## ABERDEEN GLOBAL INCOME FUND INC

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## **UNITED STATES**

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## **FORM N-CSR**

## CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT

## **INVESTMENT COMPANIES**

Investment Company Act file number: 811-06342

Exact name of registrant as specified in charter: Aberdeen Global Income Fund, Inc.

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Date of fiscal year end: October 31

Date of reporting period: October 31, 2010

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# Aberdeen Global Income Fund, Inc.

Annual Report

October 31, 2010

Invests primarily in global fixed-income securities

# Letter to Shareholders (unaudited)

December 10, 2010

#### Dear Shareholder,

We present this Annual Report which covers the activities of Aberdeen Global Income Fund, Inc. (the Fund) for the year ended October 31, 2010. The Fund s principal investment objective is to provide high current income by investing primarily in debt securities. As a secondary investment objective, the Fund seeks capital appreciation, but only when consistent with its principal investment objective.

#### Net Asset Value Performance

The Fund  $\,$ s total return based on net asset value (  $\,$ NAV  $\,$ ) was 18.7% for the year ended October 31, 2010 and 8.4% per annum since inception, assuming the reinvestment of distributions.

### Share Price Performance

The Funds share price increased by 7.1% over the year, from \$11.70 on October 31, 2009 to \$12.53 on October 31, 2010. The Funds share price on October 31, 2010 represented a discount of 3.0% to the NAV per share of \$12.92 on that date, compared with a premium of 0.3% to the NAV per share of \$11.67 on October 31, 2009. At the date of this letter, the share price was \$12.82, representing a premium of 2.0% to the NAV per share of \$12.57.

## Credit Quality

As of October 31, 2010, 69.4% of the Fund s portfolio was invested in securities where either the issue or the issuer was rated A or better by S&P or Moody s, or judged by Aberdeen Asset Management Asia Limited (the Investment Manager) to be of equivalent quality.

#### Distributions

Distributions to common shareholders for the twelve months ended October 31, 2010 totaled \$0.84 per share. Based on the share price of \$12.53 on October 31, 2010, the distribution rate over the twelve months then ended was 6.7%. Since all distributions are paid after deducting applicable withholding taxes, the effective distribution rate may be higher for those U.S. investors who are able to claim a tax credit.

On December 8, 2010, the Board of Directors (Board) authorized a monthly distribution of 7.0 cents per share, payable on January 14, 2011 to common shareholders of record as of December 30, 2010.

The Fund's policy is to provide investors with a stable monthly distribution out of current income, supplemented by realized capital gains and, to the extent necessary, paid-in-capital. It is the Board's intention that a monthly distribution of at least 7.0 cents per share be maintained for twelve months, beginning with the July 16, 2010 distribution payment. This policy is subject to regular review at the

Board s quarterly meetings, unless market conditions require an earlier evaluation. The next review is scheduled to take place in June 2011.

## Share Repurchase Policy

The Board s policy is generally to buy back Fund shares on the open market when the Fund trades at certain discounts to NAV. During the year ended October 31, 2010 and the fiscal year ended October 31, 2009, the Fund repurchased 0 and 31,000 shares, respectively, through this program.

### Revolving Credit Facility and Leverage

The Fund s revolving credit loan facility with The Bank of Nova Scotia was renewed for another 364 day term on March 4, 2010, and included an increase of the facility from US\$30,000,000 to US\$40,000,000. The outstanding balance on the loan as of October 31, 2010 was US\$40,000,000. Under the terms of the loan facility and applicable regulations, the Fund is required to maintain certain asset coverage rations for the amount of its outstanding borrowings. The Board continually evaluates the use of leverage for the Fund. In December 2008, the Fund s Board authorized the Fund to use reverse repurchase agreements as another form of leverage. The Fund may implement a reverse repurchase agreement program if the Board determines it would be advantageous for the Fund and stockholders to do so.

#### Portfolio Holdings Disclosure

The Fund files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. The Fund s Forms N-Q are available on the SEC s website at http://www.sec.gov and may be reviewed and copied at the SEC s Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. Information about the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 1-800-SEC-0330. The Fund makes the information on Form N-Q available to shareholders on the Fund s website or upon request and without charge by calling Investor Relations toll-free at 1-866-839-5233.

## Proxy Voting

A description of the policies and procedures that the Fund uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities, and information regarding how the Fund voted proxies related to portfolio securities during the twelve months ended June 30, 2010, is available: (i) upon request and without charge by calling Investor Relations toll-free at 1-866-839-5233; and (ii) on the SEC s website at http://www.sec.gov.

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## Letter to Shareholders (unaudited) (concluded)

#### Dividend Reinvestment and Direct Stock Purchase Plan

As part of a broad effort to enhance available services to Shareholders, we are pleased to announce the availability of a Dividend Reinvestment and Direct Stock Purchase Plan (the Plan) that is sponsored and administered by Computershare Trust Company, N.A., the Fund's transfer agent. For both purchases and reinvestment purposes, shares will be purchased in the open market at the current share price and cannot be issued directly by the Fund.

The new Plan has similar features to the previous Dividend Reinvestment Plan that was administered by The Bank of New York Mellon, the Fund's former transfer agent, but it also offers some enhancements that enable investors to purchase initial shares through the Plan as a new investor, authorize recurring monthly purchases through the automatic investment feature and purchase shares over the Internet at www.computershare.com/aberdeen or by check.

For more information about the Plan and a brochure that includes the terms and conditions of the Plan, please contact Computershare at 1-800-647-0584 or visit www.computershare.com/buyaberdeen.Proxy Voting

#### **Investor Relations Information**

For information about the Fund, daily updates of share price, NAV, and details of recent distributions, contact Aberdeen Asset Management Inc. by:

Calling toll free at 1-866-839-5233 in the United States, Emailing InvestorRelations@aberdeen-asset.us, or Visiting the website at www.aberdeenfco.us.

For more information about Aberdeen Closed-End Funds, please visit our Closed-End Investor Center at www.aberdeen-asset.us/cef.

From the site you will also be able to review performance, download literature and sign up for email services. The site houses topical information about the funds, including fact sheets from Morningstar that are updated daily and monthly manager reports. If you sign up for our email service online, we can ensure that you are among the first to know about Aberdeen s latest closed-end fund news.

Included within this report is a reply card with postage paid envelope. Please complete and mail the card if you would like to be added to our enhanced email service and receive future communications from Aberdeen.

Yours sincerely,

## **Christian Pittard**

President

All amounts are U.S. dollars unless otherwise stated.

## Distribution Disclosure Classification (unaudited)

The Fund s policy is to provide investors with a stable monthly distribution out of current income, supplemented by realized capital gains and, to the extent necessary, paid-in capital.

The Fund is subject to U.S. corporate, tax and securities laws. Under U.S. tax accounting rules, the amount of distributable income for each fiscal period depends on the actual exchange rates during the entire year between the U.S. dollar and the currencies in which Fund assets are denominated and on the aggregate gains and losses realized by the Fund during the entire year.

Therefore, the exact amount of distributable income for each fiscal year can only be determined as of the end of the Fund s fiscal year, October 31. Under the U.S. Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act ), the Fund is required to indicate the

sources of certain distributions to shareholders. This estimated distribution composition may vary from month to month because it may be materially impacted by future realized gains and losses on securities and fluctuations in the value of the currencies in which the Fund assets are denominated.

The distributions for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2010 were comprised of 100% net investment income.

In January 2011, a Form 1099-DIV will be sent to shareholders, which will state the amount and composition of distributions and provide information with respect to their appropriate tax treatment for the 2010 calendar year.

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# Report of the Investment Manager (unaudited)

#### Share Price Performance

On October 31, 2010, the Fund s share price was \$12.53, which represented a discount of 3.0% to the NAV per share of \$12.92. As of December 10, 2010, the share price was \$12.82, representing a premium of 2.0% to the NAV per share of \$12.57.

