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**SHININGBANK ENERGY ANNOUNCES START OF
MONTHLY DISTRIBUTIONS**

Shiningbank Energy Income Fund (the "Fund"), today announced its first monthly distribution since changing from quarterly distributions. **THE AMOUNT OF THE MONTHLY DISTRIBUTION WILL BE \$0.22 PER UNIT** and it will be paid to unitholders on March 15, 2003. This represents a 10% increase in distributions from the equivalent monthly average for fourth quarter 2002 due to stronger commodity prices. The record date for the distribution is February 28, 2003 and the ex-distribution date is February 26, 2003. The Fund has a total of 37,040,880 units outstanding.

Under the new monthly system, distributions will match the actual timing of cash flows by being paid about two months after the production date. Hence, the distribution for production in January 2003 will be paid in March. Under the same formula, distributions for November and December 2003 production will be sent in early 2004. As a result, unitholders will receive 10 monthly payments in 2003. When these 10 payments are combined with the January 2003 payment for three months of production income from fourth quarter 2002, unitholders will receive the equivalent of 13 months of distributions in 2003.

In 2004, Shiningbank will have completed the timing transition and unitholders will receive 12 monthly distributions. Other than the change in frequency, the Fund's distribution policy remains the same. Historically, approximately 90% of cash flow is distributed to unitholders each year.

Shiningbank's high leverage to natural gas (75% of production) ensures the Fund is well positioned to take advantage of anticipated strength in natural gas markets in 2003.

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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