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BRACE FOR MORE DIVIDEND CUTS IN CANADA OIL PATCH

Dividend cuts among Canadian energy producers are poised to accelerate as cost reductions fail to boost shrinking cash flow.

Companies from Canadian Oil Sands Ltd. to Baytex Energy Corp. are in line for deeper payout decreases, according to analysts, after Crescent Point Energy Corp. slashed its dividend for the first time last week as crude sank to a six-year low.

Just 38 percent of the 63 energy companies in Canada's Standard & Poor's/TSX Energy index had positive free cash flow, defined as operating cash flow minus capital expenditures, as of Aug. 17. That's down from 43 percent in 2013, data compiled by Bloomberg show. The dwindling cash flow comes even after Canadian companies joined some \$180 billion in global cutbacks this year, the most since the oil crash of 1986, according to Rystad Energy AS, an Oslo-based energy consultant.

"There's so much cash being spent on dividends," said Greg Taylor, a fund manager at Aurion Capital Management in Toronto, whose firm

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manages about C\$7.2 billion (\$5.5 billion). "You can get increased cash flow by cutting costs but that's not a sustainable model. The idea dividends are a sacred cow, that's being put on the backburner."

Companies most likely to cut their dividends include Canadian Oil Sands, Baytex and Pengrowth Energy Corp., said Sam La Bell, an analyst

at Veritas Investment Research Corp. in a telephone interview in Toronto.

All three have already cut their dividends, though Baytex and Pengrowth will become more vulnerable if oil prices remain low as their hedges begin to roll off as soon as the second half of this year, La Bell said. Canadian Oil Sands, which chopped its payout by 86

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percent in January, may be better off canceling the dividend altogether as it struggles to generate cash, he said.

"We know the dividend is important to our investors, but even more so is protecting the long-term value of their investment," said Siren Fisekci, a spokeswoman at Canadian Oil Sands, in an e-mailed response. "We will continue to consider dividends in

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the context of crude oil prices and Syncrude operating performance."

Spokesmen for Baytex and Pengrowth didn't respond to multiple phone and e-mail messages seeking comment.

The prospect of more dividend cuts comes as oil producers have plunged 34 percent over the past year, the worst-performing industry on the main S&P/TSX Composite Index amid a supply glut and concerns of slowing global growth. Canadian energy firms have already eliminated thousands of jobs and shelved projects to conserve cash.

Twenty-three percent of firms in the energy index had reduced their dividends at the end of the second quarter, Bloomberg data show. That compares with almost 40 percent in the same period in

2009 after oil slumped in a global recession, according to the figures.

West Texas Intermediate oil has slumped more than 30 percent from this year's peak in June, tumbling to \$41.87 a barrel in New York Monday, the lowest close since March 2009.

Meanwhile, the drop in share prices has pushed the average yield among dividend-paying energy stocks to 7.6 percent, the highest among 10 industries in the S&P/TSX.

"For sure we'll see more cuts, they will come in the next two to three quarters," said Andrey Omelchak, chief investment officer at Montreal-based LionGuard Capital Management. The firm manages less than C\$100 million. "There will be negative earnings revisions across the board so it's not a trade you want to do today."

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Crescent Point slashed its monthly dividend 57 percent to 10 cents a share Aug. 12 after its yield ballooned to 16 percent. Baytex, which still yields 14 percent, cut its payout by more than half in December while Trilogy Energy Corp. eliminated its dividend entirely in the same month.

"When you get into double-digits it's a very big warning," said Craig Fehr, Canada market strategist at Edward Jones, in an interview at Bloomberg's Toronto office. His firm manages about \$900 billion globally. "Every company has a unique approach to their dividend strategy, which means there's not a hard line in the sand. You won't see the big heavyweights in the patch want to pay 5 percent-plus dividend yields over long periods of time."

Some companies, such as Suncor Energy Inc., have a healthy enough

balance sheet that they've increased their dividend, said Geoffrey Pazzanese, a global equity fund manager at Federated Investors Inc.

