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Form 8-K  
May 26, 2009

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): May 25, 2009

IMPERIAL OIL LIMITED

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Canada  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

0-12014  
(Commission File Number)

98-0017682  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

237 Fourth Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta, Canada  
(Address of principal executive offices)  
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 1-800-567-3776

T2P 3M9  
(Zip Code)

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

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

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On May 25, 2009, Imperial Oil Limited, by means of a news release, announced that its board of directors has approved the first phase of the Kearl oil sands project, a surface mining operation northeast of Fort McMurray, Alberta.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

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

- 99.1 News release of Imperial Oil Limited announcing that its board of directors has approved the first phase of the Kearl oil sands project, a surface mining operation 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: May 25, 2009

By: /s/ Brian Livingston  
Name: Brian Livingston  
Title: Vice-President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

By: /s/ Brent Latimer  
Name: Brent Latimer  
Title: Assistant Secretary