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### **GE and Suncor Energy announce new investments toward improving environmental performance in Alberta's oil sands**

**Calgary, Alberta (July 8, 2014)** – GE (NYSE:GE) and Suncor Energy (NYSE, TSX: SU) announced today the signing of two agreements which provide the opportunity for an investment of up to approximately \$18 million. These agreements, involving other members from Canada's Oil Sands Innovation Alliance (COSIA), are expected to enable the development of new technologies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and water usage in the oil sands.

One agreement relates to a promising oil sands water treatment pilot project expected to reduce water use, energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, while simultaneously reducing capital and operating costs for in situ oil sands operators. An existing partnership between GE, Suncor and Alberta Innovates – Energy and Environment Solutions (AI-EES) has been extended into a Joint Industry Project within the collaboration framework of COSIA. With new support from Devon Canada Corporation and ConocoPhillips Canada Resources Corp., the group remains committed to further testing produced water treatment technologies in the steam-assisted gravity drainage (SAGD) method of extraction.

In addition to this pilot project, six COSIA member companies have also signed a Memorandum of Understanding to pursue other Joint Industry Projects with a potential investment of up to approximately \$13 million. These projects are expected to develop technologies leading to even further environmental performance improvements, primarily in the areas of greenhouse gas reductions and advances in water treatment technology.

"Today's announcements are a step toward a new generation of environmental technologies," notes Elyse Allan, President and CEO GE Canada. "With the ongoing input of Alberta Innovates – Energy and Environment Solutions (AI-EES), we look forward to collaborating with COSIA member companies to fast-track technology development in Canada's oil industry, which is an important driver of the country's economy."

"We have a world-class resource in Canada's oil sands that will supply energy for decades to come," said Steve Williams, Suncor president and chief executive officer. "And, responsible development of this resource is as important to everyone in the industry as it is to our stakeholders. By collaborating with our industry peers, cooperating with government bodies, and – of course – teaming up with companies like GE who have internationally-renowned technical expertise, we are continuing to take steps toward implementing innovative technologies that will make a difference in continued environmental improvements."

*Background – The SAGD Produced Water Treatment pilot project is expected to cost approximately \$20 million in total (including approximately \$5 million in new funding), and is currently running at Suncor's MacKay River facility, following preliminary lab work dating back to late 2011. During the in situ process, steam is injected into wells to mobilize bitumen, before being pumped to the surface as a*

*stream of bitumen and condensed steam (water). This stream passes through de-oiling processes to remove most of the bitumen, but the remaining produced water needs further treatment before it can be re-used again as steam. The SAGD Produced Water Treatment pilot is testing new technology so water can be treated more efficiently, and to enable increased re-use of water within the in situ process. The additional support from COSIA member companies (as mentioned above) will help extend the pilot's testing phases to obtain more data, and allow for additional laboratory-scale testing to further refine the processes involved in the pilot. Extending the project to COSIA members will also allow improvements to be shared across the oil sands sector.*

*Forward-looking statements in this news release include those related to: new technologies, which are expected to: (i) reduce greenhouse gas emissions and water usage in the oil sands; (ii) reduce water use, energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, while simultaneously reducing capital and operating costs for in situ oil sands operators; and (iii) further environmental performance improvements, primarily in the areas of greenhouse gas reductions and advances in water treatment technology; and the SAGD Water Treatment pilot project, which is expected to cost approximately \$20 million in total. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve a number of risks and uncertainties, some that are similar to other oil and gas companies and some that are unique to our company. Suncor's actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied by our forward-looking statements and you are cautioned not to place undue reliance on them.*

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