The Calgary-based producer raised its quarterly dividend 3.6 percent to 29 cents a share July 29. Suncor yields 3.2 percent.

"They think they can kick the can down the road and hope for higher prices next year," Pazzanese said on the phone from New York, who helps oversee about \$360 billion.

When reached for comment Erin Rees, a spokeswoman at Suncor, reiterated Chief Executive Officer Steve Williams' remarks in a second-quarter analyst call.

"As we grow the business and the cash flow grows you will continue to see our dividend grow," Williams said at the time.



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While energy companies juggle costs and spending, the ultimate dividend decider will be global energy prices, which are out of their hands, said Paul Taylor, chief investment officer, asset allocation at BMO Asset Management Canada in Toronto.

"If oil stays at this level there will be cuts: It's just gravity," he said. His firm manages about C\$77 billion. "While you want the stability of the dividend you have to look at the oil environment."

TWO NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD-APPROVED LNG PROJECTS HINGE ON U.S. PERMITS

Two proposed liquefied natural gas projects have received approval from the National Energy Board to

export LNG, but they are counting on the United States to build pipeline capacity into New England in order for them to obtain the supply needed to underpin their ambitious plans.

Pieridae Energy Ltd. and Bear Head LNG Corp. each received approval of their gas export licence late last week.

The federal regulator has now approved more than 20 billion cubic feet a day of exports – nearly 50 per cent higher than Canadian production in 2014 – but it noted it is unlikely that all the LNG export projects will proceed.

Much of the LNG talk in Canada has focused on plans to kick-start the industry in British Columbia.

Meanwhile, Maritime provinces are eyeing four projects, although questions continue about

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where the East Coast LNG facilities will get their gas supply.

Repsol SA is pursuing plans to add export capacity to its Canaport LNG import facility near Saint John, while India's Hiranandani Group has plans for an export terminal north of Halifax. "The big questions are: Where is the gas going to come from, and how are you going to get it to an LNG facility," Fred Bergman, senior policy analyst with the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council, said in an interview. Both Pieridae's project at Goldboro,

N.S., and Bear Head's proposed plant on the Strait of Canso have received permits from the U.S. Department of Energy to re-export American gas to countries with which the United States has free-trade agreements, and are waiting on applications to sell to non-FTA markets. Both companies say they are aiming for a final investment decision next year.

Pieridae chief executive officer Alfred Sorensen said he is closing in on deals to secure enough gas to support the first train of LNG exports, which would be enough to

satisfy the company's contract with German utility giant E.On, which has agreed to purchase gas for the European market. Mr. Sorensen said the gas supply will be a combination of Canadian and U.S. production.

"Our German partner is very, very solidly behind the projects," Mr. Sorensen said in an interview from Calgary. "Having secured long-term customers gives us a unique advantage among Canadian LNG developers."

Mr. Sorensen said he is hoping U.S. Department of Energy (DoE) will issue the required permit to re-export American gas to Europe, but he worries that, given tensions between the Obama administration and the Harper government on energy issues, "they may not want to do anything until after the [Canadian federal] election to see who they're dealing with."

Nova Scotia's offshore has supplied gas to the Maritimes and U.S. Northeast for years but will begin a steep decline later this decade unless companies develop gas reserves that have been discovered but were not considered commercial. As well, Spectra Energy Corp. is planning to build a new gas pipeline from the prolific Marcellus field in Pennsylvania to New England, where it can be connected to Spectra's Maritime and Northeast Pipeline, which would be reversed to carry gas into Nova Scotia.

That project has run into stiff opposition in Massachusetts but Spectra vice-president Richard Kruse said the company is

confident it can overcome those hurdles, obtain federal approval and meet a 2017 in-service date.

Bear Head project director John Godbolt said the company is looking at a variety of sources for gas supply, including offshore Nova Scotia, U.S. shale gas and even Western Canadian gas shipped through TransCanada Corp.'s main west-to-east pipeline. Australia's Liquefied Natural Gas Ltd. bought the Bear Head project in 2014 and has two other LNG projects - one in the United States and one in Australia - under development.

