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CANARGO ENERGY CORPORATION

**Subscription Rights to Purchase 242,107,390 Shares
of Common Stock at \$0.10 per Full Share**

We are distributing at no charge to the holders of our common stock transferable subscription rights (Rights) to purchase an aggregate of 242,107,390 shares of our common stock. Each Right entitles the subscription rights holder to purchase one (1) share of our common stock at the subscription price of \$0.10 per full share. Fractional shares of our common stock will not be issued in this rights offering.

The aggregate purchase price of shares offered in this rights offering is expected to be approximately \$24.2 million. Only stockholders of record as of 5:00 p.m., U.S. Eastern time (11:00 p.m. Central European Time), on October 2, 2008, which is the record date for this rights offering, will be entitled to receive Rights. See the Rights Offering beginning on page 30.

The eight Standby Underwriters listed in the table in the Standby Underwriting and Plan of Distribution section below (collectively, the Standby Underwriters), have severally agreed to underwrite the unsubscribed for shares (the Unsubscribed Shares) in their respective pro rata portions of their respective underwriting commitments at the subscription price for up to 242,000,000 of such shares in aggregate. See Standby Underwriting and Plan of Distribution beginning on page 44.

The Rights will expire if they are not exercised by 4:00 p.m., U.S. Eastern time, on October 24, 2008 with respect to Rights held by U.S. holders and 5:30 p.m. Central European Time on October 14, 2008 with respect to Rights held in the VPS System (as defined herein), which are the respective expiration dates of the Rights Offering in the U.S. and in Norway. We have the option to extend this rights offering and the period for exercising your Rights for any reason, subject to the receipt of the prior consent of the Standby Underwriters if the rights offering is extended beyond four weeks in length, including if we determine that changes in the market price of our common stock warrant an extension or if we decide to give investors more time to exercise their Rights in this rights offering, although we do not presently intend to do so. All exercises of Rights are irrevocable. ***After the Expiration Time, the Rights will no longer be exercisable and will have no value.***

You should carefully consider whether or not to exercise, sell or let lapse your Rights and in doing so you should consider all of the information about us and this rights offering contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, including the risk factors set forth or incorporated herein. We are not making any recommendations as to whether or not you should exercise, sell or let lapse your Rights.

Our common stock is traded on The American Stock Exchange (AMEX) and the Oslo Stock Exchange (OSE) under the symbol CNR . The last reported sale price of our common stock on the American Stock Exchange Composite Transactions Tape on September 30, 2008 was \$0.14 per share and on the OSE was Norwegian kroner (NOK) 0.72. On September 30, 2008, one U.S. dollar equaled NOK 5.7435 as reported on www.oanda.com. All references herein to \$ refer to United States dollars.

We have been advised by the AMEX and the OSE that the Rights will be traded on the AMEX under the symbol CNR.RT (CNR.RT.WI until the first business day after the distribution date) and on the OSE under the symbol CNR T , respectively, beginning on October 6, 2008 on the AMEX, the commencement date of this rights offering, and on October 7, 2008 on the OSE, until 5:00 p.m. U.S. Eastern time (11:00 p.m. Central European Time), on October 23, 2008, the last business day prior to the scheduled October 24, 2008 U.S. expiration date of this rights offering, and 5:30 p.m. (Central European Time) on October 14, 2008, the scheduled Norwegian expiration date. We cannot predict if an active trading market for the Rights will develop or the price at which such Rights may be purchased or sold.

See Risk Factors beginning on page 12 to read about the risks you should consider carefully before exercising any Rights and buying shares of our common stock.

We have engaged Glitnir Securities AS (Glitnir) to act as manager and Norwegian subscription agent in connection with this rights offering. This prospectus will be used by the Standby Underwriters to sell Unsubscribed Shares (as defined below) in connection with the standby underwriting arrangements agreed to with us. Prior to and after the Expiration Time, the Standby Underwriters may only offer common stock acquired pursuant to the standby arrangements directly to the public located outside the United States and who are not U.S. Persons (as each is defined in Regulation S promulgated under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act)) at prices set from time to time by the Standby Underwriters. Each such price when set will not exceed the highest price at which a dealer not participating in the distribution is then offering shares of common stock to other dealers plus the amount of any concession to dealers, and an offering price on any calendar day will not be increased more than once during such day. In effecting such transactions, the Standby Underwriters may realize profits or losses independent of the compensation referred to under Standby Underwriting and Plan of Distribution. The Standby Underwriters may also make sales to dealers outside the United States at prices that represent concessions from the prices at which such shares are then being offered to the public. The amount of such concessions will be determined from time to time by the Standby Underwriters. Any common stock so offered is offered subject to prior sale, when, as and if received by the Standby Underwriters, and subject to its right to reject orders in whole or in part, and any commissions received by the Standby Underwriters and any profit on the resale of the common stock purchased by the Standby Underwriters may be deemed underwriting commissions or discounts under the Securities Act. The Standby Underwriters and any dealers participating in the offer and sale of the shares will be subject to the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act. The common stock may be offered and sold by the Standby Underwriters in one or more transactions through the facilities of the OSE on which the shares are then listed for trading or in negotiated transactions or a combination of these and other methods of sale. Until the expiration of the 40-day period beginning from the date hereof, an offer to sell or a sale of the Rights or the Underlying Shares (as defined below) within the United States by a broker/dealer may violate the registration requirements of the Securities Act if such offer to sell or sale is made otherwise than pursuant to the foregoing. See Standby Underwriting and Plan of Distribution beginning on page 44.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities regulators have approved or disapproved these securities, or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

	Per Share	Total
Public Offering Price	\$ 0.100	\$ 24,210,739
Standby Underwriters' Commission ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0.007	\$ 1,694,000 ⁽²⁾
Proceeds to CanArgo Energy ⁽³⁾	\$ 0.093	\$ 22,516,739

- (1) The commissions will be paid to the Standby Underwriters whether or not the Rights Offering is completed. The Standby Underwriters are entitled to receive, in the aggregate, a commission equal to 7% of the aggregate Subscription Price in respect of all of the 242,000,000 shares of the Rights Offering that are being underwritten by the Standby Underwriters, and each Standby Underwriter has a conditional right to elect to receive his or its commission in shares of common stock in lieu of cash; provided, however, that if a Standby Underwriter is an existing shareholder, he or it will only receive a commission for his or its part of the underwritten amount that exceeds the pro rata amount of shares that he or it would receive pursuant to an exercise of his or its Rights.
- (2) Calculated on the basis of a maximum of 242,000,000 underwritten Shares, instead of 242,107,390 shares issuable upon exercise in full of the Rights Offering by existing shareholders, and without giving effect to any reduction to a commission otherwise payable to a Standby Underwriter who is an existing shareholder on account of his or its pro rata amount of shares that he or it would receive pursuant to the exercise of his or its Rights. Assumes that all underwriting commissions are paid in cash and that no Standby Underwriter exercises his or its election to receive commissions in shares of common stock in lieu of cash.
- (3) After underwriters' commissions but before other expenses of the Rights Offering.

Glitnir Securities AS

The date of this Prospectus is October 3, 2008

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

In connection with the Offering in Norway an offering circular has been prepared in English (the Norwegian Offering Circular). The Norwegian Offering Circular has been prepared in compliance with Norwegian legislation and regulations, including in accordance with the Norwegian Securities Trading Act Chapter 7 and the Norwegian Securities Trading Regulation Chapter 7 for the purpose of being distributed as a prospectus for an offer of and listing of Company common shares pursuant to the Norwegian Securities Trading Act Chapter 7 and the Norwegian Securities Trading Regulation Chapter 7. The Norwegian Offering Circular has been approved by Oslo Børs for the purpose of being distributed as a prospectus in accordance with the Norwegian Securities Trading Act Chapter 7 and the Norwegian Securities Trading Regulation Chapter 7. The Norwegian Offering Circular and this prospectus are the same, except that the Norwegian Offering Circular contains certain statements which are required under E.U. Commission Regulation No. 809/2004 (as amended by E.U. Commission Regulations No. 1787/2006 and 211/2007) and/or by the Oslo Børs including responsibility statements made by our Board of Directors and the Standby Underwriters.

No person is authorized to give any information or to make any representation not contained in this prospectus in connection with the Offering and any information or representation not so contained must not be relied upon as having been authorized by us or on our behalf or by or on behalf of the manager or the Standby Underwriters. This prospectus is not intended to provide the basis of any credit or any other evaluation and should not be considered as a recommendation by us, the manager or the Standby Underwriters that any recipient of this prospectus should acquire or exercise Rights or subscribe for any shares of common stock being offered in the Offering (Offered Shares). Each prospective investor should determine for itself the relevance of the information contained in this prospectus and its subscription of Offered Shares or its acquisition or exercise of Rights should be based upon such investigation as it deems necessary.

General Information and Special Notices

The distribution of this prospectus and the Offering is, in certain jurisdictions, restricted by law, and this prospectus may not be used for the purpose of, or in connection with, any offer or solicitation to anyone in any jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation is not authorized or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation. This prospectus does not constitute an offer of or an invitation to acquire any Rights or to subscribe for Offered Shares in any jurisdiction in which such offer or invitation would be unlawful. Persons into whose possession this prospectus comes shall inform themselves of and observe all such restrictions. Neither the Company, the manager nor the Standby Underwriters accept any legal responsibility for any violation by any person, whether or not a prospective purchaser of Rights or Offered Shares, of any such restrictions.

This prospectus may not be distributed or otherwise made available, the Offered Shares may not be directly or indirectly offered, sold or subscribed, and the Rights may not be directly or indirectly offered, sold, acquired or exercised in Canada, Australia or Japan unless such distribution, offering, sale, acquisition, exercise or subscription is permitted under applicable laws of the relevant jurisdiction, and the Company and the Standby Underwriters receive satisfactory documentation to that effect. The prospectus may not be distributed or otherwise made available, the Offered Shares may not be directly or indirectly offered, sold or subscribed and the Rights may not be directly or indirectly offered, sold, acquired or exercised in any other jurisdiction, unless such distribution, offering, sale, acquisition, exercise or subscription is permitted under applicable laws of the relevant jurisdiction. The Company and the Standby Underwriters may require receipt of satisfactory documentation to that effect. Due to such restrictions under applicable legislation and regulations, the Company expects that certain investors residing in Canada, Australia, Japan and other jurisdictions may not be able to receive this prospectus or the Norwegian Offering Circular and may not be able to exercise their Rights and subscribe for Offered Shares.

Investors are authorized to use this prospectus solely for the purpose of considering the acquisition or exercise of the Rights and subscription for the Offered Shares described in this prospectus. The Company and other sources identified herein have provided the information contained in this prospectus. The manager and the Standby Underwriters make no warranty, express or implied, as to the accuracy or completeness of such information, and nothing contained in this prospectus is, or shall be relied upon as, a promise or representation by the manager or the Standby Underwriters. Investors may not reproduce or distribute this prospectus, in whole or in part, and investors may not disclose any of the contents of this prospectus or use any information herein for any purpose other than considering the acquisition or exercise of Rights and the subscription for Offered Shares. Investors agree to the foregoing by accepting delivery of this prospectus. Prospective holders of the Rights and prospective subscribers for the Offered Shares should make an independent assessment as to whether the information in this prospectus is relevant, and any acquisition or exercise of the Rights and any subscription for the Offered Shares should be based on the examinations that the holder or subscriber in question may deem necessary. In addition to their own examination of the Company and the terms of the Offering, including the merits and risks involved, investors should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus, including the risk factors described herein, and any notices required under any orders, rules or regulations issued by any Norwegian securities regulators on issuers' duties to disclose information, and the rules of the Oslo Børs, that are published by the Company and that expressly amend this prospectus or which are filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and are incorporated by reference herein.