## Loan Facility and the Use of Leverage

The Fund utilizes leverage to seek to increase the yield for its common stockholders. The amounts borrowed from the line of credit may be invested at higher rates in the Fund s portfolio. However, the cost of leverage could exceed the income earned by the Fund on the proceeds of such leverage. To the extent that the Fund is unable to invest the proceeds from the use of leverage in assets which pay interest at a rate which exceeds the rate paid on the leverage, the yield on the Fund s common stock will decrease. In addition, in the event of a general market decline in the value of assets in which the Fund invests, the effect of that decline will be magnified in the Fund because of the additional assets purchased with the proceeds of the leverage. Non-recurring expenses in connection with the implementation of the loan facility will reduce the Fund s performance.

The Fund s leveraged capital structure creates special risks not associated with unleveraged funds having similar investment objectives and policies. The funds borrowed pursuant to the loan facility may constitute a substantial lien and burden by reason of their prior claim against the income of the Fund and against the net assets of the Fund in liquidation. The Fund is not permitted to declare dividends or other distributions in the event of default under the loan facility. In the event of a default under the credit agreement, the lenders have the right to cause a liquidation of the collateral (i.e., sell portfolio securities and other assets of the Fund) and, if any such default is not cured, the lenders may be able to control the liquidation as well. The loan facility has a term of 364 days and is not a perpetual form of leverage; there can be no assurance that the loan facility will be available for renewal on acceptable terms, if at all.

The credit agreement governing the loan facility includes usual and customary covenants for this type of transaction. These covenants impose on the Fund asset coverage requirements, fund composition requirements and limits on certain investments, such as illiquid investments, which are more stringent than those imposed on the Fund by the 1940 Act. The covenants or guidelines could impede the Investment Manager, Aberdeen Asset Management Limited (the Investment Adviser) or Aberdeen Asset Management Investment Services Limited (the Sub-Adviser) from fully managing the Fund s portfolio in accordance with the Fund s investment objective and policies. Furthermore, non-compliance with such covenants or the

occurrence of other events could lead to the cancellation of the loan facility. The covenants also include a requirement that the Fund maintain an NAV of no less than \$90 million.

Prices and availability of leverage are extremely volatile in the current market environment. The Fund s Board continues to evaluate the use of leverage for the Fund and will explore other forms of leverage. In December 2008, the Fund s Board authorized the Fund to use reverse repurchase agreements as another form of leverage. The Fund may implement a reverse repurchase agreement program if the Board determines it would be advantageous for the Fund and stockholders to do so. A reverse repurchase agreement involves the sale of a security, with an agreement to repurchase the same or substantially similar securities at an agreed upon price and date. Whether such a transaction produces a gain for a Fund depends upon the costs of the agreements and the income and gains of the securities purchased with the proceeds received from the sale of the security. If the income and gains on the securities purchased fail to exceed the costs, the Fund s NAV will decline faster than otherwise would be the case. Reverse repurchase agreements, as with any leveraging techniques, may increase the Fund s return; however, such transactions also increase the Fund s risks in down markets.

Interest Rate Swaps

The Fund entered into interest rate swaps to efficiently gain or hedge interest rate or currency risk. As of October 31, 2010, the Fund held interest rate swap agreements with an aggregate notional amount of US\$21 million which represented approximately 53% of the total borrowings. Under the terms of the agreements currently in effect, the Fund receives a floating rate of interest (three month USD-LIBOR BBA rate) and pays fixed rates of interest for the terms and based upon the notional amounts set forth below:

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Term as of	Amount	Fixed Rate
October 31, 2010	(in \$ million)	Payable (%)
44 months	7.0	3.0125
18 months	7.0	1.8170
6 months	7.0	1.4700

A significant risk associated with interest rate swaps is the risk that the counterparty may default or file for bankruptcy, in which case the Fund would bear the risk of loss of the amount expected to be received under the swap agreements. There can be no assurance that the Fund will have an interest rate swap in place at any given time nor can there be any assurance that, if an interest rate swap is in place, it will be successful in hedging the Fund s interest rate risk with respect to the loan facility. The implementation of this strategy is at the discretion of the Leverage Committee of the Board.

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## Report of the Investment Manager (unaudited) (concluded)

#### Economic Review

Despite the continued recovery in risk assets, returns on the developed bond markets were generally positive in the first quarter of 2010 following a poor fourth quarter 2009 for global bonds, where the 10 year yields for U.S. Treasuries were up around 50 basis points. There were no moves in official rates in the major economies. The only exception was Australia, where rates were increased three times to end the period at 4.5%.

As we moved into the third quarter of 2010 bond markets rallied, with yields reaching record lows in most major markets in August, as the recovery in the U.S. was called into question by disappointing economic data. The focus has now shifted away from monetary tightening with the U.S. Federal Reserve implementing additional quantitative easing in the form of additional purchases of U.S. treasuries.

Emerging market debt continued to post healthy gains on back of improving fundamentals and declining U.S. Treasury Bond yields,

further boosted by the prospects of another round of quantitative easing by the U.S. Federal Reserve.

For much of the period, the main focus remained on sovereign risk and Greece in particular. Amidst unprecedented volatility in peripheral Euro zone government bond markets, the EU approved a 110bn bailout package for Greece, co-financed with the International Monetary Fund ( IMF ). The European Central Bank ( ECB ) also announced that it would accept Greek government bonds as collateral for its refinancing operations regardless of credit rating. In addition, given rising fears that a liquidity crisis would turn into a major solvency problem, the EU announced a 750bn package to support the liquidity and solvency of any European Monetary Union ( EMU ) member having difficulty accessing the capital markets. On top of these measures, the ECB announced that EMU central banks would be given the authority to purchase EMU sovereign debt as a market support operation.

# Portfolio Composition (unaudited)

## **Quality of Investments**

As of October 31, 2010, 69.4% of the Fund s total investments were invested in securities where either the issue or the issuer was rated at least A by Standard & Poor s Corporation or Moody s Investors Service, Inc. or, if unrated, judged to be of equivalent quality by the Investment Manager. The table below shows the asset quality of the Fund s portfolio as of October 31, 2010, compared with the previous six and twelve months:

	AAA/Aaa	AA/Aa	A	BBB/Baa	BB/Ba*	<b>B</b> *	CCC*
Date	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
October 31, 2010	46.2	12.4	10.8	13.0	11.3	6.3	0.0
April 30, 2010	44.6	9.4	12.0	14.6	12.9	6.5	0.0

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## Below investment grade

## **Geographic Composition**

The Fund s investments are divided into three categories: Developed Markets, Investment Grade Developing Markets and Sub-Investment Grade Developing Markets. The table below shows the geographic composition (i.e., with U.S. dollar denominated bonds issued by foreign issuers allocated into country of issuance) of the Fund s total investments as of October 31, 2010, compared with the previous six and twelve months:

	Developed Markets	Investment Grade Developing Markets	Sub-Investment Grade Developing Markets
Date	%	%	%
October 31, 2010	75.5	10.2	14.3
April 30, 2010	71.0	11.8	17.2
October 31, 2009	70.1	11.4	18.5

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# Portfolio Composition (unaudited) (concluded)

## **Currency Composition**

The table below shows the currency composition of the Fund s total investments as of October 31, 2010, compared with the previous six and twelve months:

		<b>Investment Grade</b>	<b>Sub-Investment Grade</b>
	Developed Markets	Developing Markets	Developing Markets
Date	%	%	%
October 31, 2010	92.7	2.5	4.8
April 30, 2010	93.1	3.3	3.6
October 31, 2009	94.4	2.5	3.1

## **Maturity Composition**

As of October 31, 2010, the average maturity of the Fund s total investments was 9.6 years, compared with 9.6 years on October 31, 2009. The table below shows the maturity composition of the Fund s investments as of October 31, 2010, compared with the previous six and twelve months:

	<b>Under 3 Years</b>	3 to 5 Years	5 to 10 Years	10 Years & Over
Date	<b>%</b>	%	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
October 31, 2010	26.6	16.4	27.4	29.6
April 30, 2010	30.1	15.8	31.3	22.8
October 31, 2009	30.2	17.1	29.9	22.8

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# Summary of Key Rates (unaudited)

The following table summarizes the movements of key interest rates and currencies from the previous six and twelve month periods.

