Oilsands Quest Closes Eagles Nest Asset Sale, Signs DIP Financing Agreement and Receives Approval for Settlement of Derivative Lawsuit

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CALGARY, March 27, 2012 - Oilsands Quest Inc. ('Oilsands Quest' or 'the Company') (NYSE Amex: BQI) closed the previously disclosed sale of the Company's non-core Eagles Nest asset to Cavalier Energy Inc., an unrelated third party, on March 23, 2012, for CDN\$7.005 million.

On March 26, 2012, Oilsands Quest signed the definitive loan agreements for the previously announced debtor-in-possession financing in the amount of CDN\$2.85 million (the 'DIP Facility'). Funds from the DIP Facility are now available to the Company for the purposes of funding operating costs and other expenses while proceeding with the solicitation process.

The DIP Facility will terminate on the earlier of March 26, 2013 or the termination of the Order from the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench (the 'Court') providing creditor protection under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (Canada) ('CCAA').

On May 19, 2012, Oilsands Quest received notice that the United States District Court for the District of Colorado approved the settlement relating to the derivative lawsuit captioned Make a Difference Foundation, Inc. v. Hopkins, et al., # 10-cv-00498 WYD-MJW (D. Colo.), which is substantially similar to the proposed settlement that was disclosed on November 9, 2011.

Oilsands Quest continues to operate under the protection of the CCAA with the assistance of a Court-appointed monitor. The Company's common shares remain halted from trading until either a delisting occurs or until the NYSE permits the resumption of trading.

About Oilsands Quest

Oilsands Quest Inc. (www.oilsandsquest.com) is exploring and developing oil sands permits and licences, located in Saskatchewan and Alberta, and developing Saskatchewan's first commercial oil sands discovery.

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