



TALISMAN ENERGY INCREASES SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND

CALGARY, Alberta – September 17, 2003 –Talisman Energy Inc. today declared a semi-annual dividend of forty cents Canadian (C\$0.40) per share on the Company’s common shares. The dividend will be paid on December 31, 2003 to shareholders of record at the close of business on December 10, 2003.

“This increase in the semi-annual dividend demonstrates our continued belief in Talisman’s financial strength,” said Dr. Jim Buckee, President and Chief Executive Officer. “It also reflects our increasing confidence in a stronger commodity price outlook and a desire to pass some of this benefit directly to our shareholders. We remain responsive to the needs of our shareholders and committed to delivering value.”

Talisman Energy Inc. is a large, independent oil and gas producer, with operations in Canada and, through its subsidiaries, the North Sea, Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam, Algeria and the United States. Talisman's subsidiaries also conduct business in Trinidad, Colombia and Qatar. Talisman has adopted the International Code of Ethics for Canadian Business and is committed to maintaining high standards of excellence in corporate citizenship and social responsibility wherever its business is conducted. Talisman's shares are listed on Toronto Stock Exchange in Canada and New York Stock Exchange in the United States under the symbol TLM.

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