In connection with the Offering, the Standby Underwriters or their affiliates, acting as investors for their own account, may sell, acquire or exercise Rights and offer, sell and subscribe for Offered Shares in the Offering. They may in this capacity for their own account hold, buy or sell such securities and any other of the Company's securities and any investments related thereto, and they may offer or sell such securities or other investments in contexts other than in connection with the Offering. References in this prospectus to the Rights being allocated, acquired or sold and the

Offered Shares being subscribed, offered, sold or acquired should therefore be considered to comprise such offers or placements of securities to the Standby Underwriters or their affiliates. The Standby Underwriters do not intend to disclose the extent of any such investments or

transactions other than in compliance with legal or regulatory requirements to do so. The Standby Underwriters in connection with the Offering will receive commissions from the Company. In connection with the Standby Underwriters' usual business activities, the Standby Underwriters and certain companies affiliated therewith may have provided and may in future provide investment banking advice and carry on normal banking business with the Company and its subsidiaries.

The manager and the Standby Underwriters do not make any direct or indirect representations and do not assume responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of the information contained in this prospectus. Neither the delivery of this prospectus nor the acquisition or exercise of Rights or the subscription of the Offered Shares shall create any implication that the information contained in this prospectus is correct as at any time subsequent to the prospectus date or that there have been no changes in the affairs of the Company since the date hereof. Any material change as compared with the contents of this prospectus will be published as a supplement pursuant to applicable laws, rules and regulations.

This prospectus may not be forwarded, reproduced or in any other way redistributed by anyone but the manager, the Standby Underwriters and the Company. The Rights and the Offered Shares may be subject to restrictions on transferability and resale under applicable securities legislation in certain jurisdictions and may not be acquired, transferred, exercised or resold unless permitted under applicable securities legislation. Persons into whose possession this prospectus may come undertake to inform themselves about and to observe such restrictions. None of the Company, the manager, or the Standby Underwriters assume any legal responsibility for any violation of these restrictions by any person, irrespective of whether such person is a potential holder of the Rights and a potential subscriber for the Offered Shares. Prospective holders of the Rights and prospective subscribers of the Offered Shares should make their own individual assessment of the legal basis of and consequences of the Offering, including possible tax consequences and possible foreign exchange restrictions which may apply, before deciding whether to invest in the Rights and the Offered Shares.

Potential acquirers of Rights and subscribers of Offered Shares shall comply with all applicable laws and provisions in countries or regions in which they acquire, subscribe, offer, sell or exercise the Rights or the Offered Shares or possess or distribute this prospectus and shall obtain consent, approval or permission, as required, for the acquisition of the Rights or subscription for the Offered Shares.

Notice to Investors in the European Economic Area

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area (each a Relevant Member State) which has implemented the EU Directive 2003/71 (together with all current implementing measures in the individual Member States, the Prospectus Directive), not including Norway, no offering of Rights and Offer Shares to the public will be made in any Relevant Member State prior to the publication of a prospectus concerning the Rights and the Offered Shares, which has been approved by the competent authority in such Relevant Member State or, where relevant, approved in another Relevant Member State and notified to the competent authority in such Relevant Member State, all pursuant to the Prospectus Directive, except that with effect from and including the date of implementation of the Prospectus Directive in such Relevant Member State, an offering of Rights and Offered Shares may be made to the public at any time in such Relevant Member State:

to legal entities that are authorized or regulated to operate in the financial markets or, if not so authorized or regulated, whose corporate purpose is solely to invest in securities;

to any legal entity fulfilling at least two of the following conditions: (1) an average of at least 250 employees during the last financial year; (2) a total balance sheet of more than 43 million; and (3) an annual net revenue of more than 50 million, as shown in its last annual or consolidated accounts;

to fewer than 100 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive) subject to obtaining the prior consent of the Standby Underwriters, for any such offer; or

in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive, provided that no such offer of Offered Shares shall result in a requirement for the publication by the Company or the Standby Underwriters of a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of the above, the expression an offer of Rights and Offered Shares to the public in relation to Rights and Offered Shares in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the Offering, the Rights and Offered Shares so as to enable an investor to decide to exercise or acquire Rights or subscribe for Offered Shares, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State.

Notice Concerning Canada, Australia and Japan

This prospectus may not be distributed or otherwise made available, the Offered Shares may not be directly or indirectly offered, sold or subscribed, and the Rights may not be directly or indirectly offered, sold, acquired or exercised in Canada, Australia or Japan, unless such distribution, offering, sale, acquisition, exercise or subscription is permitted under applicable laws of the relevant jurisdiction, and the Company and the Standby Underwriters receive satisfactory documentation to that effect. Due to such restrictions under applicable legislation and regulations, the Company expects that certain investors residing in Canada, Australia, Japan and other jurisdictions may not be able to receive this prospectus and may not be able to exercise their Rights or subscribe for the Offered Shares. No offering and no solicitation to any person is being made by the Company in any circumstances that would be unlawful.

Presentation of Financial and Certain Other Information

Our audited financial statements as at December 31, 2006 and 2007 and for each of the three years in the three year period ending December 31, 2007 incorporated by reference in this prospectus from our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007, as amended, have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted U.S. accounting principles (GAAP), which differs in certain respects from International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU and the additional Norwegian disclosure requirements for financial statements of listed companies. Financial information set forth in such financial statements and associated schedules has been rounded. Accordingly, in certain instances, the sum of the numbers in a column or row may not conform exactly to the total figure given for that column or row. In addition, certain percentages presented in such information reflect calculations based upon the underlying information prior to rounding and, accordingly, may not conform exactly to the percentages that would be derived if the relevant calculations were based upon the rounded numbers.

In this prospectus all references to Kroner , kroner , or NOK are to the currency of the Kingdom of Norway, all references to U.S. dollars , U.S. Dollars , US\$, USD , or \$ are to the currency of the U.S., all references to pound , pounds sterling , UK £ or £ are to the currency of the United Kingdom and all references to Euro , euro and currency introduced from the start of the third stage of the European Economic and Monetary Union pursuant to the Treaty establishing the European Community, as amended. References to U.S. Eastern time and to CET refer to local time on the east coast of the United States and local Central European Time, respectively. References to the VPS System refer to the securities clearance and registration system maintained by the Norwegian Central Securities Depository and DNB NOR bank.

Enforceability of Judgments

The Company is organized under the laws of the State of Delaware in the United States, with our domicile in the municipality of Dover, County of Kent, State of Delaware. All of the members of our Board of Directors and Executive Management and certain of the experts named herein are residents of British Isles or other jurisdictions

outside the U.S. All of our assets as well as the assets of such non-resident persons are located in jurisdictions outside the U.S.

As a result, it may not be possible for investors to effect service of process upon such persons or us with respect to litigation that may arise under U.S. federal securities law or to enforce against them or us judgments

obtained in U.S. courts, whether or not such judgments were made pursuant to civil liability provisions of the federal or state securities laws of the U.S. or any other laws of the U.S. We have been advised by our Norwegian counsel that there is not currently a treaty between the U.S. and Norway providing for reciprocal recognition and enforceability of judgments rendered in connection with civil and commercial disputes and accordingly that a final judgment rendered by a U.S. court based on civil liability would not be enforceable in Norway. Considerable uncertainty exists whether Norwegian courts would allow actions to be predicated on the securities laws of the U.S. or other jurisdictions outside Norway.

Foreign Currency Presentation

We publish our financial statements in United States Dollars. Certain financial information included in this prospectus contains conversions of certain Dollar amounts into Kroner amounts, Pounds Sterling and into Euros at specified rates. These conversions should not be construed as representations that the Dollar amounts actually represent such Kroner, Pound or Euro amounts or could be converted into Kroner, Pounds or Euros at the rates indicated or at any other rate. In addition, certain additional information herein has been presented in U.S. dollars. The conversions in our financial statements of financial information into other currencies have been made using the rates disclosed therein. Unless otherwise indicated, conversions of financial information have been made using the foreign exchange reference rates set forth on the cover page of this prospectus.

Independent Auditors

Our audited consolidated financial statements as at December 31, 2006 and 2007 and for each of the three years in the three year period ending December 31, 2007 included herein by reference have been reported upon by LJ Soldingier Associates LLC, independent registered public accountants.

Financial Calendar

We are subject to the periodic reporting requirements and other disclosure requirements of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (Exchange Act), and, accordingly, as an accelerated filer (as defined in the Exchange Act) we are required to file an Annual Report on Form 10-K with the SEC within 75 days after the end of each fiscal year, which report includes audited consolidated financial statements among other matters. In addition, we file interim Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q containing unaudited interim financial information as well as other required information with the SEC within 40 days after the end of each of the first three fiscal quarters ended March 31, June 30 and September 30 in each year. Finally, in connection with the solicitation of proxies for our Annual General Meetings we are required to file proxy materials with the SEC.

Available Information

See the sections of this prospectus entitled **Where You Can Find More Information** and **Documents Incorporated by Reference** for information as to how you can obtain additional information regarding the Company, its business, financial condition and the Offering. The following documents have been filed as exhibits with the SEC and can be accessed on the SEC's website www.sec.gov and are available for inspection at any time: (i) our Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, and our Amended and Restated Bylaws; (ii) the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus as identified in the section entitled **Documents Incorporated by Reference**; and (iii) this prospectus and the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part.

PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

The following summary highlights selected information contained in this prospectus. This summary does not contain all the information you should consider before investing in the securities and is qualified in its entirety by the more detailed information appearing elsewhere in this prospectus. Before making an investment decision, you should read the entire prospectus and the information incorporated by reference herein carefully, including the Risk Factors section.

Unless the context requires otherwise, references to the *Company*, *CanArgo*, *we*, *us* and *our* are to CanArgo Energy Corporation and its subsidiaries. A glossary of certain oil and gas terms and definitions used in this prospectus is set forth on page 8. References to persons comprise references both to individuals and to legal entities.

The Company

The Company is an independent oil and gas exploration and production company engaged in oil and gas exploration, development and production in Georgia. The Company's executive offices are located at PO Box 291, St Peter Port, Guernsey, GY1 3RR, British Isles and its telephone number is +(44) 1481 729 980.

Risk Factors

The investment in the common stock or the Rights offered hereby is subject to risk factors that should be carefully reviewed prior to determining whether to purchase the common stock or purchase or exercise the Rights. These factors relate to the Company's financial condition, risks associated with operations in Georgia and other countries in the former Soviet Union, risks inherent in oil and gas operations, and volatility in our stock price. See Risk Factors beginning on page 12 below.

The Offering

Rights Offering

Each record holder of common stock (*Record Date Holder*) as of 5:00 p.m., U.S. Eastern time, on October 2, 2008 (the *Record Date*) will be distributed at no charge one transferable subscription right (*Right*) for each share of common stock held of record on the Record Date. Each Right will entitle the holder thereof (*Rights Holder*) to purchase from the Company one share of common stock (an *Underlying Share*) for a price of \$0.10 per share (the *Subscription Price*). An aggregate of up to 259,047,390 shares of common stock will be issued in the Offering upon exercise of the Rights or pursuant to the Standby Underwriting Agreements (as defined below), including pursuant to the exercise by the Standby Underwriters of their conditional rights to acquire up to 16,940,000 shares in lieu of payment of their underwriting commissions in cash. The Rights will be evidenced by transferable certificates (the *Subscription Rights Certificates*) except for those stockholders who hold their shares of common stock in the book entry system maintained by the Depository Trust Company (*DTC*) or the VPS System, whose Rights will be evidenced by an electronic book entry certificate registered with DTC or in the VPS System, respectively.