	October 31, 2010	April 30, 2010	October 31, 2009
Australia	,	1 /	,
90 day bank bills	4.87%	4.63%	3.94%
10 year bonds	5.20%	5.71%	5.54%
Australian Dollar	\$0.98	\$0.93	\$0.90
Canada			
90 day bank bills	0.93%	0.39%	0.25%
10 year bonds	2.81%	3.65%	3.42%
Canadian Dollar	\$0.98	\$0.99	\$0.93
Malaysia			
90 day T-bills	2.89%	2.58%	2.04%
10 year bonds	3.82%	4.06%	4.28%
Malaysian Ringgit*	<del>R</del> 3.11	<del>R</del> 3.18	<del>R</del> 3.41
New Zealand			
90 day bank bills	3.21%	2.75%	2.81%
10 year bonds	5.24%	5.91%	5.73%
New Zealand Dollar	\$0.76	\$0.73	\$0.72
Philippines			
90 day T-bills	3.83%	4.14%	4.07%
10 year bonds	5.96%	8.11%	7.95%
Philippines Peso*	P43.02	<del>P</del> 44.46	<del>P</del> 47.62
Singapore			
90 day T-bills	0.29%	0.33%	0.43%
10 year bonds	1.98%	2.67%	2.55%
Singapore Dollar*	<del>\$</del> \$1.29	<del>\$</del> \$1.37	<del>\$</del> \$1.40
South Korea			
90 day T-bills	2.38%	2.15%	2.20%
10 year bonds	4.36%	4.82%	5.43%
South Korean Won*	₩1125.25	₩1,108.35	₩1,182.25
Thailand			
90 day deposits	1.00%	0.75%	0.75%
10 year bonds	3.20%	3.53%	4.34%
Thai Baht*	<del>B</del> 29.98	₽32.36	<del>B</del> 33.43
United Kingdom			
90 day bank bills	0.74%	0.68%	0.59%
10 year bonds	3.08%	3.85%	3.62%
British Pound	£1.60	£1.53	£1.65
U.S.\$ Bonds**			
Hong Kong	1.73%	0.93%	1.42%
Malaysia	0.93%	1.30%	1.74%
Philippines	3.72%	5.11%	5.69%
South Korea	2.77%	3.88%	4.41%

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- (d) any Security Interest in favor of Canadian Natural or any of its wholly-owned Subsidiaries;
- (e)
  any Security Interest existing on the property of any Person at the time such Person becomes a Subsidiary, or arising thereafter pursuant to contractual commitments entered into prior to and not in contemplation of such Person becoming a Subsidiary;
- (f)
  any Security Interest on property of a Person which Security Interest exists at the time such Person is merged into, or amalgamated or consolidated with, Canadian Natural or a Subsidiary, or such property is otherwise acquired by Canadian Natural or a Subsidiary, provided such Security Interest does not extend to property owned by Canadian Natural or such Subsidiary immediately prior to such merger, amalgamation, consolidation or acquisition;
- (g)
  any Security Interest on Current Assets securing any Indebtedness to any bank or banks or other lending institution or
  institutions incurred in the ordinary course of business and for the purpose of carrying on the same, repayable on demand or
  maturing within 12 months of the date when such Indebtedness is incurred or the date of any renewal or extension thereof,
  provided that such security is given at the time that the Indebtedness is incurred;
- (h) any Security Interest in respect of (i) liens for taxes and assessments not at the time overdue or any liens securing workmen's compensation assessments, unemployment insurance or other social security obligations; provided, however, that if any such liens, duties or assessments are then overdue, Canadian Natural or the Subsidiary, as the case may be, shall be prosecuting an appeal or proceedings for review with respect to which it shall have secured a stay in the enforcement of any such obligations, (ii) any liens for specified taxes and assessments which are overdue but the validity of which is being contested at the time by Canadian Natural or the Subsidiary, as the case may be, in good faith, and with respect to which Canadian Natural or the Subsidiary shall have secured a stay of enforcement thereof, if applicable, (iii) any liens or rights of distress reserved in or exercisable under any lease for rent and for compliance with the terms of such lease, (iv) any obligations or duties, affecting the property of Canadian Natural or that of a Subsidiary to any municipality or governmental, statutory or public authority, with respect to any franchise, grant, license, lease or permit and any defects in title to structures or other facilities arising solely from the fact that such structures or facilities are constructed or installed on lands held by Canadian Natural or the Subsidiary under government permits, licenses, leases or other grants, which obligations, duties and defects in the aggregate do not materially impair the use of such property, structures or facilities for the purpose for which they are held by Canadian Natural or the Subsidiary, (v) any deposits or liens in connection with contracts, bids, tenders or expropriation proceedings, surety or appeal bonds, costs of litigation when required by law, public and statutory obligations, liens or claims incidental to current construction, builders', mechanics', laborers', materialmen's, warehousemen's, carrier's and other similar liens, (vi) the right reserved to or vested in any municipality or governmental or other public authority by any statutory provision or by the terms of any lease, license, franchise, grant or permit, that affects any land, to terminate any such lease, license, franchise, grant or permit or to require annual or other periodic payments as a condition to the continuance thereof, (vii) any Security Interest the validity of which is being contested at the time by Canadian Natural or a Subsidiary in good faith or payment of which has been provided for by deposit with the Trustee of an amount in cash sufficient to pay the same in full, (viii) any easements, rights-of-way and servitudes (including, without in any way limiting the generality of the foregoing, easements, rights-of-way and servitudes for railways, sewers, dykes, drains, pipelines, natural gas and water mains or electric light and power or telephone conduits, poles, wires and cables) that, in the opinion of Canadian Natural, will not in the aggregate materially and adversely impair the use or value of the land concerned for the purpose for which it is held by Canadian Natural or the Subsidiary, as the case may be, (ix) any security to a public utility or any municipality or governmental or other

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public authority when required by such utility or other authority in connection with the operations of Canadian Natural or the Subsidiary, as the case may be, and (x) any liens and privileges arising out of judgments or awards with respect to which Canadian Natural or the Subsidiary shall be prosecuting an appeal or proceedings for review and with respect to which it shall have secured a stay of execution pending such appeal or proceedings for review;

- any Security Interest arising under partnership agreements, oil and natural gas leases, overriding royalty agreements, net profits agreements, production payment agreements, royalty trust agreements, master limited partnership agreements, farm-out agreements, division orders, contracts for the sale, purchase, exchange, transportation, gathering or processing of oil, natural gas or other hydrocarbons or by-product thereof, unitizations and pooling designations, declarations, orders and agreements, development agreements, operating agreements, production sales contracts (including security in respect of take or pay or similar obligations thereunder), area of mutual interest agreements, natural gas balancing or deferred production agreements, injection, repressuring and recycling agreements, salt water or other disposal agreements, seismic or geophysical permits or agreements, which in each of the foregoing cases is customary in the oil and natural gas business, and other agreements which are customary in the oil and natural gas business, provided in all instances that such Security Interest is limited to the assets that are the subject of the relevant agreement;
- (j)
   any Security Interest on cash or marketable securities of Canadian Natural or any Subsidiary granted in the ordinary course of business in connection with Financial Instrument Obligations;
- (k)

  any Security Interest in respect of the sale (including any forward sale) or other transfer, in the ordinary course of business, of (i) oil, natural gas, other hydrocarbons or by-product thereof, or other minerals, whether in place or when produced, for a period of time until, or in an amount such that, the purchaser will realize therefrom a specified amount of money (however determined) or a specified amount of such minerals and (ii) any other interests in property of a character commonly referred to as a "production payment";
- any extension, renewal, alteration or replacement (or successive extensions, renewals, alterations or replacements) in whole or in part, of any Security Interest referred to in the foregoing clauses (a) through (k) inclusive, provided the principal amount thereof is not increased and provided that such extension, renewal, alteration or replacement shall be limited to all or a part of the property or other assets which secured the Security Interest so extended, renewed, altered or replaced (plus improvements on such property or other assets); and
- (m)

  any Security Interests that would otherwise be prohibited (including any extensions, renewals, alterations or replacements thereof) provided that the aggregate Indebtedness outstanding and secured under this clause (m) does not (calculated at the time of the granting of the Security Interest) exceed an amount equal to 10 percent of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets.

