

NEWS RELEASE

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Oilsands Quest announces highlights of annual meeting

Calgary, Alberta -- Oilsands Quest Inc. (Amex: BQI) announces the results of business conducted at its annual meeting which was held on Wednesday, October 15, 2008, in Calgary.

The following Class B directors were re-elected to the Board of Directors: T. Murray Wilson and Thomas Milne. The other business matters that were included in the proxy were also approved.

“We are very pleased to have both Murray and Tom re-elected to the Board of Directors,” said Mr. Christopher H. Hopkins, CEO of Oilsands Quest. “These two directors are very active members of our board and compliment the strong board and management team we have established.”

Once the formal meeting was adjourned, Mr. T Murray Wilson, Executive Chairman, Mr. Christopher H. Hopkins, Chief Executive Officer and Mr. Jamey Fitzgibbon, President & Chief Operating Officer of Oilsands Quest provided an update on corporate and operational matters. The corporate presentation is available on the Company’s website at www.oilsandsquest.com.

About Oilsands Quest

Oilsands Quest Inc. is aggressively exploring Canada's largest contiguous oil sands land holding by applying its technical expertise to develop multiple global-scale discoveries. The company (www.oilsandsquest.com) is the originator of Saskatchewan's emerging oil sands industry.

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