Conditions to Rights Offering	There are no conditions to the completion of the Rights Offering other than compliance with all requisite regulatory requirements.
Basic Subscription Privilege	Rights Holders are entitled to purchase, at the Subscription Price, one Underlying Share for each whole Right held (the Basic Subscription Privilege). No fractional shares will be issued. See The

Rights Offering Subscription Privileges Basic Subscription Privilege .

Subscription Price

\$0.10 per Underlying Share, payable in cash. See The Rights Offering Exercise of Rights by Rights Holders and Standby Underwriting and Plan of Distribution Determination of Subscription Price.

Shares of Common Stock Outstanding after Rights Offering

As of the Record Date there were 242,107,390 shares of common stock outstanding. A maximum aggregate of 242,107,390 shares of common stock may be issued pursuant to the Basic Subscription Privilege. Accordingly, after this Offering, approximately 501,154,780 shares of common stock will be outstanding, assuming the exercise in full by the Standby Underwriters of their conditional right to receive their commission in shares in lieu of cash. If only the shares that are the subject of the Rights Offering are issued (i.e., if the Standby Underwriters do not exercise their conditional right to receive their commission in shares in lieu of cash) approximately 484,214,780 shares of common stock will be outstanding after this Offering.

Transferability of Rights

The Rights, including the Basic Subscription Privilege, may be transferred or assigned prior to the relevant Expiration Time in the United States or in Norway. On and after each such relevant Expiration Time, unexercised Rights will expire and will have no value. We have been advised by the AMEX and the OSE that the Rights will be traded on the AMEX under the symbol CNR.RT (CNR.RT.WI until the first business day after the distribution date) and on the OSE under the symbol CNR T , respectively, beginning on or about October 6, 2008 on the AMEX and October 7, 2008 on the OSE, until 5:00 p.m., U.S. Eastern time, on October 23, 2008 on the AMEX, the last business day prior to the scheduled U.S. expiration date of the Rights Offering, and 5:30 p.m. (CET) on October 14, 2008, the scheduled Norwegian expiration date of the Rights Offering.

If your shares are held of record by a broker, custodian bank or other nominee on your behalf, including in the VPS System or in the book entry system maintained by DTC, you may sell your Rights by contacting your broker, custodian bank or other nominee through which you hold your common stock. To sell your Rights, if you are a U.S. stockholder you should complete and return to your broker, custodian bank or other nominee the form entitled Beneficial Owner Election Form such that it will be received well in advance of 5:00 p.m., U.S. Eastern time, on October 23, 2008 (which is the latest possible date and time that the Rights will be traded on the AMEX), the last business day prior to the scheduled October 24, 2008 U.S. expiration date of this Rights Offering. Foreign registered stockholders and stockholders who hold their shares in the VPS System should see Foreign and Other Stockholders below and The Rights Offering Foreign and Other Stockholders and consult the Norwegian Offering Circular.

If you are a record holder of a Subscription Rights Certificate, you may sell your Rights through Computershare (the U.S. Subscription Agent), in which case, you must deliver your properly completed and executed Subscription Rights Certificate, with appropriate instructions, to the U.S. Subscription Agent. The U.S. Subscription Agent will only facilitate subdivisions, transfers or direct sales (other than on the AMEX) of Rights until 5:00 p.m. U.S. Eastern time, on October 21, 2008, three business days prior to the scheduled October 24, 2008 U.S. expiration date of this Rights Offering. You may also choose to sell your Rights through a broker, custodian bank or other nominee. Foreign registered stockholders and stockholders who hold their shares in the VPS System should see Foreign and Other Stockholders below and The Rights Offering Foreign and Other Stockholders and consult the Norwegian Offering Circular.

The deadline to sell your Rights is subject to extension if we extend the expiration date of this Rights Offering with the consent of the Standby Underwriters if the Rights Offering is extended beyond four weeks in length. See The Rights Offering Methods for Transferring and Selling Subscription Rights.

Record Date

5:00 p.m., U.S. Eastern time (11:00 p.m. CET) on October 2, 2008

Expiration Time

4:00 p.m., U.S. Eastern time, October 24, 2008, or such later time to which the Offering may have been extended (the U.S. Expiration Time) and 5:30 p.m. CET on October 14, 2008, or such later time to which the Offering has been extended (the Norwegian Expiration Time and together with the U.S. Expiration Time, the Expiration Time). See The Rights Offering Expiration and Extension of the Rights Offering. Rights not exercised prior to the relevant Expiration Time will expire and become worthless.

Procedure for Exercising Rights

Subject to certain limited conditions as described in Risk Factors, you may exercise your Rights pursuant to the following steps:

If you are a record holder of a Subscription Rights Certificate, you may exercise your Rights by properly completing and signing your Subscription Rights Certificate. For the exercise of a Right to be effective, your Subscription Rights Certificate, together with full payment of the Subscription Price, must be received by the U.S. Subscription Agent on or prior to the Expiration Time of this Rights Offering, and payment must clear prior to the expiration of this Rights Offering, provided that if you cannot deliver your Subscription Rights Certificate to the U.S. Subscription Agent on time and you are a U.S. record holder, you may follow the guaranteed delivery procedures described under The Rights Offering Guaranteed Delivery Procedures. If you use the mail, we recommend that you use insured, registered mail, return receipt requested. The described guaranteed delivery procedures will not be applicable for foreign registered stockholders or stockholders holding shares through the

VPS System. See The Rights Offering Exercise of Rights by Rights Holders.

If you hold shares of our common stock through a broker, custodian bank or other nominee, we will ask your broker, custodian bank or other nominee to notify you of this Rights Offering. If you wish to sell or exercise your Rights, you will need to have your broker, custodian bank or other nominee act for you. If you are a U.S. stockholder to exercise your Rights, you should complete and return to your broker, custodian bank or other nominee the form entitled **Beneficial Owner Election Form** such that it will be received by 5:00 p.m., U.S. Eastern time, on October 23, 2008, the last business day prior to the U.S. Expiration Time of this Rights Offering. You should receive this form or similar form from your broker, custodian bank or other nominee with the other Rights Offering materials. You should contact your broker, custodian bank or other nominee if you do not receive this form. See **The Rights Offering** **Beneficial Owners**.

If you are a foreign registered stockholder or hold your shares in the VPS System, see **Foreign and Other Stockholders** below and **The Rights Offering** **Foreign and Other Stockholders**.

No Revocation of Exercise

All exercises of Rights are irrevocable, even if you later learn information that you consider to be unfavorable to the exercise of your Rights. You should thus not exercise your Rights unless you are certain that you wish to purchase additional shares of our common stock at a subscription price of \$0.10 per full share. Rights not exercised prior to the expiration of this Rights Offering will expire and will be void and no longer exercisable. Please see **Risk Factors** for a discussion relating to the irrevocability of subscription exercises and **The Rights Offering** **No Revocation**.

Persons Holding Common Stock, or Wishing to Exercise Rights Through Others

Persons holding shares of common stock beneficially, and receiving the Rights issuable with respect thereto, through a broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee, as well as persons holding certificates for common stock directly who would prefer to have such institutions effect transactions relating to the Rights on their behalf, should contact the appropriate institution or nominee and request it to effect such transactions for them. See **The Rights Offering** **Exercise of Rights by Rights Holders** and **The Rights Offering** **Beneficial Owners**.

Issuance of Common Stock

Certificates representing shares of common stock purchased pursuant to the Basic Subscription Privilege will be delivered to subscribers as soon as practicable after the closing of the Rights Offering, corresponding Rights have been validly exercised and payment therefor has been received by the Company with the exception of those stockholders whose shares are registered in the VPS System in Norway or are included in the book entry system maintained by DTC. Such stockholders will not receive stock certificates and instead will have their shareholdings appropriately registered in such book entry systems.

Extension of the Rights Offering

We have the option to extend this Rights Offering and the period for exercising your Rights for any reason, subject to the prior receipt of the consent of the Standby Underwriters if we extend the Rights Offering beyond four weeks in length, including if we determine that changes in the market price of our common stock warrant an extension or if we decide to give stockholders more time to exercise their Rights in this Rights Offering, although we do not presently intend to do so. See The Rights Offering Expiration and Extension of the Rights Offering.

Commissions or Fees

We will not charge a brokerage commission or a fee to Rights Holders for exercising their Rights. However, if you exercise your Rights through a broker, custodian bank or other nominee, you will be responsible for any fees charged by your broker, custodian bank or other nominee.

If you sell your Rights, you will be responsible for any commissions, taxes or broker fees arising from any such sale. If a Subscription Agent sells Rights for you, it will aggregate and sell concurrently all Rights being sold on a particular day and will send you a check for the net proceeds from the sale of any of your Rights, less a commission and any applicable taxes or broker fees, as soon as practicable following the sale. Any sales through a Subscription Agent will be deemed to be effected at the weighted average net sale price of all Rights sold by the Subscription Agent on the relevant date of sale.

If you sell your Rights through your broker, custodian bank or other nominee either because you are a beneficial holder or because you are a record holder that chooses to sell your Rights through a broker, custodian bank or other nominee, you may receive a different amount of proceeds than if you are a record holder and you choose to sell the same amount of Rights through the Subscription Agent. If you sell your Rights through your broker, custodian bank or other nominee instead of a Subscription Agent, your sales proceeds will be the actual sales price of your Rights less any applicable broker's commission, taxes or other fees, rather than the weighted average net sale price of all Rights sold by the Subscription Agent on the relevant date as described above.

Standby Underwriting Commitments

The Standby Underwriters named in the table set forth in the Standby Underwriting and Plan of Distribution section below (collectively, the Standby Underwriters) have each severally and not jointly agreed to underwrite up to a maximum of 242,000,000 of the unsubscribed for Underlying Shares (the Unsubscribed Shares) at the Subscription Price per share pro rata to their respective underwriting commitments as indicated in the table. See The Rights Offering Standby Underwriting Commitments and Standby Underwriting and Plan of Distribution Standby Underwriting Agreements.

AMEX and OSE Symbols for Common Stock and Rights

CNR is the symbol for the common stock on both the AMEX and OSE; we have been advised that the AMEX and OSE symbols for

the Rights are CNR.RT (CNR.RT.WI until the first business day after the distribution date) and CNR T, respectively.

Use of Proceeds

The proceeds from the Rights Offering, before the payment of expenses of the Rights Offering, including any compensation due to the Standby Underwriters, are estimated to be a minimum of \$24,200,000. Of such proceeds: \$12,000,000 is expected to be used for the implementation of a production enhancement program at the Ninotsminda Field in Georgia which may include the drilling of a new well in the eastern part of the Field with up to two horizontal completions and a new vertical well on the northern flank of the Field; \$3,000,000 is expected to be used for the further evaluation of the Manavi prospect in Georgia with a focus on the completion of well testing operations at the M12 well; \$1,000,000 will be used to further our farm-out strategy in respect of our other exploration acreage in Georgia; \$5,000,000 is expected to be used for the repayment of indebtedness; and \$3,200,000 is expected to be used for general working capital purposes (including payment of the expenses of the Offering and the commission in respect of the underwriting of the Offering, in the event that the Standby Underwriters elect to receive their commission in cash). See Use of Proceeds.

