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Acquisition of a 10% Interest in the Joslyn Oil Sands Project in Canada

INPEX Holdings Inc. ("INPEX") is pleased to announce that it has acquired, through its subsidiary company INPEX Canada, Ltd. ("INPEX Canada"), a 10% interest in the Joslyn Oil Sands Upstream Project in Canada from Deer Creek Energy Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of French oil company TOTAL S.A. ("TOTAL"). The acquisition includes interests in the three oil sands leases Numbers 7280060T24, 7404110452 and 7405070799. As part of the acquisition INPEX also has the right, through its wholly-owned subsidiary INPEX CORPORATION, to participate in the construction and operation of the Upgrader Project planned by TOTAL E&P Canada, a wholly-owned subsidiary of TOTAL.

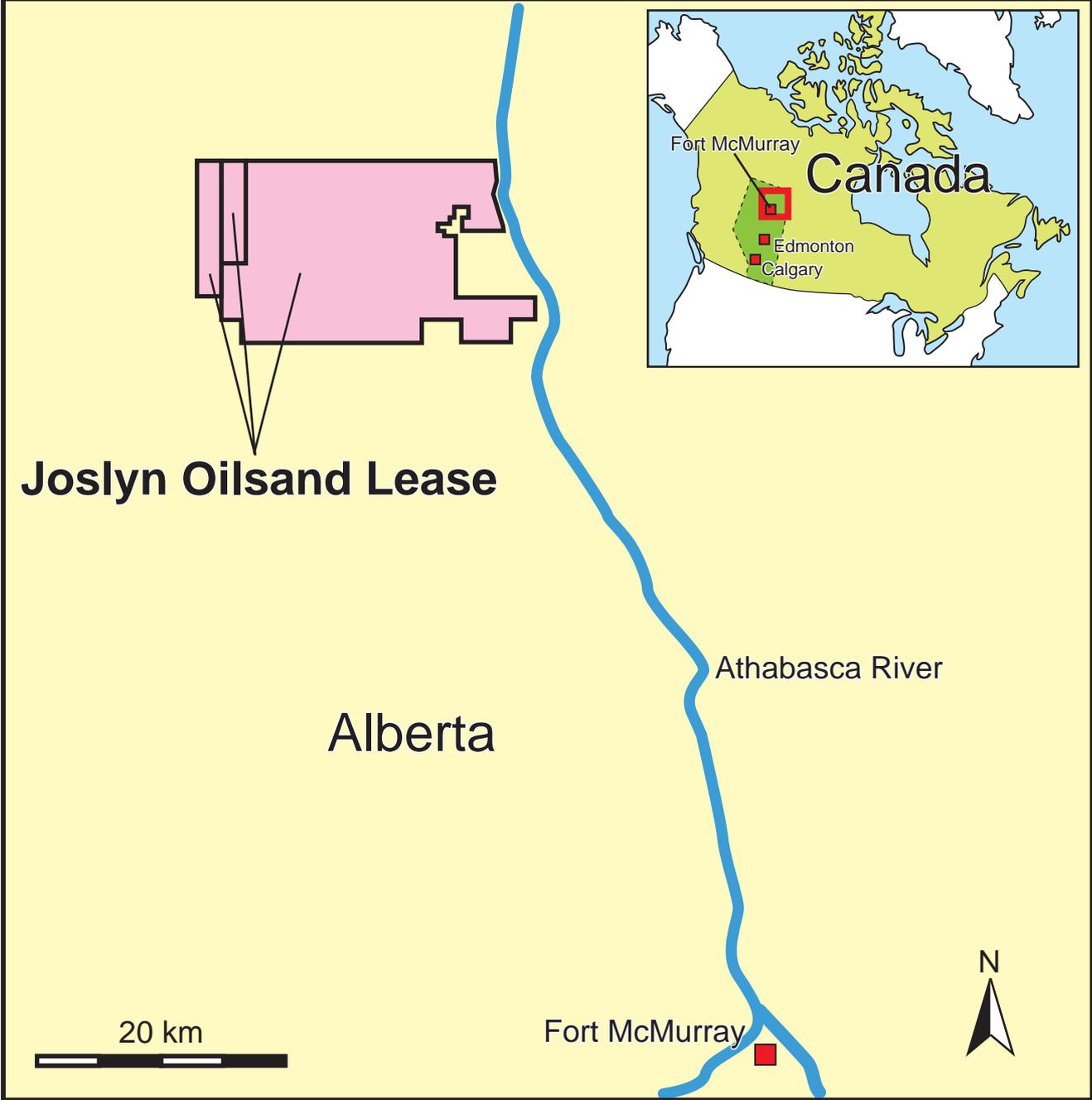
The Joslyn Oil Sands Project is located approximately 60 kilometers northwest of Fort McMurray in the Athabasca region of the Canadian province of Alberta, and work is under way to prepare for a first phase of mining development of 100,000 barrels of bitumen per day, with production scheduled to begin early in the next decade. An application for such first development phase was submitted to the regulatory agencies in February 2006 and is currently under review. The joint venture partners of the project also plan a second development phase which is expected to lift total production to around 230,000 barrels of bitumen per day.

The upgrader project was announced by TOTAL in May 2007 and will be located in the Edmonton area of the Province of Alberta. This upgrader will process bitumen to produce light sweet synthetic crude oil. TOTAL has initiated the process to build the upgrader, the first phase of which should produce 130,000 barrels per day of light sweet synthetic crude and could be commissioned before 2015.

The joint venture partners in the Joslyn Oil Sands Upstream Project started commercial production in late 2006 using SAGD technology. The production from this first phase of the SAGD development is currently in a growth phase and is expected to reach 10,000 barrels of bitumen per day at plateau by 2009. INPEX Canada's participation in Joslyn Oil Sands Project and in an upgrader project in Edmonton marks its first direct participation in a large-scale unconventional oil development project, and will contribute to INPEX's long term and stable production.

The participation will further expand the existing partnership between INPEX and TOTAL, which dates back to early 1970s, when the two companies began developing the Mahakam oil and natural gas development project offshore East Kalimantan, Indonesia.

The Joslyn Oil Sands Upstream Project is operated by Deer Creek Energy Limited (74%), alongside INPEX Canada, Ltd. (10%), EnerMark Inc. (15%) and Laricina Energy Ltd. (1%).



Joslyn Oilsand Lease Location