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Shiningbank Energy Announces Significant Increase in Reserves

Shiningbank Energy Income Fund announced material increases in its oil and gas reserves and asset value following the release of its 2000 year-end reserves evaluation prepared by Paddock Lindstrom & Associates Ltd.

Highlights of the report are as follows:

1. Established reserves (proven plus 50% probable) increased 57% from year-end 1999 to 34.6 million barrels of oil equivalent ("mmboe") converting gas to oil at 6 mcf = 1 boe.
2. The present value of the Fund's established reserves, discounted at 12%, increased 185% from year-end 1999 to \$345.4 million.
3. Reserve additions through acquisition, development and positive revisions replaced 510% of 2000 production.
4. Natural gas represents 73% of Shiningbank's established reserves.

The following tables summarize Shiningbank's reserve estimates and value at December 31, 2000:

<u>Reserves</u>	<u>Crude Oil + NGL's (mmbbl)</u>	<u>Natural Gas (bcf)</u>	<u>Oil Equivalent (mmboe @ 6:1)</u>	<u>Oil Equivalent (mmboe @ 10:1)</u>
Proven	7,791	132.1	29.8	21.0
Probable	3,139	38.3	9.5	7.0
Total Proven plus Probable	10,930	170.4	39.3	28.0
Established	9,361	151.3	34.6	24.5

<u>Present Worth of Established Reserves (pre-tax)</u>	<u>December 31, 2000 (\$ millions)</u>	<u>December 31, 1999 (\$ millions)</u>
Undiscounted	656.3	242.9
Discounted at 10%	371.3	131.5
Discounted at 12%	345.4	121.2
Discounted at 15%	314.0	108.7

Shiningbank Energy Income Fund continued to deliver superior returns to its unitholders in 2000, with a total pre-tax return of 86%. A strong year of focussed acquisitions, economic development and continued leverage to natural gas (73% of total production) was supplemented with robust commodity prices to provide unitholders with distributions totalling \$2.76/unit. Shiningbank's fourth quarter 2000 distribution was a record \$1.00/unit. Following the recent issue of Trust Units, the Trust currently has 19.7 million units outstanding.

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

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