

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Suncor Energy reports oil sands production numbers for December 2010**

**Calgary, Alberta (Jan. 7, 2011)** – Suncor Energy Inc. reported today that the company's oil sands production during December averaged approximately 323,000 barrels per day (bpd). The company achieved its oil sands production target for 2010 with annual production averaging approximately 283,000 bpd.

Production numbers include upgraded sweet and sour synthetic crude oil and diesel, as well as non-upgraded bitumen sold directly to the market, from all Suncor-operated facilities. Reported volumes do not include Suncor's proportionate production share from the Syncrude joint venture.

These numbers are preliminary and subject to adjustment. Monthly totals may differ from the year-to-date total due to rounding, the impact of sales and changes in inventory. Production volumes will be confirmed when Suncor's fourth quarter results are released.

As of January 2011, Suncor will no longer press release monthly production reports from its oil sands operation. These numbers will instead be posted and generally available on the company's website at [www.suncor.com/production](http://www.suncor.com/production)

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*Suncor Energy Inc. is Canada's premier integrated energy company. Suncor's operations include oil sands development and upgrading, conventional and offshore oil and gas production, petroleum refining, and product marketing under the Petro-Canada brand. While working to responsibly develop petroleum resources, Suncor is also developing a growing renewable energy portfolio. Suncor's common shares (symbol: SU) are listed on the Toronto and New York stock exchanges.*

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