The term "Person" means any individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

The term "Purchase Money Obligation" means any monetary obligation created or assumed as part of the purchase price of real or tangible personal property, whether or not secured, any extensions, renewals or refundings of any such obligation, provided that the principal amount of such obligation on the date of such extension, renewal or refunding is not increased and further provided that any security given in respect of such obligation shall not extend to any property other than the property acquired in

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connection with which such obligation was created or assumed and fixed improvements, if any, thereto or erected or constructed thereon.

The term "Sale and Leaseback Transaction" means any direct or indirect arrangement (excluding, however, any such arrangement between Canadian Natural and a Subsidiary or between one or more Subsidiaries) pursuant to which property is sold or transferred and is thereafter leased back from the purchaser or transferree thereof.

The term "Security Interest" means any security by way of an assignment, mortgage, charge, pledge, lien, encumbrance, title retention agreement or other security interest whatsoever, howsoever created or arising, whether absolute or contingent, fixed or floating, perfected or not; however, for purposes of the "Negative Pledge" covenant only, such term shall not include any encumbrance that may be deemed to arise solely as a result of entering into an agreement, not in violation of the terms of the Indenture, to sell or otherwise transfer assets or property.

The term "Shareholders' Equity" means the aggregate amount of shareholders' equity of a Person as shown on the most recent annual audited or unaudited interim consolidated balance sheet of such Person and computed in accordance with GAAP.

The term "Significant Subsidiary" means a Subsidiary that constitutes a "significant subsidiary" as defined in Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X of the Exchange Act.

The term "Subsidiary" means any corporation or other Person of which there are owned, directly or indirectly, by or for Canadian Natural or by or for any corporation or other Person in like relation to Canadian Natural, Voting Shares or other interests which, in the aggregate, entitle the holders thereof to cast more than 50 percent of the votes which may be cast by the holders of all outstanding Voting Shares of such first mentioned corporation or other Person for the election of its directors or, in the case of any Person which is not a corporation, Persons having similar powers or (if there are no such persons) entitle the holders thereof to more than 50 percent of the income or capital interests (however called) thereon and includes any corporation in like relation to a Subsidiary; provided, however, that such term will not include, for purposes of the "Negative Pledge" covenant only, any Subsidiary if the assets of the Subsidiary do not at the time exceed 2 percent of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets.

The term "Voting Shares" means shares of capital stock of any class of a corporation and other interests of any other Persons having under all circumstances the right to vote for the election of the directors of such corporation or in the case of any Person which is not a corporation, Persons having similar powers or (if there are no such Persons) income or capital interests (however called), provided that, for the purpose of this definition, shares or other interests which only carry the right to vote conditionally on the happening of an event shall not be considered Voting Shares whether or not such event shall have happened.

## **Events of Default**

The occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the debt securities of any series will constitute an "Event of Default" with respect to the debt securities of that series:

- (a)
  default by Canadian Natural in payment of all or any part of the principal of any of the debt securities of that series when the same becomes due under any provision of the Indenture or of those debt securities;
- (b)

  default by Canadian Natural in payment of any interest due on any of the debt securities of that series, or Additional

  Amounts on any of the debt securities of that series when they become due and payable, and continuance of that default for a period of 30 days;

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- (c)
  default by Canadian Natural in observing or performing any of the covenants described below under "Consolidation,
  Merger, Amalgamation and Sale of Assets";
- (d)

  default by Canadian Natural in observing or performing any other of its covenants or conditions contained in the Indenture
  or in the debt securities of that series and continuance of that default for a period of 60 days after written notice as provided
  in the Indenture:
- default by Canadian Natural or any Subsidiary in payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any Indebtedness for borrowed money having an outstanding principal amount in excess of the greater of \$75 million and 2 percent of the Shareholders' Equity of Canadian Natural in the aggregate at the time of default or default in the performance of any other covenant of Canadian Natural or any Subsidiary contained in any instrument under which that indebtedness is created or issued and the holders thereof, or a trustee, if any, for those holders, declare that indebtedness to be due and payable prior to the stated maturities of that indebtedness ("accelerated indebtedness"), and such acceleration shall not be rescinded or annulled, or such default under such instrument shall not be remedied or cured, whether by payment or otherwise, or waived by the holders of such indebtedness, provided that if such accelerated indebtedness is the result of an event of default which is not related to the failure to pay principal or interest on the terms, at the times and on the conditions set forth in such instrument, it will not be considered an Event of Default under this clause (e) until 15 days after such acceleration;
- (f)
  certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency, winding up, liquidation or dissolution relating to Canadian Natural or any
  Significant Subsidiary;
- the taking or entry of certain judgments or decrees against Canadian Natural or any Subsidiary for the payment of money in excess of the greater of \$75 million and 2 percent of the Shareholders' Equity of Canadian Natural in the aggregate, if Canadian Natural or such Subsidiary, as the case may be, fails to file an appeal or, if Canadian Natural or such Subsidiary, as the case may be, does file an appeal, that judgment or decree is not and does not remain vacated, discharged or stayed as provided in the Indenture; or
- (h) any other Event of Default provided with respect to debt securities of that series.

If an Event of Default described in clause (a) or (b) above occurs and is continuing with respect to debt securities of any series, unless the principal of all of the debt securities of that series shall have already become due and payable, the Trustee may, in its discretion, and shall upon request in writing made by the Holders of not less than 25 percent in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of that series then Outstanding, declare the principal of (and premium, if any, on) all the debt securities of that series then Outstanding and the interest accrued thereon and all other money, if any, owing under the provisions of the Indenture in respect of those debt securities to be due and payable immediately on demand. If an Event of Default described in clause (d) or (h) above occurs and is continuing with respect to the debt securities of one or more series, unless the principal of all of the debt securities of the affected series shall have already become due and payable, the Trustee may, in its discretion, and shall upon request in writing made by the Holders of not less than 25 percent in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of all such affected series then Outstanding (voting as one class), declare the principal of (and premium, if any, on) all the debt securities of all the affected series then Outstanding and the interest accrued thereon and all other money, if any, owing under the provisions of the Indenture in respect of those debt securities to be due and payable immediately on demand. If an Event of Default described in clause (c), (e), (f) or (g) above occurs and is continuing, unless the principal of all debt securities then Outstanding shall have already become due and payable, the Trustee may, in its discretion, and shall upon request in writing made by the Holders of not less than 25 percent in aggregate principal amount of all the debt securities then Outstanding (voting as one class), declare the principal of (and premium, if any, on) all the debt securities then Outsta

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and the interest accrued thereon and all other money, if any, owing under the provisions of the Indenture in respect of those debt securities to be due and payable immediately on demand.

Upon certain conditions, any declaration of this kind may be cancelled if all Events of Default with respect to the debt securities of all those affected series then Outstanding shall have been cured or waived as provided in the Indenture by the Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of the affected series then Outstanding (voting as one class, except in the case of Events of Default described in clauses (a) and (b) of the first sentence of the preceding paragraph, as to which each series so affected will vote as a separate class). See "Modification and Waiver" below. Reference is made to the applicable prospectus supplement or supplements relating to any series of Original Issue Discount Securities for the particular provisions relating to the acceleration of a portion of the principal amount thereof upon the occurrence and continuance of an Event of Default with respect thereto.

