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Rating: Buy S&P 500: 1191

# Encana Corporation (ECA) Imperial Oil Limited (IMO) Petro-Canada (PCZ) Suncor Energy (SU)

# **Exaggerated Stock Price Change**

#### **Summary and Recommendation**

Stock price declines in the past three days in buy-recommended Canadian natural gas and oil producers of 12 to 17% contrast with declines in six-year natural gas and oil futures of 3% and 5% respectively. At McDep Ratios ranging from 0.76 to 1.15 the four stocks bracket the value implied by our long-term assumptions of US\$10 a million btu for natural gas and US\$50 a barrel for oil (see table <u>Rank by McDep Ratio</u>). The US\$8.50 average futures price for the next six years for natural gas lags while US\$59.40 for oil leads our expectations. Managements of oil-oriented Imperial and natural gas-oriented Encana both emphasize resource potential not reflected in proven reserves that are the basis for our estimates of value. Petro-Canada is building longer life resource value. Suncor stock does not seem to fully recognize its oil sands resources that are poised to be producing at a higher volume imminently. Next Twelve Months Cash flow multiples, EV/Ebitda, are low (see table <u>Rank by EV/Ebitda</u>). Though we cannot control stock prices, we like the prospects for buy-recommended stocks.

### Rank by McDep Ratio: Market Cap and Debt to Present Value

	Symbo	l/ Rating	Price (\$/sh) 6-Oct 2005	Shares (mm)	Market Cap (\$mm)	Net Present Value (\$/sh)	Debt/ Present Value	McDep Ratio
Imperial Oil Limited (30%)	IMO	В	97.91	104	10,140	84.00	0.09	1.15
Encana Corporation	ECA	В	49.45	892	44,100	51.00	0.16	0.97
Petro-Canada	PCZ	В	38.00	526	19,990	42.00	0.19	0.92
Suncor Energy	SU	В	49.89	461	23,000	68.00	0.10	0.76

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	Symbol		Price (\$/sh) 6-Oct	Adjstd Resrvs/ Prod	PV/ Ebitda	EV/ Ebitda	P/E	Divd or Distrib NTM
	1	Rating	2005	NTM	NTM	NTM	NTM	(%)
Imperial Oil Limited (30%)	IMO	В	97.91	10.5	5.9	6.7	11	0.8
Suncor Energy	SU	В	49.89	18.1	8.6	6.6	13	0.4
Petro-Canada	PCZ	В	38.00	5.9	4.7	4.4	7	1.8
Encana Corporation	ECA	В	49.45	7.1	4.1	4.0	7	1.2

#### Rank by EV/Ebitda: Enterprise Value to Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Deprec.

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