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**SHININGBANK ENERGY ANNOUNCES FOURTH QUARTER 2001
DISTRIBUTION**

Shiningbank Energy Management Inc., manager of Shiningbank Energy Income Fund (the "Fund"), today announced the quarterly distribution to unitholders for the fourth quarter 2001. The record date for the distribution is December 31, 2001 and the ex-distribution date is December 27, 2001. The distribution will be made on January 15, 2002. **THE AMOUNT OF THE DISTRIBUTION WILL BE \$0.50 PER UNIT.** This distribution represents a 29% decrease from the third quarter 2001 distribution of \$0.70 per unit as a result in the continued erosion of commodity prices in the last quarter of 2001. Total distributions for the last twelve months amount to \$3.40 per unit, resulting in a cash-on-cash yield of approximately 25% based on recent unit prices.

Shiningbank Energy provides its unitholders with a high-quality asset base, a strong financial position and experienced management. Its production is approximately 75% natural gas weighted and is rich in natural gas liquids providing premium netbacks in spite of lower overall natural gas prices.

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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