The Indenture provides that the Trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the Indenture at the request or direction of the Holders, unless those Holders shall have provided to the Trustee reasonable indemnity. Subject to those provisions for indemnity and certain other limitations contained in the Indenture, the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of all affected series then Outstanding (voting as one class) will have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee, with respect to the debt securities of those affected series.

The Indenture provides that no Holder of the debt securities of any series will have any right to institute any proceeding with respect to the Indenture or for any remedy thereunder, unless (a) that Holder shall have previously given to the Trustee written notice of a continuing Event of Default with respect to the debt securities of that series, (b) the Holders of not less than 25 percent in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of all affected series then Outstanding (voting as one class) shall have made written request, and provided reasonable indemnity, to the Trustee to institute that proceeding within 60 days after that notification, request and offer of indemnity and (d) the Trustee shall not have received from the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of all affected series then Outstanding (voting as one class) a direction inconsistent with that request during such 60 day period. However, the Holder of any Security will have an absolute right to receive payment of the principal of and any premium and interest on that Security on or after the due dates expressed in that Security and to institute suit for the enforcement of any of these payments. The Indenture requires Canadian Natural to furnish to the Trustee annually an Officers' Certificate as to the compliance by Canadian Natural with certain covenants, conditions or other requirements contained in the Indenture and as to any non-compliance therewith.

The Indenture provides that the Trustee may withhold notice to the Holders of the debt securities of one or more series of any default affecting those series (except defaults as to payment of principal or interest) if it, in good faith, considers that withholding to be in the best interests of the Holders of the debt securities of those series.

## Consolidation, Merger, Amalgamation and Sale of Assets

Canadian Natural shall not enter into any transaction (whether by way of reorganization, reconstruction, consolidation, amalgamation, merger, lease, transfer, sale or otherwise) whereby all or substantially all of its assets would become the property of any other Person (the "Successor Corporation") unless (a) the Successor Corporation shall, prior to or contemporaneously with the consummation of that transaction, execute those instruments, which may include a supplemental indenture, and do those things as shall be necessary or advisable to establish that upon the

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consummation of that transaction (i) the Successor Corporation will have assumed all of the covenants and obligations of Canadian Natural under the Indenture in respect of the debt securities of every series, and (ii) the debt securities of every series will be valid and binding obligations of the Successor Corporation entitling the Holders thereof, as against the Successor Corporation, to all the rights of Holders of debt securities under the Indenture; (b) the Successor Corporation is a corporation, partnership, or trust organized and validly existing under the laws of Canada or any province thereof or of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia, (c) Canadian Natural has delivered to the Trustee, within 60 days thereof, an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel each stating that such transaction and such supplemental indenture comply with this covenant and all conditions precedent to Section 7.1 relating to such transaction have been complied with, and (d) immediately before and after giving effect to such transaction, no Event of Default, and no event which, after notice or lapse of time or both, would become an Event of Default, shall have occurred and be continuing.

#### **Additional Amounts**

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, all payments made by Canadian Natural under or with respect to the debt securities will be made free and clear of and without withholding or deduction for or on account of any present or future tax, duty, levy, impost, assessment or other governmental charge (including penalties, interest and other liabilities related thereto) imposed or levied by or on behalf of the Government of Canada or of any province or territory thereof or by any authority or agency therein or thereof having power to tax (hereinafter "Canadian Taxes"), unless Canadian Natural is required to withhold or deduct Canadian Taxes by law or by the interpretation or administration thereof. If Canadian Natural is so required to withhold or deduct any amount for or on account of Canadian Taxes from any payment made under or with respect to the debt securities, Canadian Natural will pay to each Holder as additional interest such additional amounts ("Additional Amounts") as may be necessary so that the net amount received by each Holder after such withholding or deduction (and after deducting any Canadian Taxes on such Additional Amounts) will not be less than the amount the Holder would have received if such Canadian Taxes had not been withheld or deducted. However, no Additional Amounts will be payable with respect to a payment made to a Holder (such Holder, an "Excluded Holder") in respect of the beneficial owner thereof:

- (a) with which Canadian Natural does not deal at arm's length (within the meaning of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada)) at the time of making such payment;
- (b)
  which is subject to such Canadian Taxes by reason of the Holder being a resident, domicile or national of, or engaged in business or maintaining a permanent establishment or other physical presence in or otherwise having some connection with Canada or any province or territory thereof otherwise than by the mere holding of debt securities or the receipt of payments thereunder; or
- which is subject to such Canadian Taxes by reason of the Holder's failure to comply with any certification, identification, information, documentation or other reporting requirements if compliance is required by law, regulation, administrative practice or an applicable treaty as a precondition to exemption from, or a reduction in the rate of deduction or withholding of, such Canadian Taxes.

### Canadian Natural will also:

- (a) make such withholding or deduction; and
- (b) remit the full amount deducted or withheld to the relevant authority in accordance with applicable law.

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Canadian Natural will furnish to the Holders of the debt securities, within 60 days after the date the payment of any Canadian Taxes is due pursuant to applicable law, certified copies of tax receipts or other documents evidencing such payment by Canadian Natural.

Canadian Natural will indemnify and hold harmless each Holder (other than an Excluded Holder) and upon written request reimburse each such Holder for the amount of:

- (a) any Canadian Taxes so levied or imposed and paid by such Holder as a result of payments made under or with respect to the debt securities:
- (b) any liability (including penalties, interest and expenses) arising therefrom or with respect thereto; and
- (c)
  any Canadian Taxes imposed with respect to any reimbursement under clause (a) or (b) above, but excluding any such
  Canadian Taxes on such Holder's net income.

Wherever in the Indenture there is mentioned, in any context, the payment of principal (and premium, if any), interest or any other amount payable under or with respect to a Security, such mention shall be deemed to include mention of the payment of Additional Amounts to the extent that, in such context, Additional Amounts are, were or would be payable in respect thereof.

## **Tax Redemption**

The debt securities will be subject to redemption in whole, but not in part, at the option of Canadian Natural, at any time, on not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior written notice, at 100 percent of the principal amount, together with accrued interest thereon to the redemption date, in the event that we have become or would become obligated to pay, on the next date on which any amount would be payable with respect to the debt securities, any Additional Amounts as a result of an amendment to or change in the laws (including any regulations promulgated thereunder) of Canada (or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein), or any amendment to or change in any official position regarding the application or interpretation of such laws or regulations, which change is announced or becomes effective on or after the date of this prospectus.

#### **Modification and Waiver**

The Indenture permits Canadian Natural and the Trustee to enter into supplemental indentures without the consent of the Holders of the debt securities to, among other things: (a) secure the debt securities of one or more series, (b) evidence the assumption by the Successor Corporation of Canadian Natural's covenants and obligations under the Indenture and the debt securities then Outstanding, (c) add covenants or Events of Default for the benefit of the Holders of one or more series of the debt securities, (d) cure any ambiguity or correct or supplement any defective provision in the Indenture which correction will not be prejudicial to the interests of the Holders of the debt securities, (e) establish the form and terms of the debt securities of any series, (f) evidence the acceptance of appointment by a successor Trustee, (g) to comply with any requirements of the SEC in order to effect and maintain the qualification of the Indenture under the United States *Trust Indenture Act of 1939*, as amended, (h) to supplement any of the provisions of the Indenture to the extent necessary to permit or facilitate defeasance and discharge of any series of debt securities, provided, however, such action shall not adversely affect the interests of the Holders of any debt securities in any material respect, and (i) make any other modifications which will not be prejudicial to the interests of the Holders of the debt securities.