Deciding Not to Exercise Subscription Rights

You will retain your current number of shares of our common stock even if you do not exercise your Rights. You are not required to subscribe in this Rights Offering. However, if you do not exercise your Rights, the percentage of our common stock that you own will decrease, and your voting and other rights will be diluted as a result of the issuance of approximately 259,047,390 shares of our common stock pursuant to this Rights Offering (assuming this Rights Offering is fully subscribed and the Standby Underwriters elect to take their commissions in shares of common stock rather than in cash). See Dilution.

Manager

We and Glitnir Securities AS have entered into an engagement agreement, dated June 26, 2008, pursuant to which Glitnir is acting as manager and Norwegian Subscription Agent in connection with this Rights Offering. We will pay a fee and all expenses of Glitnir in connection with the Rights Offering for acting as the manager and as Norwegian Subscription Agent. The fee attributable to the Rights Offering is 2.5% of the gross proceeds to be raised in the rights offering, or approximately \$600,000. We will also pay all fees and expenses of Computershare related to its role as U.S. Subscription Agent in connection with this Rights Offering. See Standby Underwriting and Plan of Distribution The Manager.

No Recommendations

An investment in our common stock must be made pursuant to each investor's evaluation of such investor's best interests. Accordingly, the Company, the manager and the Standby Underwriters make no recommendations to the holders of our common stock regarding whether they should exercise, sell or let lapse their Rights. Stockholders that exercise Rights risk loss of their investment. We cannot assure you that the market price for our common stock will be above the Subscription

Price or that anyone

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purchasing shares at the Subscription Price will be able to sell those shares in the future at the same price or a higher price. Neither the manager nor any Standby Underwriter will engage in any stabilization transactions which may maintain the market price of our common stock above the Subscription Price. You are urged to make your decision based on your own assessment of our business and this Rights Offering. Please see Risk Factors for a discussion of some of the risks involved in investing in our common stock and The Rights Offering No Recommendation.

Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations

For U.S. federal income tax purposes, you should not recognize income or loss upon receipt or exercise of a Right. You should consult your own tax advisor as to the tax consequences to you of the receipt, exercise or lapse of the Rights in light of your particular circumstances. See Certain Income Tax Considerations.

Foreign and Other Stockholders

We will not mail the Subscription Rights Certificates to stockholders with addresses that are outside the United States or that have an army post office or fleet post office address. The U.S. Subscription Agent will hold these Subscription Rights Certificates for their account. If stockholders have an address outside the U.S. or an army post office or a fleet post office address, to exercise their Rights they must notify the U.S. Subscription Agent before 5:00 p.m., U.S. Eastern time, on October 21, 2008, three business days prior to the U.S. expiration date of the Rights Offering, and with respect to holders whose addresses are outside the U.S. they must provide evidence satisfactory to us, such as a legal opinion from local counsel, that it is lawful for them to receive and exercise their Rights under applicable law. Stockholders who hold their shares in the VPS System will be delivered a copy of the Norwegian Offering Circular and other documents upon request in order to exercise, subdivide, transfer or sell their Rights and must follow the procedures set forth therein. See The Rights Offering Foreign and Other Stockholders herein.

Information Agents

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the U.S or Norwegian Subscription Agents. U.S. banks and brokerage firms please call (800) 962-4284 and foreign banks and brokerage houses please call +47 22 01 63 00.

Shares Outstanding Before this Rights Offering

242,107,390 shares of our common stock were outstanding as of October 2, 2008, which is the Record Date for this Rights Offering.

Shares Outstanding After Completion of this Rights Offering

Assuming no options or other derivative securities of the Company are exercised or converted prior to the expiration of this Rights Offering, the Standby Underwriters elect to take their commissions in shares of common stock rather than in cash and the full 242,107,390 shares are subscribed for by our common stockholders (and not by the Standby Underwriters pursuant to their standby underwriting commitments), we expect approximately 501,154,780 shares of our common stock will be outstanding immediately after completion of this Rights Offering.

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As of October 2, 2008 there were 242,107,390 shares of common stock issued and outstanding.

Oil and Gas Terms

When describing natural gas:	Mcf	=	thousand cubic feet
	MMcf	=	million cubic feet
	Bcf	=	billion cubic feet
When describing oil:	Bbl	=	barrel
	Mbbls	=	thousand barrels
	MMbbls	=	million barrels
When comparing natural gas to oil:	6 Mcf of gas	=	1 bbl of oil equivalent
	Boe	=	barrel of oil equivalent
	Mboe	=	thousand barrels of oil equivalent
	MMboe	=	million barrels of oil equivalent

About CanArgo

We are an independent oil and gas exploration and production company incorporated with limited liability under the laws of the State of Delaware, U.S.A., headquartered in St Peter Port, Guernsey, British Isles, but not regulated in Guernsey, operating in Georgia, a former part of the former Soviet Union. We operate and carry out our activities as a holding company through a number of operating subsidiaries and associated or affiliated companies. Each of these operating companies is generally focused on one of our projects, and this structure assists in maintaining separate cost centers for these different projects.

Our principal activities are oil and gas exploration, development and production in Georgia, although in the past we have also operated in other former Soviet Union countries. We are currently directing all of our efforts and resources to our exploration and appraisal program in Georgia and the development of the Ninotsminda Field in Georgia. Our management and technical staff have substantial experience in our areas of operation. Currently our principal product is crude oil, and the sale of crude oil is our principal source of revenue.

Our oil and natural gas reserves and production have to date been derived principally through development of the Ninotsminda Field. We are currently focused on properties that either offer us existing or near term production as well as additional exploitation opportunities, or exploration prospects which management believes have significant potential. We have additional exploratory and developmental oil and gas properties and prospects in Georgia. We operate in a global market and have an insignificant market share in such market.

Going Concern

Our ability to continue to pursue our principal activities of acquiring interests in and developing oil and gas fields is dependent upon generating funds from internal sources, external sources and, ultimately, maintaining sufficient

positive cash flows from operating activities (see *Our ability to pursue our activities is dependent on our ability to generate cash flows,* under Risk Factors starting on page 12 below).

Our financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP, which contemplates continuation of the Company as a going concern. In respect of the Company's 2007 audited financial statements, the audit opinion issued in the auditors' independent report contained additional explanatory language to the standard audit report in respect of the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

We currently have sufficient cash on hand to support our current operations through to at least the end of 2008. In order to fund our planned capital expenditure program and to continue our operations after 2008, we need to raise substantial funds. Accordingly, we are pursuing raising additional funds through the Rights Offering to stockholders. We are also actively pursuing the farming out of a number of our exploration projects.

We will use a portion of the proceeds from the Rights Offering for a short term production enhancement recovery program at the Ninotsminda Field in order to generate additional near term cash flows. We believe that if we improve near term cash flow as a result of our production enhancement efforts and if we are eventually able to successfully complete the Manavi 12 well such that a significant quantity of oil flows are produced, we will be able to raise additional debt and/or equity funds in order to continue operations, continue our development plans for the Ninotsminda Field, properly develop the Manavi Field, continue appraising the Norio discoveries, and further develop our business in the region.

Our Business Strategy

Our business strategy is focused on the following:

Further Development Of Existing Properties

Assuming available financial resources, we intend to further develop our properties that have established oil and gas resources. We seek to add proved reserves and increase production through the use of advanced technologies, including conducting further seismic programs and detailed technical analysis of our properties, horizontal drilling, multilateral drilling, drilling new structures from existing locations and selectively recompleting existing wells. We also plan to drill step-out wells to expand known field limits.

Growth Through Exploitation And Exploration

Assuming available financial resources, we intend to conduct an active technology-driven exploitation and exploration program that will be designed to complement our property acquisition and development drilling efforts with moderate to high-risk exploration projects that have greater reserve potential. In the past we have generated exploration prospects through the analysis and integration of geological and geophysical data and the interpretation of seismic data. Assuming available financial resources, we intend to manage our exploration expenditures through the optimal scheduling of our drilling program and, if considered appropriate, selectively reducing our participation in certain exploratory prospects through farm-outs or sales of interests to industry partners.

Pursuit Of Strategic Acquisitions

We continually review opportunities to acquire producing properties, leasehold acreage and drilling prospects and seek to acquire operational control of properties that we believe have significant exploitation and exploration potential. We are especially focused on increasing our holdings in fields and basins from which we are able to leverage existing infrastructure and resources.

Recent Developments

On January 8, 2008, we announced that we had received a deficiency letter from AMEX advising the Company that in view of its continued non-compliance with Section 121(A)(1) and Section 121(B)(2)a of the continued listing standards of the AMEX Company Guide, which require that at least a majority of the directors qualify as independent directors and that the Audit Committee be comprised of at least three

independent directors, the Company had until January 18, 2008 to submit a plan to the AMEX of steps it has taken, or will take, in order to regain compliance with these requirements by no later than April 4, 2008. The Company subsequently submitted its plan to regain compliance to the Staff of the AMEX on January 18, 2008.

Effective February 7, 2008, Dr. David Robson, the Company's former Chief Executive Officer and after his resignation as Chief Executive Officer in June 2007, the Non-Executive Chairman and a Non-Executive Director of the Board of Directors, resigned from the Board. Effective the same date, Vincent McDonnell became acting Chairman of the Board in addition to his duties as President and Chief Executive Officer. In connection with Dr. Robson's departure the Company agreed:

to make a payment to Vazon Energy Limited (Vazon) of UK£30,000 in settlement of Dr. Robson's Service Agreement (Vazon being the company which provided the services of Dr. Robson); and

that the 1,800,000 share options granted to Dr. Robson pursuant to the Company's Long Term Stock Incentive Plans (LTSIP) will remain valid and be exercisable until 31 December 2008 under the terms of such plans. These options comprise:

1,500,000 options granted at an exercise price of \$0.65 (issued September 24, 2004); and

300,000 options granted at an exercise price of \$1.00 (issued July 27, 2005).

On February 14, 2008, we announced that the Staff of the AMEX had determined that the plan submitted by the Company reasonably demonstrated the Company's ability to regain compliance with such continued listing standards by the end of the plan period.

In accordance with the requirements of the AMEX, on March 18, 2008, we announced that in respect of the Company's 2007 audited financial statements, the audit opinion issued in the auditors' independent report contained additional explanatory language to the standard audit report in respect of the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. The independent audit report is contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007, as amended, and is available at www.sec.gov.

On March 27, 2008, we announced the appointment of Anthony J. Perry as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Board of the Company and the appointment of Mr. Perry to the Company's Audit Committee both with effect from April 1, 2008. This appointment meant that we now satisfied the continued listing requirements of the AMEX for a majority of independent directors on the Board and three independent directors on the Audit Committee.

On April 13, 2008, we announced the proposed Rights Offering and on April 28, 2008 we filed a Current Report on Form 8-K disclosing the adoption by the Board of Directors of an amendment to our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation increasing the number shares of common stock we are authorized to issue from 500 million shares to one billion shares and concurrently amending our 2004 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan (the 2004 Plan) to increase the number of shares of common stock available for grant under the 2004 Plan from 17.5 million to 35 million, in both cases subject to obtaining of requisite stockholder approval at the Company's annual meeting of stockholders. We also disclosed that the approval of the amendment of the Certificate of Incorporation was a condition to the Rights Offering since the Company otherwise would not have sufficient authorized shares of common stock to permit the Rights Offering to proceed.

