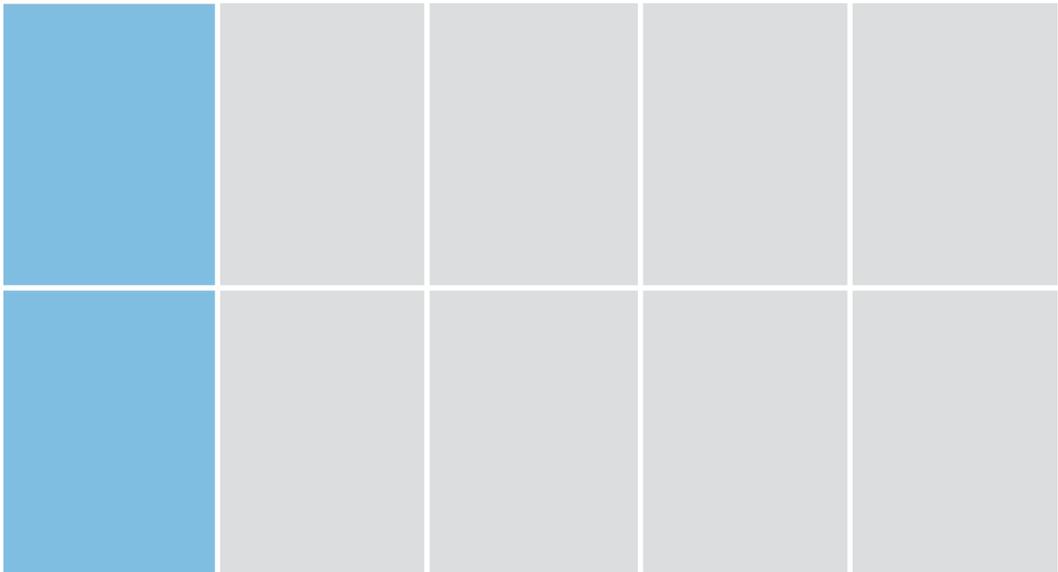
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