The Indenture also permits Canadian Natural and the Trustee, with the consent of the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of each series then Outstanding and affected (voting as one class), to add any provisions to, or change in any manner or eliminate any of the provisions of, the Indenture or modify in any manner the rights of the Holders of the debt

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securities of each such affected series; provided, however, that Canadian Natural and the Trustee may not, among other things, without the consent of the Holder of each Security then Outstanding and affected thereby: (a) change the Stated Maturity of the principal amount of, or any installment of the principal of or the interest on, that Security, (b) reduce the principal amount of or the rate of interest on or any premium payable upon the redemption of that Security, (c) reduce the amount of principal of an Original Issue Discount Security payable upon acceleration of the Maturity thereof, (d) change the place or currency of payment of the principal of or any premium or interest on that Security, (e) impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of payment of this kind with respect to that Security on or after the Stated Maturity thereof, (f) reduce the percentage in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of the affected series, the consent of whose Holders is required for modification or amendment of the Indenture, or for any waiver with respect to defaults, breaches, Events of Default or declarations of acceleration, (g) change the time at which any Security may or shall be redeemable or repayable, (h) change any obligation of Canadian Natural to pay additional amounts provided for pursuant to the Indenture, with certain exceptions, or (i) modify any provisions of the Indenture relating to modifying or amending the Indenture or the waiving of past defaults or covenants except as otherwise specified in the Indenture.

Prior to the acceleration of the Maturity of any debt securities, the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of all series at the time Outstanding with respect to which a default or breach or an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing (voting as one class) may on behalf of the Holders of all such affected debt securities waive any past default or breach or Event of Default and its consequences, except a default in the payment of the principal of or premium or interest on any Security of any series or an Event of Default in respect of a covenant or provision of the Indenture or of any Security which cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the Holder of each Security affected.

#### **Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance**

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, the Indenture provides that, at the option of Canadian Natural, Canadian Natural will be discharged from any and all obligations with respect to the debt securities of any series (except for certain obligations to register the transfer or exchange of the debt securities of that series, to replace mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen debt securities of that series. to maintain paying agencies, to compensate and indemnify the Trustee and to maintain the trust and payments under the trust described below and the defeasance provisions of the Indenture) (hereinafter called a "defeasance") upon the irrevocable deposit with the Trustee, in trust, of money, and/or Government Obligations which, through the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon in accordance with their terms, will provide money, in an amount sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent chartered accountants, to pay all the principal of and any premium and interest on the debt securities of that series on the Stated Maturity of those payments in accordance with the terms of the debt securities of that series. Such a defeasance may be effected only if, among other things, (i) Canadian Natural has delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel in the United States (who may be counsel for Canadian Natural) stating that Canadian Natural has received from, or there has been published by, the Internal Revenue Service a ruling, since the date of the Indenture, or there has been a change in the applicable laws or regulations, in either case to the effect that the Holders of the debt securities of that series will not recognize income, gain or loss for United States federal income tax purposes as a result of that defeasance and will be subject to United States federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if that defeasance had not occurred, and (ii) Canadian Natural has delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel in Canada (who may be counsel for Canadian Natural) or a ruling from the Canada Revenue Agency to the effect that the Holders of the debt securities of that series will not recognize income, gain or loss for Canadian federal or provincial income or other Canadian tax purposes as a result of that defeasance and will be subject to Canadian federal or

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provincial income and other Canadian tax (including withholding tax) on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if that defeasance had not occurred (and for the purposes of such opinion, such Canadian counsel shall assume that Holders of the debt securities include holders who are not resident in Canada). In addition, Canadian Natural may also obtain a discharge of the Indenture with respect to the debt securities of all series issued under the Indenture by depositing with the Trustee, in trust, an amount of money and government securities as shall be sufficient to pay, at Stated Maturity or upon redemption, all of those debt securities, provided that those debt securities are by their terms to become due and payable within one year or are to be called for redemption within one year.

The Indenture also provides that Canadian Natural may omit to comply with the restrictive covenants described under the caption "Negative Pledge" and certain other covenants and no Event of Default shall arise with respect to the debt securities of that series by reason of this failure to comply (hereinafter called a "covenant defeasance"), upon the irrevocable deposit with the Trustee, in trust, of money and/or Government Obligations which, through the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon in accordance with their terms, will provide money, in an amount sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent chartered accountants, to pay all the principal of and any premium and interest on the debt securities of that series on the Stated Maturity of those payments in accordance with the terms of the debt securities of that series. Canadian Natural's other obligations with respect to the debt securities of that series would remain in full force and effect. A covenant defeasance may be effected only if, among other things, (i) Canadian Natural has delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel in the United States (who may be counsel for Canadian Natural) to the effect that the Holders of debt securities of that series will not recognize income, gain or loss for United States federal income tax purposes as a result of the covenant defeasance and will be subject to United States federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if that covenant defeasance had not occurred, and (ii) Canadian Natural has delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel in Canada (who may be counsel for Canadian Natural) or a ruling from the Canada Revenue Agency to the effect that the Holders of the debt securities of that series will not recognize income, gain or loss for Canadian federal or provincial income or other Canadian tax purposes as a result of that covenant defeasance and will be subject to Canadian federal or provincial income and other Canadian tax (including withholding tax) on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if that covenant defeasance had not occurred (and for the purposes of such opinion, such Canadian counsel shall assume that Holders of the debt securities include holders who are not resident in Canada).

In the event that Canadian Natural exercises its option to effect a covenant defeasance with respect to the debt securities of any series, the debt securities of that series are thereafter declared due and payable because of the occurrence of another Event of Default and the amount of money and securities on deposit with the Trustee would be sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent chartered accountants, to pay the amounts due on the debt securities of that series at their respective Stated Maturities, but may not be sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent chartered accountants, to pay the amounts due on the debt securities of that series at the time of the acceleration resulting from that Event of Default, then Canadian Natural would remain liable for this deficiency.

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#### **Provision of Financial Information**

We will file with the Trustee, within 15 days after we file them with the SEC, copies of our annual report and other information (or copies of such portions of any of the foregoing as the SEC may by rules and regulations prescribe) which we are required to file with the SEC pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act. Notwithstanding that we may not be required to remain subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act or otherwise report on an annual and quarterly basis on forms provided for such annual and quarterly reporting pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the SEC, we will continue to provide the Trustee, and file with the SEC, in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed from time to time by the SEC, the information, documents and reports which may be required pursuant to Section 13 of the Exchange Act, in respect of a security listed and registered on a national securities exchange as may be prescribed from time to time in such rules and regulations, which, regardless of applicable requirements shall, at a minimum, consist of such information required to be provided in quarterly and annual reports under the laws of Canada or any province thereof to security holders of a corporation with securities listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange, whether or not we have any of our securities listed on such exchange. Such information will be prepared in accordance with Canadian disclosure requirements and Canadian GAAP.

## **Resignation of Trustee**

The Trustee may resign or be removed with respect to one or more series of debt securities and a successor Trustee may be appointed to act with respect to such series. In the event that two or more persons are acting as Trustee with respect to different series of debt securities, each such Trustee shall be a Trustee of a trust under the Indenture separate and apart from the trust administered by any other such Trustee, and any action described herein to be taken by the "Trustee" may then be taken by each such Trustee with respect to, and only with respect to, the one or more series of debt securities for which it is Trustee.

## **Payment and Paying Agents**

Unless otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on debt securities will be payable at an office or agency of the Trustee in New York, New York, except that at our option interest, if any, may be paid (i) by check mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto as such address shall appear in the Security Register or (ii) by wire transfer to an account located in the United States maintained by the Person entitled thereto as specified in the Security Register. Unless otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, payment of any instalment of interest on debt securities will be made to the Person in whose name such debt security is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest.

Any Paying Agents outside the United States and any other Paying Agents in the United States initially designated by us for the debt securities will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement. We may at any time designate additional Paying Agents or rescind the designation of any Paying Agent or approve a change in the office through which any Paying Agent acts, except that we will be required to maintain a Paying Agent in each Place of Payment for such series.