On April 18, 2008, we announced the scheduled annual meeting of stockholders to be held on June 26, 2008 at 10.30 a.m. U.S. Eastern time at AMEX, 86 Trinity Place, New York, NY, 10006, and that only stockholders of record at the close of business on April 28, 2008 would be entitled to notice of, and to vote at, such meeting or any

adjournments or postponements thereof.

On June 3, 2008, we announced that as a result of delays encountered in the review of the Company's proxy materials by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission we had re-scheduled the annual meeting of stockholders from June 26, 2008 to July 18, 2008 in order to provide the Company with sufficient time to solicit proxies. This announcement also contained the time and place of the annual meeting, as well as the

record date for stockholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, such meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof.

On June 16, 2008, we announced that a group of eight separate foreign private investors had signed non-binding letters of intent with the Company detailing the principal terms of a proposed standby underwriting agreement that upon execution was expected to provide an aggregate firm commitment to purchase up to \$24.2 million in unsubscribed for shares in the Company's planned rights issue first announced on April 23, 2008, thus ensuring a successful offering.

On June 26, 2008, we publicly updated well testing operations at the Manavi 12 well in Georgia which was drilled to appraise a new oil discovery in the Kura Basin. Testing operations focused on a selected reservoir interval in the Upper Cretaceous carbonates which was acid fracture stimulated earlier in the year after the recovery of oil and gas to surface from previous testing. The results of the current test have identified a possible oil-water contact in the M12 well which indicates a potentially significant hydrocarbon column in the Manavi structure.

On July 21, 2008, we announced the results of the annual meeting of stockholders held on July 18, 2008 in New York, New York at which stockholders duly re-elected the incumbent Board of Directors comprised of Messrs. Vincent McDonnell, Jeffrey Wilkins, Russ Hammond, Michael Ayre and Anthony Perry; approved an increase in the authorized shares of common stock from 500,000,000 to 1,000,000,000; and disapproved an increase in the number of shares of common stock that can be awarded under the Company's 2004 Plan.

Effective July 21, 2008, the Company amended Article Four of the Company's Certificate of Incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares of common stock, par value \$0.10 per share, from 500,000,000 shares to 1,000,000,000. The amendment was duly approved at the Company's annual meeting of stockholders held on July 18, 2008 by the votes of the holders of at least a majority of all the issued and outstanding shares of the Company. The capital of the Company shall not be reduced under or by reason of the said amendment.

On July 24, 2008, we announced that the group of eight separate foreign private investors who had previously signed non-binding letters of intent with the Company had severally entered into substantially identical firm commitment underwriting agreements with the Company to purchase up to an aggregate of \$24.2 million in unsubscribed for shares in the Rights Offering. Each investor severally and not jointly undertook, pro rata to its share of the aggregate underwriting commitment, to purchase, at the same Subscription Price as common stockholders, shares of CanArgo common stock not otherwise purchased by stockholders in the Rights Offering. See "Standby Underwriting and Plan of Distribution" beginning on page 44 for further details concerning the terms of these agreements.

On August 10, 2008, we issued a statement that operations in Georgia are continuing unaffected by the hostilities between Georgia and Russia over control of the separatist region of South Ossetia in the central Caucasus. Oil production operations, at the present time, continue as normal at the Company's Ninotsminda Field which is located 35 kilometers to the east of the capital city Tbilisi and over 100 kilometers from South Ossetia. As a precautionary measure, the Company has increased security and the number of personnel on duty at its production sites. The Company is closely monitoring the situation and the efforts of the United States, NATO, the United Nations and the European Union.

On August 15, 2008, we issued a further statement that our oil and gas operations in Georgia remained unaffected by the recent Russian-Georgian conflict. Oil production from the Ninotsminda Field is sold on a batch basis with the last sale at the end of July and the next scheduled sale not due until late September. Oil production from the Field is generally sold at the Field gate, transported by the buyer via rail and exported through the Black Sea port of Batumi which, to date, has not been affected by the conflict. There is no assurance, however, that our operations and our ability to market our production will remain unaffected if relations between Georgia and the Russian Federation

deteriorate and hostilities are resumed.

RISK FACTORS

An investment in our common stock is subject to significant risks and uncertainties which may result in a loss of all or a part of your investment. You should carefully consider the risks described below, as well as all other information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplements, before investing in our common stock. The risks described below are not the only ones facing the Company. Additional risks not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also impair our business operations and adversely affect the price of our shares.

Risks Associated with our Business

Our operations in Georgia may be adversely affected by the recent hostilities between Georgia and the Russian Federation.

The recent hostilities between Georgia and the Russian Federation over the separatist regions of South Ossetia and Abkhazia may interrupt and adversely affect our operations and our ability to market our production from the Ninotsminda Field, in particular if military operations resume and extend to the areas in which we operate or interfere with the methods by which we market our production. Oil production operations, at the present time, continue as normal at the Company's Ninotsminda Field which is located 35 kilometers to the east of the capital city Tbilisi and over 100 kilometers from South Ossetia. As a precautionary measure, the Company has increased security and the number of personnel on duty at its production sites. The Company is closely monitoring the situation and the efforts of the United States, NATO, the European Union and the United Nations. See Recent Developments.

We have experienced recurring losses.

For the six month period ended June 30, 2008 we recorded net losses of \$2,176,000 and for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004, and 2003, we recorded net losses of \$53,777,214, \$60,540,851, \$12,335,314, \$4,611,031, and \$7,473,346, respectively, and have an accumulated deficit of \$233,695,386 as at June 30, 2008. Impairments of oil and gas properties ventures and other assets included write-downs of \$42,000,000 in 2007 relating to the impairment in the carrying value of the Ninotsminda Field. The Company may never achieve or maintain profitability. The Company will need to generate significant revenues to achieve and maintain profitability. The Company cannot guarantee that it will be able to generate these revenues.

Our ability to pursue our activities is dependent on our ability to generate cash flows.

Our ability to continue to pursue our principal activities of acquiring interests in and developing oil and gas fields is dependent upon generating funds from internal sources, external sources and, ultimately, maintaining sufficient positive cash flows from operating activities. Our financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP, which contemplates continuation of the Company as a going concern. The Company incurred net losses from continuing operations to common stockholders of approximately \$2,145,000 for the period ended June 30, 2008 and \$65,315,000, \$54,432,000 and \$12,522,000 for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively. These net losses included non-cash charges related to depreciation and depletion, impairments, loan interest, amortization of debt discount, extinguishment of debt and stock-based compensation of approximately \$2,587,000 for the six month period ended June 30, 2008 and \$61,936,000, \$48,213,000 and \$7,175,000 for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

In the six month period ended June 30, 2008 and in the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, the Company's revenues from its Georgian operations did not cover the costs of its operations. At June 30, 2008 the Company had unrestricted cash and cash equivalents available for general corporate use or for use in the Georgian operations of approximately \$3,148,000. For the six month ended June 30, 2008 the Company experienced a net cash outflow from operations of approximately \$808,000 in Georgia and in 2007 the Company experienced a net cash outflow from operations of approximately \$1,800,000 in Georgia. In addition, the Company has a planned capital expenditure budget in the near future of

approximately \$12,000,000 in Georgia. The exploration and development wells currently undergoing or waiting to undergo production testing in Georgia currently do not produce enough commercially available quantities of oil and or gas and the Company will not have sufficient working capital and may have to delay or suspend its capital expenditure plans and possibly make cutbacks in its operations. There are no assurances the Company could raise additional sources of equity financing and the covenants contained in the Note Purchase Agreements to which the Company is a party (see Note 9 of the consolidated financial statements included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K, as amended) restrict the Company from incurring additional debt obligations in excess of \$2.5 million unless it receives consent from Noteholders holding at least 51% in aggregate outstanding principal amount of the of the Notes covered by such Agreements, which consent we cannot guarantee.

Consequently, the aforementioned items raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

The Company's ability to continue as a going concern is dependent upon raising capital through debt and equity financing on terms desirable to the Company. If the Company is unable to obtain additional funds when they are required or if the funds cannot be obtained on terms favorable to the Company, management may be required to delay, scale back or eliminate its well development program or license third parties to develop or market production that the Company would otherwise seek to develop or market itself, or even be required to relinquish its interest in the properties or in the extreme situation, cease operations. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty.

Our current operations are dependent on the success of our Georgian exploration activities and our activities on the Ninotsminda Field.

To date we have directed substantially all of our efforts and most of our available funds to the development of the Ninotsminda Field in the Kura Basin in the eastern part of Georgia, appraisal of the Manavi oil discovery and exploration in that area and some ancillary activities in the Kura Basin area. This decision is based on management's assessment of the promise of the Kura Basin area. However, our focus on the Ninotsminda Field has over the past several years resulted in overall losses for us. We cannot assure investors that the exploration and development plans for the Ninotsminda Field will be successful. For example, the Ninotsminda Field may not produce sufficient quantities of oil and gas and at sufficient rates to justify the investment we have made and are planning to make in the Field, and we may not be able to produce the oil and gas at a sufficiently low cost or to market the oil and gas produced at a sufficiently high price to generate a positive cash flow and a profit. Our Georgian exploration program, particularly in the Manavi and Norio areas, is an important factor for future success, and this program may not be successful, as it carries substantial risk. See *Risks Associated with our Industry - Our oil and gas activities involve risks, many of which are beyond our control* below for a description of a number of these potential risks and losses. In accordance with customary industry practices, we maintain insurance against some, but not all, of such risks and some, but not all, of such losses. The occurrence of an event not fully covered by insurance could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

Our operation of the Ninotsminda Field is governed by a production sharing contract which may be subject to certain legal uncertainties.

Our principal business and assets are derived from production sharing contracts in Georgia. The legislative and procedural regimes governing production sharing agreements and mineral use licenses in Georgia have undergone a series of changes in recent years resulting in certain legal uncertainties. Our production sharing agreements and mineral use licenses, entered into prior to the introduction in 1999 of a new Petroleum Law governing such agreements have not as yet been amended to reflect or ensure compliance with current legislation. As a result, despite

references in the current legislation grandfathering the terms and conditions of our production sharing contracts, conflicts between the interpretation of our production sharing contracts and mineral use licenses and current legislation could arise. Such conflicts, if they arose, could cause an adverse effect on our rights under the production sharing contracts.

We may encounter difficulties in enforcing our title to our properties.

Since all of our oil and gas interests are currently held in countries where there is currently no private ownership of oil and gas in place, good title to our interests is dependent on the validity and enforceability of the governmental licenses and production sharing contracts and similar contractual arrangements that we enter into with government entities, either directly or indirectly. As is customary in such circumstances, we perform a minimal title investigation before acquiring our interests, which generally consists of conducting due diligence reviews and in certain circumstances securing written assurances from responsible government authorities or legal opinions. We believe that we have satisfactory title to such interests in accordance with standards generally accepted in the crude oil and natural gas industry in the areas in which we operate. Our interests in properties are subject to royalty interests, liens incident to operating agreements, liens for current taxes and other burdens, none of which we believe materially interferes with the use of, or affects the value of, such interests. However, as is discussed elsewhere, there is no assurance that our title to our interests will be enforceable in all circumstances due to the uncertain nature and predictability of the legal systems in some of the countries in which we operate.

We will require additional funds to implement our long-term oil and gas development plans.

