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**SHININGBANK ENERGY ANNOUNCES 2003 INCOME TAX INFORMATION  
FOR U.S. INVESTORS**

Shiningbank Energy Income Fund (the "Fund") today announced that distributions to U.S. investors in 2003 were 50.87% taxable as a dividend for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The remaining 49.13% of distributions should be treated as a return of capital to the extent of a U.S. investor's tax basis in units of the Fund. The Fund calculated earnings and profits under U.S. tax principles in order to provide this information to investors.

U.S. investors holding their investment in a Qualified Retirement Plan should not report any income related to dividends on their 2003 tax return.

Investors holding units outside a Qualified Retirement Plan should report dividend income, and make adjustments to the tax basis of their units. The Fund is not required to file Form 1099s and is providing this information in lieu of such requirement. Some unitholders will receive Form 1099s from their brokers that may not accurately reflect the information in this release for a variety of reasons. Investors should consult their brokers and tax advisors to ensure that the information presented here is accurately reflected in their tax returns.

After consulting with its tax advisors, the Fund believes that the 2003 distributions paid to U.S. residents or citizens should be treated as "qualified dividends" under the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003. Generally, these dividends should be eligible for the maximum rate of 15% applicable to "qualified dividends". The Fund has been advised that "qualified dividends" should be reported on Line 9b of the U.S. Federal individual income tax return unless the situation of the individual unitholder determines otherwise.

As non-residents of Canada, U.S. residents are subject to a 15% Canadian withholding tax and should be eligible for a foreign tax credit for this amount. Registered non-resident unitholders will receive a Form NR4 from the Fund's transfer agent, Computershare Trust Company of Canada, stating the amount withheld. Non-registered unitholders will receive the information through their broker.

This information is not exhaustive of all possible U.S. income tax considerations, but is provided as a general guideline only. Unitholders of the Fund should consult their own legal and tax advisors regarding their individual tax consequences.

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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