## **Consent to Service and Jurisdiction**

We have designated CT Corporation System, 111 Eighth Avenue, 13th Floor, New York, New York 10011 as our authorized agent for service of process in the United States in any action, suit or proceeding arising out of or relating to the Indenture or the debt securities. Any such action may be brought in any Federal court (or, if such court refuses to take jurisdiction, in any New York state court) located in the Borough of Manhattan in The City of New York (a "New York Court"), or brought

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under United States federal or state securities laws or brought by the Trustee, and Canadian Natural has irrevocably submitted to the jurisdiction of any such court.

### **Governing Law**

The Indenture and the debt securities will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

#### CERTAIN INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the material Canadian federal income tax consequences to an investor who is a citizen or resident of the United States purchasing the debt securities, including whether payments of principal, premium, if any, and interest will be subject to Canadian non-resident withholding tax.

The applicable prospectus supplement will also describe certain United States federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the debt securities by an investor who is a United States person (as defined in the applicable prospectus supplement), including, to the extent applicable, certain relevant United States federal income tax rules pertaining to capital gains and ordinary income treatment, original issue discount, backup withholding and the foreign tax credit, and any consequences relating to debt securities payable in a currency other than U.S. dollars, issued at an original discount for United States federal income tax purposes or containing early redemption provisions or other special terms.

#### RISK FACTORS

In addition to the risk factors set forth below, various risk factors relating to the business and securities of Canadian Natural are described in our disclosure documents filed from time to time with the securities commissions and similar authorities in each of the provinces of Canada and with the SEC and are incorporated by reference in this prospectus, including in particular, our current AIF and Management's Discussion and Analysis. Such risk disclosure forms an integral part hereof.

## The debt securities will be structurally subordinated to any indebtedness of our subsidiaries.

The majority of our assets are held in one or more corporate subsidiaries or partnerships. In the event of the liquidation of any corporate subsidiary, the assets of the subsidiary would be used first to repay the indebtedness of the subsidiary, including trade payables or obligations under any guarantees, prior to being used by us to pay our indebtedness, including any debt securities. Such indebtedness and any other future indebtedness of our subsidiaries would be structurally senior to the debt securities. The Indenture pursuant to which the debt securities will be issued does not limit our ability or the ability of our subsidiaries to incur additional unsecured indebtedness. See "Description of Debt Securities Ranking and Other Indebtedness".

## Credit ratings may not reflect all risks of an investment in the debt securities and may change.

Credit ratings assigned to us and to our securities by independent credit rating companies may not reflect all risks associated with an investment in the debt securities. Any credit ratings applied to the debt securities are an independent assessment of our ability to pay our obligations. Consequently, real or anticipated changes in the credit ratings will generally affect the market value of the debt securities. The credit ratings, however, may not reflect the potential impact of risks related to structure, market or other factors discussed herein on the value of the debt securities. There is no assurance that any credit rating assigned to the debt securities will remain in effect for any given period of time or that any rating will not be lowered or withdrawn entirely by the relevant rating agency.

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## Changes in interest rates may cause the market price or value of the debt securities to decline.

Prevailing interest rates will affect the market price or value of the debt securities. The market price or value of the debt securities may decline as prevailing interest rates for comparable debt instruments rise, and increase as prevailing interest rates for comparable debt instruments decline.

#### There is an absence of a public market for the debt securities.

There is no public market for the debt securities and, unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, we do not intend to apply for listing of the debt securities on any securities exchanges. If the debt securities are traded after their initial issue, they may trade at a discount from their initial offering prices depending on prevailing interest rates, the market for similar securities and other factors, including general economic debt conditions and our financial condition. There can be no assurance as to the liquidity of the trading market for the debt securities or that a trading market for the debt securities will develop.

#### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell the debt securities to or through underwriters or dealers or to one or more other purchasers directly or through agents.

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the terms of the offering, including the name or names of any underwriters or agents, the purchase price or prices of the debt securities to be offered, the proceeds to us from the sale of the debt securities to be offered, any initial public offering price, any underwriting discount or commission and any discounts, concessions or commissions allowed or reallowed or paid by any underwriter to other dealers. Any initial public offering price and any discounts, concessions or commissions allowed or reallowed or paid to dealers may be changed from time to time.

The debt securities may be sold from time to time in one or more transactions at a fixed price or fixed prices, which may be changed, or at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to these prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices.

If indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, we may authorize dealers or other persons acting as our agents to solicit offers by certain institutions to purchase the debt securities directly from us pursuant to contracts providing for payment and delivery on a future date. These contracts will be subject only to the conditions described in the applicable prospectus supplement or supplements, which will also describe the commission payable for solicitation of these contracts.

We may enter into agreements to indemnify underwriters, dealers and agents who participate in the distribution of the debt securities against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the 1933 Act, as amended, or to contribution with respect to payments which the underwriters, dealers or agents may be required to make in respect of these liabilities. The underwriters, dealers and agents with whom we enter into agreements may be customers of, engage in transactions with or perform services for us in the ordinary course of business.

The debt securities will not be qualified for sale under the securities laws of any province or territory of Canada and may not be offered, sold or delivered, directly or indirectly, in Canada or to any resident of Canada in contravention of the securities laws of any province or territory of Canada. Each underwriter and each dealer participating in the distribution of debt securities will agree that it will not, directly or indirectly, offer, sell or deliver any such debt securities purchased by it in connection with that distribution in Canada or to any resident of Canada in contravention of the securities laws of any province or territory of Canada.

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Each series of the debt securities will be a new issue of securities with no established trading market. Unless otherwise specified in an applicable prospectus supplement relating to a series of debt securities, the debt securities will not be listed on any securities exchange or on any automated dealer quotation system. Some broker-dealers may make a market in the debt securities, but they will not be obligated to do so and may discontinue any market-making activities at any time without notice. We cannot assure you that there will be liquidity in the trading market for the debt securities of any series or that an active public market for the debt securities of any series will develop. If an active public trading market for the debt securities of any series does not develop, the market price and liquidity of the series of debt securities may be adversely affected.

#### APPOINTMENT OF AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS

Messrs. N. Murray Edwards, Timothy W. Faithfull and Gordon D. Giffin are directors of Canadian Natural who reside outside of Canada and each of these directors has appointed us as their agent for service of process in Canada at 2100, 855 2nd Street S.W., Calgary, Alberta T2P 4J8. Purchasers are advised that it may not be possible for investors to enforce judgments obtained in Canada against any person or company that is incorporated, continued or otherwise organized under the laws of a foreign jurisdiction or resides outside of Canada, even if the party has appointed an agent for service of process.

#### **LEGAL MATTERS**

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, certain legal matters in connection with the offering will be passed upon for us by Bennett Jones LLP, Calgary, Alberta, concerning matters of Canadian law, and by Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, New York, New York, concerning matters of U.S. law.

#### **EXPERTS**

Bennett Jones LLP, our Canadian counsel, has advised us with respect to enforceability of civil liabilities as set forth above under the heading "Enforceability of Civil Liabilities". Based on information provided to us, as of the date of this prospectus, the partners and associates of Bennett Jones LLP, as a group, beneficially own, directly or indirectly, less than 1% of any class of our outstanding securities.

Our consolidated balance sheets as at December 31, 2016 and 2015 and the related consolidated statements of earnings (loss), comprehensive income (loss), changes in equity and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2016, incorporated by reference in this prospectus, have been so incorporated in reliance on the report dated March 15, 2017 of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm. Such financial statements have been included herein in reliance upon the report of such firm, given upon their authority as experts in auditing and accounting. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP has advised that it is independent with respect to Canadian Natural within the meaning of the Code of Professional Conduct of the Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of Alberta and the rules of the SEC and the Public Company Accounting Board (U.S.).

The audited operating statements for Shell Canada Limited's mining and in-situ oil sands properties acquired by Canadian Natural for the year ended December 31, 2016, incorporated by reference in this prospectus, have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent auditors. Such financial statements have been incorporated by reference herein in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in auditing and accounting. Ernst & Young LLP have advised that they are independent with respect to Shell Canada Limited within the meaning of the Code of Professional Conduct of the Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of Alberta and within the

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meaning of the 1933 Act and the applicable rules and regulations thereunder adopted by the SEC and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (U.S.).