It will take many years and substantial cash expenditures to develop fully our oil and gas properties. We generally have the principal responsibility to provide financing for our oil and gas properties and ventures. Accordingly, we may need to raise additional funds from outside sources in order to pay for project development costs. We may not be able to obtain that additional financing. If adequate funds are not available, we will be required to scale back or even suspend our operations or such funds may only be available on commercially unattractive terms. The carrying value of the Ninotsminda Field may not be realized unless additional capital expenditures are incurred to develop the Field. Furthermore, additional funds will be required to pursue exploration activities on our existing undeveloped properties. While expected to be substantial, without further exploration work and evaluation the amount of funds needed to fully develop all of our oil and gas properties cannot at present be quantified.

We may be unable to finance our oil and gas projects.

Our long term ability to finance most of our present oil and gas projects and other ventures according to present plans is dependent upon obtaining additional funding. An inability to obtain financing in the future could require us to scale back or abandon part or all of our future project development, capital expenditure, production and other plans. The availability of equity or debt financing to us or to the entities that are developing projects in which we have interests is affected by many factors, including:

world and regional economic conditions;

the state of international relations;

the stability and the legal, regulatory, fiscal and tax policies of various governments in the areas in which we have or intend to have operations;

fluctuations in the world and regional price of oil and gas and in interest rates;

the outlook for the oil and gas industry in general and in areas in which we have or intend to have operations; and

competition for funds from possible alternative investment projects.

Potential investors and lenders will be influenced by their evaluations of us and our projects, including their technical difficulty, and comparison with available alternative investment opportunities.

Our operations may be subject to the risk of political instability, civil disturbance and terrorism.

Our principal oil and gas properties and activities are in Georgia, which is located in the former Soviet Union. Operation and development of our assets are subject to a number of conditions endemic to former Soviet Union countries, including political instability. The present governmental arrangements in countries of the former Soviet Union in which we operate were established relatively recently, when they replaced communist regimes. If they fail to maintain the support of their citizens, other institutions, including

a possible reversion to totalitarian forms of government, could replace these governments. As recent developments in Georgia have illustrated, the national governments in these countries often must deal with civil disturbances and unrest which may be based on religious, tribal and local and regional separatist considerations. Further, as discussed above, relations between Georgia and the Russian Federation have involved periods of political tension. Our operations typically involve joint ventures or other participatory arrangements with the national government or state-owned companies. The production sharing contract covering the Ninotsminda Field is an example of such arrangements. As a result of such dependency on government participants, our operations could be adversely affected by political instability, terrorism, changes in government institutions, personnel, policies or legislation, or shifts in political power. There is also the risk that governments could seek to nationalize, expropriate or otherwise take over our oil and gas properties either directly or through the enactment of laws and regulations which have an economically confiscatory result. We are not insured against political or terrorism risks because management deems the premium costs of such insurance to be currently prohibitively expensive.

We face the risk of social, economic and legal instability in the countries in which we operate.

The political institutions of the countries that were a part of the former Soviet Union have become more fragmented and the economic institutions of these countries have converted to a market economy from a planned economy. New laws have been introduced, and the legal and regulatory regimes in such regions may be vague, containing gaps and inconsistencies, and are subject to amendment. Application and enforceability of these laws may also vary widely from region to region within these countries. Due to this instability, former Soviet Union countries are subject to certain additional risks including the uncertainty as to the enforceability of contracts. Social, economic and legal instability have accompanied these changes due to many factors which include:

low standards of living;

high unemployment;

under-developed and changing legal and social institutions; and

conflicts within and with neighboring countries.

This instability could make continued operations difficult or impossible. Georgia has democratically elected a President following a popular revolt against the previous administration in November 2003 and has successfully quelled a potential separatist uprising in one of its regions. Although the new administration has made public statements supporting foreign investment in Georgia, and has provided specific written support for our activities, there can be no guarantee that this will continue, or that these changes will not have an adverse affect on our operations. There are also some separatist areas within Georgia that receive support from the Russian Federation that may cause instability and potentially affect our activities.

We face an inadequate or deteriorating infrastructure in the countries in which we operate.

Countries in the former Soviet Union often either have underdeveloped infrastructures or, as a result of shortages of resources, have permitted infrastructure improvements to deteriorate. The lack of necessary infrastructure improvements can adversely affect operations. For example, we have, in the past, suspended drilling and testing procedures due to the lack of a reliable power supply.

We may encounter currency risks in the countries in which we operate.

Payment for oil and gas products sold in former Soviet Union countries may be in local currencies. Although we currently sell our oil principally for U.S. dollars, we may not be able to continue to demand payment in hard currencies in the future. Most former Soviet Union country currencies are presently convertible into U.S. dollars, but there is no assurance that such convertibility will continue. Even if currencies are convertible, the rate at which they convert into U.S. dollars is subject to fluctuation. In addition, the ability to transfer currencies into or out of former Soviet Union countries may be restricted or limited in the future. We may enter into contracts with suppliers in former Soviet Union countries to purchase goods and services in

U.S. dollars. We may also obtain from lenders credit facilities or other debt denominated in U.S. dollars. If we cannot receive payment for oil and oil products in U.S. dollars and the value of the local currency relative to the U.S. dollar deteriorates, we could face significant negative changes in working capital.

We may encounter tax risks in the countries in which we operate.

Countries may add to or amend existing taxation policies in reaction to economic conditions including state budgetary and revenue shortfalls and political considerations. Since we are dependent on international operations, specifically those in Georgia, we may be subject to changing taxation policies including the possible imposition of confiscatory excess profits, production, remittance, export and other taxes. While we are not aware of any recent or proposed tax changes which could materially adversely affect our operations, such changes could occur although we have negotiated economic stabilization clauses in our production sharing contracts in Georgia and all current taxes are payable from the State's share of petroleum produced under the production sharing contracts.

We have identified material weaknesses in our internal controls over financial reporting which, if not remediated, may adversely affect our ability to timely and accurately meet our financial reporting responsibilities.

We identified a number of material weaknesses in our internal controls over financial reporting as of December 31, 2007. Our management, in consultation with our audit committee, is continually reviewing the most cost effective way to address material weaknesses and deficiencies identified. Our failure to complete this remediation process may adversely affect our ability to accurately report our financial results in a timely manner. As at March 31, 2008 we reported that the financial controller of the Company resigned in March 2008 and had not yet been replaced. Having a financial controller is a critical element in our system of internal control over financial reporting. A new financial controller was appointed June 30, 2008.

We are currently engaged in outstanding litigation the outcome of which is not certain.

On September 12, 2005, WEUS Holding Inc (WEUS), a subsidiary of Weatherford International Ltd, lodged a formal Request for Arbitration with the London Court of International Arbitration against the Company in respect of unpaid invoices for work performed under the Master Service Contract dated June 1, 2004 between the Company and WEUS for the supply of under-balanced coil tubing drilling equipment and services during the first and second quarter of 2005. Pursuant to the Request for Arbitration, WEUS' demand for relief is \$4,931,332. The Company is contesting the claim and has filed a counterclaim. A three week hearing in the London Court of International Arbitration has been provisionally scheduled for February 2009.

On July 27, 2005, GBOC Ninotsminda, an indirect subsidiary of the Company, received a claim raised by certain of the Ninotsminda villagers in the Tbilisi Regional Court in respect of damage caused by the blowout of the N100 well on the Ninotsminda Field in Georgia on September 11, 2004. An additional claim was received in December 2005 and amended in March 2006, thus bringing the relief sought pursuant to both claims to the sum of approximately 314,000,000 GEL (approximately \$222,000,000 at the exchange rate of GEL to U.S. Dollars in effect on June 30, 2008).

We are defending both cases vigorously. However, predicting the outcome of any arbitration/litigation inevitably involves an element of uncertainty. In the event that the Company is found liable in either action the Company may, among other things, be required to pay damages and costs (and, even if the Company is successful, it is unlikely that it will fully recover its own costs), which could have a material adverse effect on the Company.

The Company has been named in a complaint with a group of other defendants by former interest holders of the Lelyaki oil field in Ukraine. The plaintiffs are seeking damages of approximately \$600,000 CDN (approximately

\$596,000 at June 30, 2008 exchange rates). The former owners of UK-Ran Oil Company disposed of their investment in the field prior to selling the company to CanArgo.

Risks Associated with our Industry.

We may be required to write-off unsuccessful properties and projects.

In order to realize the carrying value of our oil and gas properties and ventures, we must produce oil and gas in sufficient quantities and then sell such oil and gas at sufficient prices to produce a profit. We have a number of unevaluated oil and gas properties. The risks associated with successfully developing unevaluated oil and gas properties are even greater than those associated with successfully continuing development of producing oil and gas properties, since the existence and extent of commercial quantities of oil and gas in unevaluated properties have not been established. We could be required in the future to write-off our investments in additional projects, including the Ninotsminda Field project, if such projects prove to be unsuccessful.

Our oil and gas activities involve risks, many of which are beyond our control.

Our exploration, development and production activities are subject to a number of factors and risks, many of which may be beyond our control. We must first successfully identify commercial quantities of oil and gas, which is inherently subject to many uncertainties. Thereafter, the development of an oil and gas deposit can be affected by a number of factors which are beyond the operator's control, such as:

- unexpected or unusual geological conditions;
- recoverability of the oil and gas on an economic basis;
- availability of infrastructure and personnel to support operations;
- labor disputes;
- local and global oil prices; and
- government regulation and legal and political uncertainties.

Our activities can also be affected by a number of hazards, such as:

- natural phenomena, such as bad weather and earthquakes;
- operating hazards, such as fires, explosions, blow-outs, pipe failures and casing collapses; and
- environmental hazards, such as oil spills, gas leaks, ruptures and discharges of toxic gases.

Any of these factors or hazards could result in damage, losses or liability for us. There is also an increased risk of some of these hazards in connection with operations that involve the rehabilitation of fields where less than optimal practices and technology were employed in the past, as was often the case in the countries that were part of the former Soviet Union. We do not purchase insurance covering all of the risks and hazards or all of our potential liability that are involved in oil and gas exploration, development and production.

We may have conflicting interests with our partners.

Joint venture, acquisition, financing and other agreements and arrangements must be negotiated with independent third parties and, in some cases, must be approved by governmental agencies. These third parties generally have

objectives and interests that may not coincide with ours and may conflict with our interests. Unless we are able to compromise these conflicting objectives and interests in a mutually acceptable manner, agreements and arrangements with these third parties will not be consummated. We may not have a majority of the equity in the entity that is the licensed developer of some projects that we may pursue in the countries that were a part of the former Soviet Union, even though we may be the designated operator of the oil or gas field. In these circumstances, the concurrence of co-venturers may be required for various actions. Other parties influencing the timing of events may have priorities that differ from ours, even if they generally share our objectives. Demands by or expectations of governments, co-venturers, customers, and others may affect our strategy regarding the various projects. Failure to meet such demands or expectations could adversely

affect our participation in such projects or our ability to obtain or maintain necessary licenses and other approvals.

Our operating direct and indirect subsidiaries and joint ventures require governmental registration.

Operating entities in various foreign jurisdictions must be registered by governmental agencies and production licenses and contracts for the development of oil and gas fields in various foreign jurisdictions must be granted by governmental agencies. These governmental agencies generally have broad discretion in determining whether to take or approve various actions and matters. In addition, the policies and practices of governmental agencies may be affected or altered by political, economic and other events occurring either within their own countries or in a broader international context.

We are affected by changes in the market price of oil and gas.

Prices for oil and natural gas and their refined products are subject to wide fluctuations in response to a number of factors which are beyond our control, including:

global and regional changes in the supply and demand for oil and natural gas;

actions of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries;

weather conditions;

domestic and foreign governmental regulations;

price and availability of alternative fuels;

political conditions and terrorist activity in the Middle East, Central Asia and elsewhere; and

overall global and regional economic conditions.

