

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 6, 2018

IMPERIAL OIL LIMITED

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<u>Canada</u> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	<u>0-12014</u> (Commission File Number)	<u>98-0017682</u> (IRS Employer Identification No.)
<u>505 Quarry Park Boulevard S.E., Calgary, Alberta</u> (Address of principal executive offices)		<u>T2C 5N1</u> (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 1-800-567-3776

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On November 6, 2018, Imperial Oil Limited (the “company”) by means of a press release announced the final investment decision to develop the first phase of the Aspen project located northeast of Fort McMurray, Alberta, and will include the first major commercial application of oil sands recovery technology designed to lower greenhouse gas emissions intensity and water use. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is furnished as part of this report on Form 8-K:

- 99.1 News release of the company on November 6, 2018 announcing the final investment decision to develop the first phase of the Aspen project located northeast of Fort McMurray, Alberta.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

IMPERIAL OIL LIMITED

Date: November 6, 2018

By: */s/ Lara Pella*

Name: Lara Pella
Title: Assistant General Counsel and
Corporate Secretary

By: */s/ Cathryn Walker*

Name: Cathryn Walker
Title: Assistant Corporate Secretary

Imperial investment in Aspen project to proceed

- \$2.6 billion investment to develop 75,000 barrels per day of bitumen production
- Next-generation technology to improve economics, reduce emissions intensity and water use
- Mutually beneficial, long-term agreements with seven local Indigenous communities
- Construction to begin in fourth quarter of 2018; project startup in 2022

Calgary, AB – Nov. 6, 2018 – Imperial announced today that it has made a final investment decision to develop its Aspen project, located about 45 kilometres northeast of Fort McMurray, Alberta. The project, which is expected to produce about 75,000 barrels of bitumen per day, will include the first major commercial application of next-generation oil sands recovery technology designed to lower greenhouse gas emissions intensity and water use, while improving development economics.

Through the application of advanced solvent-assisted, steam-assisted gravity drainage technology at Aspen, Imperial is building on [its recently announced commitment to reduce the greenhouse gas emission intensity](#) of its operated oil sands facilities. The new technology is estimated to reduce greenhouse gas emissions intensity and water use intensity by up to 25 percent, compared with traditional steam-assisted technology. Imperial anticipates that Aspen's emissions intensity will be one of the lowest among in situ oil sands operations across the industry.

"We do not take investment decisions lightly, particularly in these challenging times," said Rich Kruger, Imperial chairman, president and chief executive officer. "This is the right technology at the right time to make a competitive investment. We have made the decision to proceed now because we believe this advanced technology will further the evolution of Imperial's oil sands business."

Imperial consulted with seven local Indigenous communities during the regulatory application process to reach collaborative and unique relationship agreements that provide mutual benefits and support long term sustainable development of these communities. The agreements establish a framework to ensure information-sharing and community engagement with regard to environmental stewardship. They also provide economic benefits, workforce opportunities, strategic business development and potential business contracts that support project construction and operation.

With a cost estimate of CA\$2.6 billion, the Aspen project is anticipated to create about 700 jobs during peak construction and more than 200 jobs during operations. Based on preliminary estimates and current tax and royalty rates, more than CA\$4 billion in direct federal and provincial tax revenues are expected to be generated over the 30-year life of the project, as well as deliver more than CA\$10 billion in royalty revenues to the Alberta government.

Construction will begin in the fourth quarter of 2018 with first production expected in 2022. There is potential for further development of up to another 75,000 barrels per day of bitumen production with timing dependent on a number of factors, including foundational project performance and overall business and market conditions.

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After more than a century, Imperial continues to be an industry leader in applying technology and innovation to responsibly develop Canada's energy resources. As Canada's largest petroleum refiner, a major producer of crude oil, a key petrochemical producer and a leading fuels marketer from coast to coast, our company remains committed to high standards across all areas of our business.

Cautionary Statement: Statements of future events or conditions in this release, including projections, targets, and estimates are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements can be identified by words such as "intend", "expect", "estimate", "believe", "anticipate", "will" and similar references to future periods. Disclosure related to expected production volumes, construction and first production timing, estimated cost and job creation during development and operations, application of oil sands recovery technology, reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, intensity and water use, improved development economics, community economic and workforce benefits, and tax revenues and royalties generated from the project constitute forward-looking statements. Actual future financial and operating results, including expectations and assumptions concerning project plans, dates, costs and capacities; production rates; production life and resource recoveries; solvent injection and recovery levels; capital and environmental expenditures; cost savings; demand growth and energy source mix; commodity prices and interest and foreign exchange rates; and applicable laws, government policies and environmental regulation could differ materially depending on a number of factors. These factors include changes in the supply of and demand for crude oil; transportation for accessing markets; political or regulatory events, including changes in law or government policy, applicable royalty rates and tax laws; environmental risks inherent in oil and gas exploration and production activities; environmental regulation, including climate change and greenhouse gas restrictions; currency exchange rates; availability and allocation of capital; availability and performance of third party service providers; unanticipated operational disruptions; management effectiveness; project management and schedules; response to unexpected technological developments; operational hazards and risks; and other factors described in Item 1A of Imperial's most recent Form 10-K. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve a number of risks and uncertainties, some that are similar to other oil and gas companies and some that are unique to Imperial Oil Limited. Imperial Oil Limited's actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied by its forward-looking statements and readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on them. Imperial Oil Limited undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements contained herein, except as required by applicable law.

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