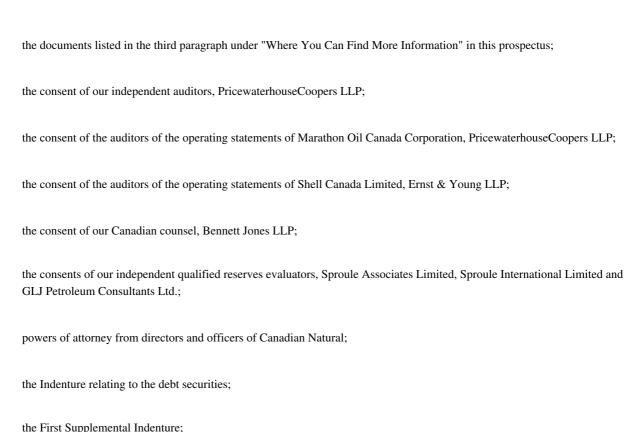
The audited operating statements of Marathon Oil Canada Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2016, incorporated by reference in this prospectus, have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm. Such operating statements have been incorporated by reference in this prospectus in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in auditing and accounting. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP has advised that, as at the date of such report, it was independent with respect to Marathon Oil Canada Corporation within the meaning of the Code of Professional Conduct of the Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of Alberta and the rules of the SEC and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (U.S.).

Sproule Associates Limited, Sproule International Limited and GLJ Petroleum Consultants Ltd., independent qualified reserves evaluators, have evaluated our reserves in reports dated March 1, 2017 with an effective date of December 31, 2016 and a preparation date of February 6, 2017, as more particularly described in our AIF, incorporated by reference herein. GLJ Petroleum Consultants Ltd. has evaluated the reserves attributable to the Acquired AOSP Assets in a report with an effective date of December 31, 2016 and a preparation date of May 2, 2017. The statements as to our reserves, which are incorporated by reference in this prospectus, have been so incorporated by reference upon the authority, as experts, of Sproule Associates Limited, Sproule International Limited and GLJ Petroleum Consultants Ltd., to the extent described in the documents incorporated by reference herein.

Based on information provided by the relevant persons or companies, there are beneficial interests, direct or indirect, in less than one percent of our securities or property or securities or property of our associates or affiliates held by Sproule Associates Limited, Sproule International Limited or GLJ Petroleum Consultants Ltd. or by "designated professionals", being any partners, employees or consultants of such independent consultants who participated in and who were in a position to directly influence the preparation of the relevant report, or any such person who, at the time of the preparation of the report was in a position to directly influence the outcome of the preparation of the report.

### DOCUMENTS FILED AS PART OF THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

The following documents have been filed with the SEC as part of the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part insofar as required by the SEC's Form F-10:



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the Second Supplemental Indenture; and

the statement of eligibility of the Trustee on Form T-1.

#### **PART II**

# INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED TO BE DELIVERED TO OFFEREES OR PURCHASERS

### Indemnification

Under the Business Corporations Act (Alberta) (the "ABCA"), the Registrant may indemnify a present or former director or officer or a person who acts or acted at the Registrant's request as a director or officer of a body corporate of which the Registrant is or was a shareholder or creditor, and his heirs and legal representatives, against all costs, charges and expenses, including an amount paid to settle an action or satisfy a judgment, reasonably incurred by him in respect of any civil, criminal or administrative action or proceeding to which he is made a party by reason of being or having been a director or officer of the Registrant or that body corporate, if the director or officer acted honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Registrant, and, in the case of a criminal or administrative action or proceeding that is enforced by a monetary penalty, had reasonable grounds for believing that his conduct was lawful. Such indemnification may be in connection with a derivative action only with court approval. A director or officer is entitled to indemnification from the Registrant as a matter of right if he or she was substantially successful on the merits in his defence of the action or proceedings, fulfilled the conditions set forth above, and is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity.

The by-laws of the Registrant provide that, subject to the limitations contained in the ABCA, the Registrant shall indemnify a director or officer, a former director or officer, or a person who acts or acted at the Registrant's request as a director or officer of a body corporate of which the Registrant is or was a shareholder or creditor, and his heirs, executors, administrators and other legal representatives, to the fullest extent which may from time to time be permitted by the ABCA, from and against, (a) all costs, charges and expenses that he incurs in respect of any civil, criminal or administrative action or proceeding that is proposed or commenced against him by reason of being or having been a director or officer of the Registrant, and (b) all other costs, charges and expenses that he sustains or incurs in respect of the affairs of the Registrant, except in respect of an action by or on behalf of the Registrant, or such body corporate, to procure a judgment in its favor.

The by-laws of the Registrant provide that the Registrant may, subject to the limitations contained in the ABCA, purchase and maintain insurance for the benefit of any director or officer as such against any liability incurred by him in his capacity as a director or officer of the Registrant or as a director or officer of any body corporate where he acts or acted in that capacity at the Registrant's request. The Registrant has purchased third party director and officer liability insurance.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act") may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, the Registrant has been informed that in the opinion of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is therefore unenforceable.

#### **EXHIBITS**

Exhibit Number

#### Description

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## **PART III**

#### UNDERTAKING AND CONSENT TO SERVICE OF PROCESS

## Item 1. Undertaking

The Registrant undertakes to make available, in person or by telephone, representatives to respond to inquiries made by the Commission staff, and to furnish promptly, when requested to do so by the Commission staff, information relating to the securities registered pursuant to Form F-10 or to transactions in said securities.

#### Item 2. Consent to Service of Process

Concurrent with the initial filing of this Registration Statement, the Registrant filed with the Commission a written irrevocable consent and power of attorney on Form F-X.

Any change to the name or address of the agent for service of process of the Registrant shall be communicated promptly to the Commission by an amendment to the Form F-X referencing the file number of the relevant registration statement.

## **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form F-10 and has duly caused this Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Calgary, Province of Alberta, Canada, on July 27, 2017.

## CANADIAN NATURAL RESOURCES LIMITED

By: /s/ Steve W. Laut

Name: Steve W. Laut Title: *President* 

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date	
*	President and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	July 27, 2017	
Steve W. Laut	Tresident and Director (Trincipal Executive Officer)	July 21, 2011	
*	Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice-President,	1 1 27 2017	
Corey B. Bieber	Finance (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	July 27, 2017	
*	Executive Chairman and Director	July 27, 2017	
N. Murray Edwards	Executive Chairman and Director	July 27, 2017	
*	Director	July 27, 2017	
Catherine M. Best	Director	July 27, 2017	
*	Director	July 27, 2017	
Timothy W. Faithfull	Director	July 27, 2017	
*	Director	July 27, 2017	
Gary A. Filmon	Director	July 27, 2017	
*	Director	July 27, 2017	
Christopher L. Fong	Director	July 27, 2017	
*	Director	July 27, 2017	
Gordon D. Giffin	Bilector	July 27, 2017	
*	Director	July 27, 2017	
Wilfred A. Gobert	Director	July 21, 2011	
*	Director	July 27, 2017	
Frank J. McKenna	8	Jan 21, 2011	

	Signature	Title	Date
	*		
		Director	July 27, 2017
	David A. Tuer		
	*		
	Annette M. Verschuren	Director	July 27, 2017
By:	/s/ Steve W. Laut		
_	Steve W. Laut	Attorney-in-Fact	July 27, 2017
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## AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 6(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, the Authorized Representative has duly caused this Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, solely in its capacity as the duly authorized representative of Canadian Natural Resources Limited in the United States, on July 27, 2017.

## **CANNAT ENERGY INC.**

By: /s/ Steve W. Laut

Name: Steve W. Laut

Title: President, Canadian Natural Resources Limited

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