Bear Head has all the permits it needs to begin construction and is now concentrating on lining up customers, Mr. Godbolt said. But the non-FTA permit is critical for signing contracts with European and other customers.

"We're doing everything we can to get that moved along as quickly as possible," he said. "We were the first Canadian project - whether on the East Coast or West Coast - to have receive all the requisite Canadian approvals ... and getting to that level of approval is one of the requisites that DoE requires before you get the non-FTA approval."

PETRONAS HIT BY LOWER CRUDE AND LNG PRICES

CEO warns company's 'stamina and endurance' will be really tested going forward

IN his second press conference for Petrolia Nasional Bhd's (Petronas) quarterly results, president and group CEO Datuk Wan Zulkiflee Wan

Ariffin began his presentation with a tongue in cheek comment that he's had just about enough talking about the depressed state of oil prices.

But he wasn't mincing his words when he said this: "It's been an unrelenting difficult period. The next phases will really test the organisation's stamina and endurance".

Looking at the figures posted, you can see why. For the first half ended June 30, profits from its upstream business fell a whopping 57% year-on-year (y-o-y) from RM32.4 bil to RM14bil.

This was simply due to lower

crude oil and LNG prices.

Asked if any international on companies are pulling out from Malaysia, he says he can't speak on their behalf.

On a quarter on quarter basis though, it's second quarter profits after tax fell a mere 3% to RM11.1bil, while revenues dipped 7% to RM61.3bil.

The numbers were dragged down by lower liquefied natural gas (LNG) volumes and prices.

The three-month average Japan Crude Cocktail reported a 14%



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fall in LNG prices at US\$57 per barrel as compared to US\$66 per barrel a quarter earlier.

LNG sales volume was down 14% to 6.9 million tonnes for the quarter compared to the first quarter. The lower LNG contribution was due partly to a planned plant shutdown in Bintulu and lower gas demand from the power sector, according to Petronas.

On the other hand, Brent crude was traded at 15% higher in the second quarter at US\$62 per barrel on average compared with US\$54 in the first quarter. US dollar was also stronger at 3.66 versus 3.62 a quarter earlier.

Petronas' downstream division, which is much smaller in size, was the bright spot for the first half.

Profit after tax for the downstream division jumped 39% to RM5.3bil.

Petronas says that as an integrated company, it has benefited from lower input costs and better plant utilisation.

Wan Zulkiflee adds that refinery margins are much better, improving to a "double-digit" against US\$8 per barrel last year.

But that did not help much as the oil giant's operating cashflow fell a third for the quarter compared to same quarter last year.

And Wan Zul provides a sobering guidance on its capex and dividend payment ability as a result of this. "I do not expect our cashflow from operations this year to meet our capital expenditure and dividend commitments.

"This means we will have to persevere through with more austerity measures and will have to draw on our reserves. Cost management and efficiency will continue to be a key focus across the organisation," he says.

Year-to-date, cash inflows amounted to RM56.7bil while outflows were RM49.1bil.

Of the RM49.1bil, 65% or RM31.8bil was for its capital investments. According to Petronas' financial report, this was mainly for the purchase of Statoil's Shah Deniz assets, domestic upstream capital expenditures, the Refinery and Petrochemical Integrated Development (Rapid) project and the LNG Train 9 project in Sarawak.

The other 35% served as dividends payments.

On the outlook for crude oil price, Wan Zulkiflee says he expects prices to remain depressed for the second half of the year due to a "chronic oversupply".

"The confluence of events do not support a high crude price position. Crude production is at a 80-year high in the US," he quips, adding that extra supply from Iran and Iraq also weighed prices down.

On a positive note, Wan Zulkiflee says Petronas managed to achieve cost savings of around RM640mil as at end June this year, from its Coral 2.0 programme, an industry-wide movement spearheaded by Petronas and involving 25 petroleum arrangement contractors (PACs), who are essentially contractors and

partners to Petronas in production sharing contracts (PSCs) and risk service contracts (RSCs).