A reduction in oil prices can affect the economic viability of our operations. There can be no assurance that oil prices will be at a level that will enable us to operate at a profit. We may also not benefit from rapid increases in oil prices as the market for the levels of crude oil produced in Georgia by Ninotsminda Oil Company Limited can in such an environment be relatively inelastic. Contract prices are often set at a specified price determined with reference to world market prices (often based on the average of a number of quotations for a marker crude including Dated Brent Mediterranean or Urals Mediterranean at the time of sale) subject to appropriate discounts for transportation and other charges which can vary from contract to contract.

Our actual oil and gas production could vary significantly from reserve estimates.

Estimates of oil and natural gas reserves and their values by petroleum engineers are inherently uncertain. These estimates are based on professional judgments about a number of elements:

amount of recoverable crude oil and natural gas present in a reservoir;

costs that will be incurred to produce the crude oil and natural gas; and

rates at which production will occur.

Reserve estimates are also based on evaluations of geological, engineering, production and economic data. The data can change over time due to, among other things:

additional development activity;

evolving production history; and

changes in production costs, market prices and economic conditions.

As a result, the actual amount, cost and rate of production of oil and gas reserves and the revenues derived from sale of the oil and gas produced in the future will vary from those anticipated in the reports on

the oil and gas reserves prepared by independent petroleum consultants at any given point in time. The magnitude of those variations may be material. The rate of production from crude oil and natural gas properties declines as reserves are depleted. Except to the extent we acquire additional properties containing proved reserves, conduct successful exploration and development activities or, through engineering studies, identify additional productive zones in existing wells or secondary recovery reserves, our proved reserves will decline as reserves are produced. Future crude oil and natural gas production is therefore highly dependent upon our level of success in replacing depleted reserves.

Our oil and gas operations are subject to extensive governmental regulation.

Governments at all levels, national, regional and local, regulate oil and gas activities extensively. We must comply with laws and regulations which govern many aspects of our oil and gas business, including:

exploration;

development;

production;

refining;

marketing;

transportation;

occupational health and safety;

labor standards; and

environmental matters.

We expect the trend towards more burdensome regulation of our business to result in increased costs and operational delays. This trend is particularly applicable in developing economies, such as those in the countries that were a part of the former Soviet Union where we have our principal operations. In these countries, the evolution towards a more developed economy is often accompanied by a move towards the more burdensome regulations that typically exist in more developed economies.

We face significant competition.

The oil and gas industry, including the refining and marketing of crude oil products, is highly competitive. Our competitors include integrated oil and gas companies, government owned oil companies, independent oil and gas companies, drilling and income programs, and wealthy individuals. Many of our competitors are large, well-established, well-financed companies. Because of our small size and lack of financial resources, we may not be able to compete effectively with these companies.

Our profitability may be subject to changes in interest rates.

Our profitability may also be adversely affected during any period of unexpected or rapid increase in interest rates. While we currently have only limited amounts of long term debt, increases in interest rates may adversely affect our ability to raise debt capital to the extent that our income from operations will be insufficient to cover debt service.

Risks Associated with our Stock.

Limited trading volume in our common stock may contribute to price volatility.

Our common stock is listed for trading on the Oslo Stock Exchange (OSE) in Norway, and on the AMEX in New York. During the year ended December 31, 2007 and for the first six months of 2008, the average daily trading volume for our common stock was 2,858,528 shares and 6,163,163 shares on the OSE and 464,611 and 719,777 shares on the AMEX, respectively, both as reported by Yahoo[®] and the closing price

of our stock during such periods ranged from a low of NOK 0.96 and \$0.19 to a high of NOK 9.80 and \$1.42 on the OSE and AMEX, respectively, as reported by Yahoo[®]. As of September 30, 2008, the closing price our stock was NOK 0.72 and \$0.14 on the OSE and the AMEX, respectively. As a relatively small company with a limited market capitalization, even if our shares are more widely distributed, we are uncertain as to whether a more active trading market in our common stock will develop. As a result, relatively small trades may have a significant impact on the price of our common stock.

The price of our common stock may be subject to wide fluctuations.

The market price of our common stock could be subject to wide fluctuations in response to quarterly variations in our results of operations, changes in earnings estimates by analysts, changing conditions in the oil and gas industry or changes in general market, economic or political conditions.

We do not anticipate paying cash dividends in the foreseeable future.

We have not paid any cash dividends to date on the common stock and there are no plans for such dividend payments in the foreseeable future. Furthermore, under the terms of our outstanding Senior Subordinated Convertible Guaranteed Notes due September 1, 2009 (Subordinated Notes) and 12% Subordinated Convertible Guaranteed Notes due June 28, 2010 (12% Subordinated Notes) and together with the Subordinated Notes, collectively, the Notes) we are restricted from paying cash dividends.

We have a significant number of shares eligible for future sale.

At June 30, 2008, we had 242,107,390 shares of common stock outstanding. In addition, at June 30, 2008, we had 45,270 shares issuable upon exchange of CanArgo Oil & Gas Inc. Exchangeable Shares without receipt of further consideration; 7,305,000 shares of common stock subject to outstanding options granted under certain stock option plans (of which 6,866,667 shares were vested at June 30, 2008); 22,411,111 shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding warrants; up to 9,419,667 shares of common stock reserved for issuance under our existing option plans; up to 15,437,500 shares reserved for issuance in connection with certain existing contractual arrangements, including 10,600,000 shares upon conversion of our 12% Subordinated Notes and 4,650,000 shares upon conversion of our Subordinated Notes. The shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the stock options issued under the 2004 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan have been registered under the Securities Act. In addition, the 15,437,500 shares issuable pursuant to contractual arrangements, including under the Notes, are subject to certain registration rights and are eligible for resale in the public market after registration statements covering such shares have been declared effective.

The Company currently has outstanding \$4,650,000 in aggregate principal amount of Subordinated Notes of which Notes in the respective aggregate principal amounts of \$2,906,250 are held by Ingalls & Snyder and \$1,743,750 are held by Penrith Limited. The Company also has outstanding \$10,600,000 in aggregate principal amount of 12% Subordinated Notes. The 12% Subordinated Notes are held by Persistency. Both the Subordinated Notes and the 12% Subordinated Notes are convertible, at the Noteholders' option, into common stock of the Company. Pursuant to the terms of the Notes the conversion price of the Notes, which is currently \$1.00 per share, would be re-set upon consummation of the Rights Offering to \$0.10 per share, subject to further possible adjustments in accordance with the terms of the Notes. Likewise, pursuant to the terms of warrants to purchase 16,111,111, shares of common stock issued by the Company, the exercise price of the warrants, which is currently \$1.00 per share, will also be re-set upon consummation of the Rights Offering to \$0.10 per share subject to further possible adjustments in accordance with the terms of the warrants. 5,000,000 of such warrants were issued to Morgan Stanley & Co. for the account of Persistency as compensation for Persistency converting/exchanging, in June 2007, \$5 million nominal principal amount of the Subordinated Notes into shares of common stock of Tethys Petroleum Limited (Tethys) (Tethys being a former

subsidiary of the Company). The remaining 11,111,111 of such warrants were issued to Ingalls & Snyder (as nominee for the underlying beneficial owners) as compensation in connection with the conversion/exchange, in June 2007, of \$10 million nominal principal amount of the Company's \$25 million Senior Secured Notes due July 25, 2009 (the Senior Notes) into shares of Tethys common stock (all of which such Senior Notes have since been repaid by the Company).

The holders of such Notes and warrants, in aggregate, would currently be entitled to receive a maximum of 36,361,111 shares of common stock upon conversion of their Notes pursuant to the Note conversion price of \$1.00 per share and the exercise of the warrants. However, after the Offering, the holders of the Notes and warrants could receive up to a possible maximum of 173,611,111 shares of common stock upon conversion of their Notes following the re-set of the conversion price of the Notes to \$0.10 from \$1.00 per share and the exercise of certain warrants (see the table under the **Dilution** section below to illustrate the maximum number of shares of common stock that the holders of the Notes and warrants could receive prior to and after the Offering).

Such shares of common stock issuable to the Note holders are subject to contractual registration rights. Sales of shares of common stock under Rule 144 or pursuant to an effective registration statement could have a material adverse effect on the price of the common stock and could impair our ability to raise additional capital through the sale of our equity securities (see **Dilution** below).

This prospectus covers up to an additional 16,940,000 shares of common stock that may become issuable to the Standby Underwriters in lieu of cash commissions from the Company pursuant to the Standby Underwriting Agreements.

This prospectus also covers any additional shares of common stock that become issuable in connection with the outstanding shares being registered by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or other similar transaction effected without the receipt of consideration which results in an increase in the number of our outstanding shares of common stock.

Our ability to incur additional indebtedness is restricted under the terms of the Notes.

Pursuant to the terms of the Note Purchase Agreements entered into by and between the Company and the purchasers of the Notes, we may not incur future indebtedness or issue additional senior or *pari passu* indebtedness in excess of \$2.5 million, except with the prior consent of the beneficial holders of at least 51% of the outstanding principal amount of each such Notes or in limited permitted circumstances. The definition of indebtedness in each of the Note Purchase Agreements encompasses all customary forms of indebtedness, including, without limitation, liabilities for deferred consideration, liabilities for borrowed money secured by any lien or other specified security interest (except permitted liens), liabilities in respect of letters of credit or similar instruments (excluding letters of credit which are 100% cash collateralized) and guarantees in relation to such forms of indebtedness (excluding parent company guarantees provided by the Company in respect of the indebtedness or obligations of any of our subsidiaries under any Basic Documents (as defined in each of the Note Purchase Agreements)).

Our ability to make future stock issuances, the terms of the 12% Subordinated Notes and the Subordinated Notes and the provisions of Delaware law could have anti-takeover effects.

Our board of directors may at any time issue additional shares of preferred stock and common stock without any prior approval by the stockholders, which might impair or impede a third party from making an offer to acquire us. Holders of outstanding shares have no right to purchase a pro rata portion of additional shares of common or preferred stock issued by us. Further, under the terms of the 12% Subordinated Notes and the Subordinated Notes, in the event of a **Change of Control** or a **Control Event** we are required to offer to prepay the Notes which might also dissuade a third party from making an acquisition offer. See note 9 of the consolidated financial statements included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K (as amended) for the definition of **Change of Control** and **Control Event**. In addition, the provisions of Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, to which we are subject, places certain restrictions on third parties who seek to effect a business combination with a company opposed by our board of directors.

Risks Associated With The Rights Offering

Stockholders who do not fully exercise their Rights will have their interests diluted as a result of the issuance of approximately 242,107,390 shares of our common stock pursuant to the Rights Offering or the equivalent thereof if the Standby Underwriters purchase Unsubscribed Shares pursuant to their standby underwriting commitments.

If you choose not to exercise your subscription rights in full, your relative ownership interest in the Company will be diluted to the extent other stockholders exercise their subscription rights. The Rights Offering will result in the issuance of up to 242,107,390 shares of our common stock. In addition, pursuant to the Standby Underwriting Agreements, the Standby Underwriters have agreed to purchase up to 242,000,000 shares of common stock not purchased through the exercise of Rights.

