

## **Canadian Overseas Petroleum Limited Admission to Trading for Shares for Debt**

**Calgary, Canada; London, United Kingdom: July 14, 2020** - Canadian Overseas Petroleum Limited ("**COPL**" or the "**Company**") (**XOP**: CSE) & (**COPL**: LSE), an international oil and gas exploration and development company focused on sub-Saharan Africa, is pleased to announce that application has been made to the United Kingdom's Financial Conduct Authority (the "**FCA**") for 268,512,217 common shares of nil par value (the "**New Shares**") at 0.3 Pence per common share (the "**Placing Price**") to be admitted to the standard listing segment of the Official List maintained by the FCA, and to the London Stock Exchange plc (the "**London Stock Exchange**") for such New Shares to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's main market for listed securities ("**New Shares Admission**").

The New Shares were issued pursuant to (i) debt arrangements and (ii) a finder's fee (16,000,000 common shares) as outlined in the Company's Prospectus approved by the FCA on 26 June 2020. The Company has reserved a total of 411,326,189 common shares in the capital of the Company to be allocated for the settlement of debts to its unsecured creditors, accrued unpaid wages to its employees, and the secured Promissory Note due to its CEO at the Placing Price. It is expected that the New Shares Admission will become effective and that unconditional dealings in the New Shares will commence at 8:00 am (London time) on the 15th of July 2020. Following the New Shares Admission, the Company will have a total of 4,200,734,680 common shares of nil par value issued and outstanding.

The Prospectus approved by the FCA on 26 June 2020, can be viewed under the Company's name at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) or on the Company's website at [www.canoverseas.com](http://www.canoverseas.com).

### **About the Company:**

The Company is actively pursuing opportunities in Nigeria and sub-Saharan Africa in partnership with Shoreline Energy International Limited ("Shoreline") as part of its strategy to generate stable cash flow from secure offshore and onshore assets. The Company and Shoreline, through their jointly held affiliated company Shoreline Canadian Overseas Petroleum Development Corporation ("ShoreCan"), currently hold 80% of the share capital and have taken over the management of Essar Exploration and Production Limited (Nigeria) ("Nigerian Affiliate" or the "Affiliate"). On June 4, 2020 the Company announced that the shareholders of the Nigerian Affiliate had reached an agreement in principle to resolve their disputes. Completion of the agreement is ongoing and when completed ShoreCan's shareholding in the Affiliate will change in accordance to the terms outlined in the Press Release. The Affiliate holds an attractive oil appraisal and development project in shallow to mid-water offshore Nigeria on its 100% holding in OPL 226. In other ventures, ShoreCan has been indicatively awarded an exploration license onshore Mozambique in the 5th Licensing Round adjacent to the producing Pande-Temane Gas and light oil field complex.

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The Common Shares are listed under the symbol "**XOP**" on the CSE and under the symbol "**COPL**" on the London Stock Exchange.

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