Through Petronas' engagement with the contractors they look at things like the renegotiation of contracts and a reduction of work scope where necessary, after taking into account the new oil price levels.

Wan Zulkiflee has called on the Malaysian oil and gas industry to pursue consolidation to make them more competitive.

"I urge companies in the oil and

gas industry to join forces for the greater good in this pervasive low oil price environment.

There are ample opportunities in the market for consolidation, leading ultimately to increase cost efficiency and competitiveness across the industry," he says.

On the company's operational and project milestones, Wan Zulkiflee notes that Petronas had achieved first hydrocarbons from three greenfields - two in Malaysia and one from the Bukit Tua field in Indonesia.

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He says the company had its first steel-cutting ceremony for Petronas' second floating LNG facility, the PFLNG 2 in Korea, putting them on track to deploy PFLNG 2 offshore Sabah in 2018.

"The integrated LNG project in Canada achieved a conditional Final Investment Decision (FID) in June, and to-date has successfully satisfied the first of two conditions, which is the legislated approval of the Project Development Agreement by the British Columbia government," he says.

The second condition is for Petronas to get the approval of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, which he said was already at the tail-end of the process.

On the downstream business, he says Petronas had begun construction for the Pengerang Integrated Complex, with the Rapid project expected to be completed by the first quarter of 2019.

ALBERTA CLIMATE CHANGE PANEL INCLUDES MEMBERS WITH SUNCOR, ENBRIDGE LINKS

Alberta's climate change strategy will be shaped by a newly appointed panel made up of five experts—including representatives with links to two major Canadian energy companies.

"Our government intends to take action," Environment and Parks Minister Shannon Phillips said at a Friday news conference about the NDP government's commitment to hold an "incredible conversation"

to come up with an ambitious plan. "Climate change is a threat we all face, affecting everything from our health, food production, and fresh water to biodiversity and our economy," Phillips said in a statement.

Climate change panel members include:

- Angela Adams, Unifor's director of education
- Linda Coady, Enbridge Inc.'s chief sustainability officer
- Stephanie Cairns, a consultant and Pembina Institute board member
- Gord Lambert, a consultant who recently retired as an advisor to Suncor's executives on sustainability

In June, University of Alberta business professor Dr. Andrew Leach was tapped as chair. Leach wrote in Maclean's that the panel's mandate is to complete an overview of "greenhouse gas mitigation options."

"I am looking forward to hearing from Albertans, both in person and online," said Leach in a statement Friday.

"The fact is there are no easy solutions to the climate change challenge. We need to ensure we provide government with sound advice to inform the choices that will be made."

Pembina Institute executive director Ed Whittingham praised the announcement, calling the five-person panel a "well-balanced lineup of experts."

The public will also be invited to weigh in via public information sessions beginning the week of Aug.

24. Input from First Nations and Metis communities, as well as the energy industry, will also be heard.

And for those who can't attend sessions in-person, the province launched an online survey to collect feedback on key issues a provincial plan should focus on and review.

When asked about how the panel will work in concert with the province's new royalty review panel, Phillips responded, "Very closely."

Consultations are scheduled to continue to September. Phillips

said the goal is to have an energy policy ready by late October or November, before the start of the UN climate conference in Paris at the end of the year.

BEAR HEAD LNG EXPORT LICENCE APPROVED BY NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD

Environmental approval was granted in May. The National Energy Board has

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approved export and import licences for a proposed liquefied natural gas facility in Cape Breton.

The Bear Head LNG Corporation wants to build a facility in Point Tupper, Richmond County.

On Friday, the board issued an import licence for natural gas and approved the plant to export liquefied natural gas.

Its ruling is subject to the approval from the governor in council.

Heritage Gas filed an official comment raising concerns how exporting liquefied natural gas could affect the supply in Canada and how it "flows into the Maritimes."

