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The OSDG Appoints New Executive Director

Fort McMurray – Tuesday, May 17, 2011 – Don Thompson, President of the Oil Sands Developers Group (OSDG), is pleased to announce the appointment of Ken Chapman as the new Executive Director of the industry association. Mr. Chapman joins the OSDG with an extensive background in public policy design and development, facilitation and consultation. He has experience working with Alberta and international resource sectors and the Wood Buffalo region.

“Ken will be a key facilitator for collaboration between the OSDG and our stakeholders with a primary focus within the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo”, Don Thompson stated. “The association spent considerable time ensuring we had the right person to fill this position. Ken has the experience and knowledge to provide the leadership the OSDG needs for our dynamic region and industry”.

Ken Chapman is a lawyer, a consummate political analyst and advocate for social justice. He holds a Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal for his "...contributions to Canada, to community...and to fellow Canadians" and has just been named one of Alberta's Most Influential People.

“I am very excited to be working with the OSDG and rolling up my sleeves to help the group and its stakeholders work on real solutions to issues around oil sands development”, said Ken. “This work starts today”.

The Oil Sands Developers Group works closely with oil sands operators and developers, related industries, governments, Aboriginal peoples, and other organizations active in the Athabasca oil sands deposit region to define and address regional issues related to oil sands development.

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