If no Rights Holders exercise their Rights in this Rights Offering, the transactions contemplated by the Standby Underwriting Agreements will result in the issuance of 242,000,000 shares of our common stock to the Standby Underwriters. Rights Holders who do not exercise their subscription rights by 4:00 p.m., U.S. Eastern time, on October 24, 2008, the scheduled U.S. expiration date of the Rights Offering, or 5:30 p.m. (CET) on October 14, 2008, the scheduled Norwegian expiration date of the Rights Offering, or sell their subscription rights by 5:00 p.m., U.S. Eastern time, on October 23, 2008, the last business day prior to the expiration of the Rights Offering in the U.S., or 5:30 p.m. (CET) on October 14, 2008, the expiration date of the Rights Offering in Norway, will have their Rights expire and be void and no longer exercisable.

The Subscription Price determined for the Rights Offering is not necessarily an indication of our book value or the price at which our stock may trade.

The Subscription Price of \$0.10 per full share for the Rights Offering was set by an independent committee of the Board of Directors of the Company in April 2008 after preliminary discussions with several parties who were initially interested in underwriting the Rights Offering but not including the Standby Underwriters. The closing price per share of our common stock on September 30, 2008, the most recent practicable date prior to the date of this prospectus, was \$0.14 on the AMEX and NOK 0.72 on the OSE. The transaction structure approved by our Board of Directors was designed to afford our existing stockholders the opportunity to make an additional investment in the Company through the Rights Offering at the same price as the Company will receive from the Standby Underwriters. The Subscription Price does not necessarily bear any relationship to the book value of our assets, past operations, cash flows, losses, financial condition or any other established criteria for value. You should not consider the Subscription Price as an indication of the value or the price at which our common stock may trade. After the date of this prospectus, our common stock may trade at prices above or below the Subscription Price.

You may not revoke your subscription exercise and could be committed to buying shares above the prevailing market price.

Once you exercise your Rights, you may not revoke such exercise even if you later learn information that you consider to be unfavorable to the exercise of your Rights. As such, if you exercise your Rights prior to a subsequent announcement of the results of operations, you will not be able to revoke your exercise regardless of such results. In addition, the public trading market price of our common stock may decline before the Rights expire. If you exercise your Rights and, afterwards, the price of our common stock decreases below the Subscription Price, you will still be committed to buy the shares of our common stock in this Rights Offering at a price of \$0.10 per full share. Our common stock is traded on the AMEX and the OSE under the symbol **CNR** and the last reported closing sales prices of our common stock on the AMEX and the OSE on September 30, 2008, the most recent practicable date prior to the date of this prospectus, was \$0.14 and NOK 0.72 per share, respectively. You should not exercise your Rights unless you are certain that you wish to purchase additional shares of our common stock at a price of \$0.10 per full share.

If you do not act on a timely basis and follow subscription instructions, your exercise of Rights may be rejected.

U.S. stockholders that desire to purchase shares in the Rights Offering must act on a timely basis to ensure that all required forms and payments are actually received by the U.S. Subscription Agent prior to 4:00 p.m., U.S. Eastern time, on October 24, 2008, the scheduled U.S. expiration date of the Rights Offering, provided that if you cannot deliver your Subscription Rights Certificate to the U.S. Subscription Agent on time, you may follow the guaranteed delivery procedures described under *The Rights Offering Guaranteed Delivery Procedures*. If you hold shares through the VPS System or you are a foreign registered stockholder such procedures will not be available to you. The Norwegian Offering Circular contains a description of the relevant procedures to be used by stockholders who hold their shares in the VPS System. If you are a U.S. beneficial owner of shares and you wish to exercise your rights, you should act on a timely basis to ensure that your broker, custodian bank or other nominee acts for you and that all required forms and payments are actually received by your broker, custodian bank or other nominee prior to 5:00 p.m., U.S. Eastern time, on October 23, 2008, the last business day prior to the scheduled U.S. expiration date of the Rights Offering to ensure that your broker, custodian bank or other nominee has sufficient time to deliver such forms and payments to the subscription agent by 4:00 p.m., U.S. Eastern time, on October 24, 2008, the scheduled U.S. expiration date. In order to do so, you must complete and return to your broker, custodian bank or other nominee the form entitled *Beneficial Owner Election Form* by 5:00 p.m., U.S. Eastern time, on October 23, 2008, the last business day prior to the scheduled October 24, 2008 U.S. expiration date of the Rights Offering. With respect to exercises of the Rights, we will not be responsible if your broker, custodian bank or other nominee fails to ensure that all required forms and payments are actually received by the U.S. Subscription Agent prior to 4:00 p.m., U.S. Eastern time, on October 24, 2008, the scheduled expiration date of the Rights Offering. Foreign registered stockholders and stockholders who hold their shares in the VPS System should see *Foreign and Other Stockholders* below and *The Rights Offering Foreign and Other Stockholders* and consult the Norwegian Offering Circular.

If you fail to complete and sign the required subscription forms, send an incorrect payment amount, or otherwise fail to follow the subscription procedures that apply to your exercise of the Rights in the Rights Offering, the Subscription Agents may, depending on the circumstances, reject your subscription or accept it only to the extent of the payment received. Neither we nor the Subscription Agents undertake to contact you concerning an incomplete or incorrect subscription form or payment, nor are we under any obligation to correct such forms or payment. We will exercise reasonable discretion in determining whether a subscription exercise properly follows the subscription procedures.

If you have an address outside the U.S. or an army post office or a fleet post office address, to exercise your Rights, you must notify the U.S. Subscription Agent before 5:00 p.m., U.S. Eastern time (11:00 p.m. CET), on October 21, 2008, three business days prior to the scheduled October 24, 2008 expiration date, and, with respect to holders whose addresses are outside the U.S., must provide evidence satisfactory to us, such as a legal opinion from local counsel that it is lawful for you to receive and exercise your rights under applicable law. This procedure does not apply to stockholders holding shares through the VPS System. The Norwegian Offering Circular contains a description of the relevant procedures to be followed by such stockholders. See *The Rights Offering Foreign and Other Stockholders*.

No prior market exists for the subscription rights.

Although we expect the Rights will be traded on the AMEX and the OSE, the Rights are a new issue of securities with no prior trading market, and we cannot provide you any assurances as to the liquidity of the trading market for the Rights. The Standby Underwriters and the manager have indicated to us that they will not make a market in the Rights. Subject to certain earlier deadlines described under *The Rights Offering-Methods for Transferring and Selling Subscription Rights-Sales of Subscription Rights Through the Subscription Agents*, the Rights are transferable on the AMEX until 5:00 p.m., U.S. Eastern time, on October 23, 2008, the last business day prior to the scheduled October 24, 2008 U.S. expiration date of the Rights Offering, at which time they will be no longer transferable. The Rights are transferable on the OSE until 5:30 p.m. (CET) on October 14, 2008, the scheduled Norwegian expiration

date of the Rights Offering. The U.S. Subscription Agent will only facilitate subdivisions or transfers of the physical Subscription Rights Certificates until 5:00 p.m. U.S. Eastern time, on October 21, 2008, three business days prior to the scheduled October 24,

2008 U.S. expiration date. If you wish to sell your Rights or the Subscription Agent tries to sell Rights on your behalf in accordance with the procedures discussed in this prospectus but such Rights cannot be sold, or if you provide the Subscription Agent with instructions to exercise the Rights and your instructions are not timely received by the Subscription Agent or if you do not provide any instructions to exercise your Rights, then the Rights will expire and will be void and no longer exercisable.

If you make payment of the Subscription Price by uncertified check, your check may not clear in sufficient time to enable you to purchase shares in this Rights Offering.

Any uncertified check used to pay for shares to be issued in the Rights Offering must clear prior to the expiration date of the Rights Offering, and the clearing process may require five or more business days. If you choose to exercise your Rights, in whole or in part, and to pay for shares by uncertified check and your check has not cleared prior to the expiration date of the Rights Offering, you will not have satisfied the conditions to exercise your Rights and will not receive the shares you wish to purchase.

You may not be able to resell any shares of our common stock that you purchase pursuant to the exercise of Rights immediately upon expiration of the Rights Offering or be able to sell your shares at a price equal to or greater than the Subscription Price.

If you exercise Rights, you may not be able to resell the common stock purchased by exercising your Rights until you (or your broker, custodian bank or other nominee) has received those shares. Also, you will have no Rights as a stockholder of the shares you purchased in the Rights Offering until we issue you such shares. Although we will endeavor to issue the shares as soon as practicable after completion of the Rights Offering, including the guaranteed delivery period and after all necessary calculations have been completed, there may be a delay between the expiration date of the Rights Offering and the time that the shares are issued or are entered into a book entry system such as the one maintained by DTC or the VPS System in Norway. Moreover, whenever you sell your shares of common stock, you may be unable to sell them at a price equal to or greater than the Subscription Price you paid for such shares.

Conditions to the Rights Offering

The Rights Offering is subject to complying with all requisite regulatory requirements. There is no assurance that these requirements will be satisfied.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus, including the documents that are incorporated by reference as set forth herein under the section entitled *Documents Incorporated by Reference*, contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 (the Securities Act), as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. When used in this prospectus, the words estimate, project, anticipate, expect, intend, believe, hope, may and similar expressions, as well as will, shall, could and other indications of fut are intended to identify forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements are based on our current expectations and speak only as of the date made. These forward-looking statements involve risks, uncertainties and other factors that in some cases have affected our historical results and could cause actual results in the future to differ significantly from the results anticipated in forward-looking statements made in this prospectus. Important factors that could cause such a difference are discussed in this prospectus, particularly in the section entitled Risk Factors. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements.

Few of the forward-looking statements in this prospectus, including the documents that are incorporated by reference, deal with matters that are within our unilateral control. Joint venture, acquisition, financing and other agreements and

arrangements must be negotiated with independent third parties and, in some cases, must be approved by governmental agencies. These third parties generally have interests that do not coincide with ours and may conflict with our interests. Unless the third parties and we are able to compromise their and our various objectives in a mutually acceptable manner, agreements and arrangements will not be consummated.

Although we believe our expectations reflected in forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions, no assurance can be given that these expectations will prove to have been correct. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements include, among others:

- the market prices of oil and gas;
- uncertainty of drilling results, reserve estimates and reserve replacement;
- operating uncertainties and hazards;
- economic and competitive conditions;
- natural disasters and other changes in business conditions;
- inflation rates;
- legislative and regulatory changes;
- financial market conditions;
- accuracy, completeness and veracity of information received from third parties;
- wars and acts of terrorism or sabotage;
- political and economic uncertainties of foreign governments; and
- future business decisions.

In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, the events anticipated by our forward-looking statements might not occur. We undertake no obligation to update or revise our forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

USE OF PROCEEDS

The gross proceeds from the sale of the Underlying Shares offered hereby are estimated to be \$24,210,739 before the payment of commissions (some or all of which may be paid in shares of common stock) and customary fees and expenses of the Rights Offering which are estimated to be \$1,423,970. It is expected that the Company will incur customary offering fees and expenses. The following table sets out the use of gross proceeds:

Use of Proceeds \$000 s

Production enhancement program at the Ninotsminda Field including:

- the drilling of a new well in the eastern part of the Field with up to two horizontal completions;
- the drilling of a new vertical well on the northern flank of the Field;
- the evaluation of new technology such as radial drilling to produce trapped oil from shallower reservoirs overlying the main Field area; and
- general workover activity.

\$ 12.0
\$ 3.0

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On-going evaluation of the Manavi prospect with a focus on the completion of well testing operations at the M12 well.

Progress farm-out strategy in respect of other exploration acreage \$ 1.0

Repayment of indebtedness⁽¹⁾ \$ 5.0

General business development and working capital (including payment of the fees and expenses of the Offering) \$ 3.2

Total \$ **24.2**