"We have determined that the quantity of natural gas proposed to be exported by Bear Head LNG is surplus to Canadian needs," wrote the board in its decision.

The U.S. Department of Energy approved Bear Head LNG for an export licence back in July.

Environmental approval was granted by the Nova Scotia's Environment Department in May.

The company must address 32 terms and conditions to control greenhouse-gas emissions and to reduce impacts on wildlife, water and wetlands at the site near Port Hawkesbury.

Construction of the facility could begin as early as next year, with operations to start in 2019.

The company purchased the Point Tupper site from Anadarko Global Holdings Company in August for \$11 million.

FRACKING COMPANY REACHES TENTATIVE SETTLEMENT ON OVERTIME LAWSUIT

A Canadian fracking company has agreed to pay \$6 million to settle a class-action lawsuit claiming it underpaid its U.S. workers when they worked overtime, according to federal court documents.

The settlement would cover an estimated 1,039 people who worked for Calfrac Well Services Ltd. of Alberta, Canada, in Pennsylvania as well as Arkansas, Colorado, and North Dakota.

U.S. District Judge Terrence McVerry in Pittsburgh has scheduled a status conference on the proposal for Tuesday. If he approves the proposal, the next steps would be notifying the members of the class and setting a hearing to determine the settlement's fairness.

The workers were paid a salary and bonuses. When they worked overtime, the company calculated their "hourly" rate by dividing their salary and bonuses by the total hours worked and paying them time-and-a-half on that rate.

Howard Bland Jr., a Burgettstown fracking operator, and others contended the company should have divided their salary and bonuses by 40 hours per week to obtain the base rate for the overtime calculation.

Nicholas Migliaccio, one of Bland's lawyers, said he would wait until after the Tuesday conference to comment. A company spokesman declined to comment.

LARGE INFLOW OF MONEY WITNESSED IN SUNCOR ENERGY INC.

The shares of Suncor Energy Inc. (NYSE:SU) traded with a loss of -0.3 points or -1.05% in the most recent session. The shares last traded at \$28.15. As per the trading info, the shares saw \$1.28 million in upticks and lost \$0.56 million in downticks, resulting in a net money flow of \$0.72 million. The up/down ratio for the day was measured at 2.29. For the week, the shares had posted -1.05%. From the block trade data available, the total upticks were valued at \$0.87 million and the total downticks were valued at \$0 million, thereby putting the up/down ratio

at 0. The net money flow for the block transaction was \$0.87 million.

Suncor Energy Inc. (NYSE:SU) stock has received a short term price target of \$35.51 from 10 Analyst. The share price can be expected to fluctuate from the mean short term target, can be seen from the standard deviation reading of \$6.56. The higher estimate of target price is \$52, while the lower price target estimate is \$30. Many analysts have commented on the company rating. UBS initiates coverage on Suncor Energy Inc. (NYSE:SU) The current rating of the shares is Buy. Equity Analysts at the Firm announces the price target to \$53 per share. The rating by the firm was issued on April 24, 2015.

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The company shares have dropped -27.48% from its 1 Year high price. On Aug 29, 2014, the shares registered one year high at \$41.18 and the one year low was seen on Jul 27, 2015. The 50-Day Moving Average price is \$27.29 and the 200 Day Moving Average price is recorded at \$29.38.

Shares of Suncor Energy Inc. (NYSE:SU) ended Monday session in red amid volatile trading. The shares closed down 0.5 points or 1.76% at \$27.95 with 3,620,396 shares getting traded. Post opening the session at \$28.31, the shares hit an intraday low of \$27.84 and an intraday high of \$28.36 and the price vacillated in this range throughout the day. The company has a market cap of \$40,411 million and the number of outstanding shares have been calculated to be 1,445,849,000 shares. The 52-week high of Suncor Energy Inc. (NYSE:SU) is \$41.18 and the 52-week low is \$24.9127.

