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CANADIAN OVERSEAS PETROLEUM LIMITED

## Canadian Overseas Petroleum Files Final Short Form Prospectus for Common Share Offering

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**Calgary, Canada, July 04, 2013** – Canadian Overseas Petroleum Limited (“COPL” or the “Company”) (TSX-V: XOP), has filed a final short form prospectus with the securities regulatory authorities in all of the provinces of Canada, excluding Quebec, (the “Qualifying Provinces”), in connection with a marketed offering (the “Offering”) of common shares in the capital of the Company (the “Common Shares”). The Company is expecting to raise a minimum of \$6,000,000 and up to a maximum of \$10,000,000 in aggregate gross proceeds pursuant to the Offering. The Offering is scheduled to close on or about July 11, 2013.

The Offering is being led by FirstEnergy Capital Corp. on behalf of a syndicate of agents including Canaccord Genuity Corp. and GMP Securities L.P. Pursuant to the Offering, the Company will issue a minimum of 30,000,000 and a maximum of 50,000,000 Common Shares at a price of \$0.20 per Common Share. The Company intends to use the net proceeds from the Offering to fund COPL’s working capital and for general corporate purposes.

This news release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities in the United States, nor shall there be any sale of the Common Shares in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale may be unlawful. The Common Shares have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933 (the “1933 Act”) or any U.S. state securities laws and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration under the 1933 Act or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the 1933 Act and applicable U.S. state securities laws.

### About the Company

COPL is an oil and gas exploration company focused on oil prospects in the offshore West African continental margin and shale oil prospects onshore New Zealand. COPL’s Common Shares are listed under the symbol “XOP” on the TSX-V.

### Forward Looking Statements

This press release may contain forward-looking statements based on COPL’s current expectations and assumptions as to a number of factors including timing of completion of the Offering, the aggregate gross proceeds of the Offering, regulatory approvals in connection with the Offering, the use of proceeds of the Offering and general economic and industry conditions. If those expectations and assumptions prove to be incorrect, or factors change, then actual results could differ materially from the forward-looking statements contained in this press release.



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