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Increase of the Offer to Acquire UTS Energy Corporation to C\$ 1.75 cash per Share

Paris, April 13, 2009 - Total announces today that Total E&P Canada Ltd. (the “**Offeror**”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of TOTAL S.A., has increased the consideration under its offer (the “**Offer**”) to acquire all of the outstanding common shares (the “**Common Shares**”) of UTS Energy Corporation (“**UTS**”) from C\$ 1.30 cash per share to C\$ 1.75 cash per share and that it has extended the expiry time for the Offer from 8:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on April 16, 2009 to 8:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on April 27, 2009. All other terms of the Offer described in the Offeror’s offer and circular dated January 29, 2009, as amended by a notice of extension dated March 30, 2009, remain unchanged.

The increased offer price represents a premium of approximately 111% over the closing price of C\$ 0.83 for the Common Shares on January 27, 2009, the last trading day immediately preceding the announcement of the Offeror’s intention to make the Offer.

The Offeror anticipates mailing a Notice of Variation in respect of the amended offer on or about April 14, 2009.

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Total is the operator of the Joslyn project with a 74% interest. The project will be developed using surface mining technologies. The production potential of the project is currently estimated at more than 200,000 barrels per day.

Total also holds a 50% interest in the Surmont lease, located about 60 kilometres southeast of Fort McMurray. Phase One, which started in 2007, has a capacity of 27,000 barrels per day at plateau production and is currently producing 18,000 barrels per day. It will be followed by Phase Two which will bring total production to approximately 110,000 barrels per day. Future phases at Surmont are also under study.

In 2008, Total acquired Synenco Energy which held an interest in the Northern Lights project, and now holds 50% of the project.

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