Suncor Energy Inc. (Suncor) is an integrated energy company. The Company is focused on developing petroleum resource basins-Canadas Athabasca oil sands. In addition, the Company explores, acquires, develops, produces and markets crude oil in Canada and internationally, and the Company transports and refines crude oil, and market petroleum and petrochemical products primarily in Canada. The Company operates under three segments: Oil Sands, Exploration and Production, and Refining and Marketing. The Company also markets third-party petroleum products. The Company also conducts energy trading activities focused principally on the marketing and trading of crude

oil and byproducts. In September 2013, the Company announced that it has sold its conventional natural gas business in Western Canada to CQ Energy Canada Partnership, a newly established partnership between Centrica plc and Qatar Petroleum International Ltd.

'GHOST VACANCIES' HAUNT DOWNTOWN CALGARY AS OIL PATCH LAYOFFS EMPTY OFFICE BUILDINGS

Calgary's landmark office towers are sitting increasingly empty as layoffs from the oil price collapse drive up vacancy rates downtown.

A report by real estate consultants Avison Young Wednesday said layoffs by major oil and gas companies in Calgary have helped push vacancy rates up to 11.5 per cent in the second quarter from 8.3 per cent a year ago, which has "weighed down" markets in Western Canada.

"That's what's dominating the sublease market right now - it's your oil and gas companies that didn't want to get into a 2007 position where they couldn't find space to house their staff so they over-purchased," Avison Young principal Alexi Olcheski said.

His company's report notes that energy firms have taken "defensive strategies" as oil prices have fallen from above US\$100 per barrel to close Wednesday at US\$43.30, which include "laying off staff and placing unused space on the sublease market," the report said.

Suncor Energy Inc. spokesperson

Paul Newmarch said the company has sublet one floor in its namesake Suncor Energy Centre in the past year since commodity prices began their slide. Suncor announced it would lay off 1,000 people on Jan. 13.

"Even if we had space, there's nobody to take it," Newmarch said, adding that other oil and gas producers are in the same position.

Sublease space now accounts for 40 per cent of the overall vacancies in downtown Calgary, up from 31 per cent in the same period last year, Avison Young said.

Olcheski said the large amount of office space being sublet by energy companies is having a wider effect on commercial real-estate prices downtown.

"Most clients are trying to take advantage of the sublease space," he said, adding that many companies are willing to accept prices that are 50 to 75 per cent lower than what they're paying for top-tier office space.

Down the street from Suncor, at the tallest building in Western Canada, the 58-storey Bow, both anchor tenants have been letting staff and contractors go in response to the downturn.

Larry Froom, the chief financial officer of H&R Real Estate Investment Trust, which owns the Bow, said the 158,000-square-metre building was fully leased. That doesn't mean, however, that the tower is fully occupied.

Cenovus Energy Inc., one of anchor tenant's in the city's landmark tower, announced July 30 that the company had identified up to 400 more job cuts in addition to 800

previously announced as it grapples with the commodity downturn.

"We are always reviewing our office space options and pursuing opportunities, including subletting, to align with our staffing requirements," Cenovus spokeswoman Sonja Franklin said in an email.

She added the company has 2,000 staff in the Bow, but its decision to sublet in the tower was made before Cenovus began reducing its headcount. The company has staff in multiple locations downtown Calgary.

The Bow's other main tenant, Encana Corp., confirmed in July it had laid off 200 people that month. The company did not respond to requests for comment.

Olcheski said the city's other new, top-class addresses like Eighth Avenue Place have seen significant sublease space come on the market as oil prices have fallen.

A July report on Calgary's office real-estate market by Colliers International said vacancy rates may under-estimate how many offices are empty in the city - a phenomenon called "ghost vacancy."

Colliers pegs Calgary's overall vacancy rate for the second quarter at 12.75 per cent.

"There is a visible discrepancy between the number of reported layoffs and the amount of listed vacant space," the report notes.

"Many of the large cap energy companies have decided to hold onto vacant or excess space due to the volatile market conditions as they wait to define a more certain long-term business strategy," the report said.



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