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# NEWS RELEASE

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## Enerplus Enters into Agreement to Sell Equity Interest in Laricina Energy

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CALGARY, Alberta – Enerplus Corporation (“Enerplus” or the “Corporation”) (TSX: ERF) (NYSE: ERF) is pleased to announce that we have entered into an agreement to sell all of our shares in Laricina Energy Ltd. (“Laricina”) for net after tax proceeds of approximately \$141 million. Laricina is a private Canadian company focused on in situ oil sands development. Proceeds from the sale will be used to repay outstanding bank indebtedness.

Commenting on the transaction, Gordon Kerr, President and CEO said, “This is an important step in our plans to monetize non-core assets within our portfolio to fund the growth opportunities we have captured and preserve our balance sheet flexibility.”

BMO Capital Markets acted as agent for Enerplus in the sale of the Laricina shares.

For further information, please contact our Investor Relations department at 1-800-319-6462 or e-mail [investorrelations@enerplus.com](mailto:investorrelations@enerplus.com).

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Gordon J. Kerr  
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