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**SHININGBANK ENERGY ANNOUNCES RECORD
QUARTERLY DISTRIBUTION**

Shiningbank Energy Management Inc., manager of the Shiningbank Energy Income Fund (the "Fund"), today announced the quarterly distribution to unitholders for the fourth quarter 2000. The ex-distribution date for this distribution is December 27, 2000 and the record date for the distribution is December 31, 2000. The distribution will be made on January 15, 2001. **THE AMOUNT OF THE DISTRIBUTION WILL BE \$16,818,712.00 OR \$1.00 PER UNIT**, based on total units outstanding of 16,818,712. Strong oil prices and exceptional strength in natural gas pricing have supported this record quarterly distribution. This distribution reflects the unusually high gas prices over the last quarter of the year. Gas prices are currently substantially above both historical highs and Shiningbank's expectations for the coming year.

The fourth quarter 2000 distribution brings total distributions for 2000 to \$2.76 per unit, resulting in a trailing cash-on-cash yield of 16.5% based on recent unit prices. This distribution marks the seventh consecutive increase in distributions since first quarter 1999 and is 47% higher than the third quarter 2000 distribution of \$0.68 per unit. Shiningbank's continued leverage to spot natural gas pricing has the Fund well positioned to continue to take advantage of strong natural gas markets.

In other news, the Fund announced the termination, without exercise, of the third party right of first refusal relative to certain lands purchased by Shiningbank in October 2000.

Shiningbank Energy Income Fund is a conventional oil and gas royalty trust and its units are listed on The Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol "SHN.UN".

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