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DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 2012

SUBJECT: NEXEN INC. – ANTICIPATED CASH SETTLEMENT
OPTION SYMBOL: NXY
DATE: ???

On September 20, 2012, Shareholders of Nexen Inc. (NXY) will vote concerning the proposed merger with CNOOC Canada Holding Ltd., an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of CNOOC Limited. If the merger is approved and consummated, each existing NXY Common Share will be converted into the right to receive \$27.50 net cash per share.

CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT

DATE: Effective the opening of the business day after the merger is consummated. Merger is anticipated to be completed during the fourth quarter of 2012.

NEW DELIVERABLE PER CONTRACT: \$2,750.00 Cash (\$27.50 x 100)

Settlement in NXY options will take place through OCC's cash settlement system. Settlement will be accomplished by payment of the difference between the extended strike amount and the cash deliverable.

ACCELERATION OF EXPIRATIONS

Pursuant to OCC Rule 807, equity stock option contracts whose deliverables are adjusted to call for cash-only delivery will be subject to **an acceleration of the expiration dates for outstanding option series** (See OCC Information Memo 23988).

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CATEGORY: CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT

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