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Oil Sands Developers Group Responds to Opening of Twinned Section of Highway 63

Fort McMurray, AB – The government of Alberta’s commitment to improving traffic safety and reducing driver frustration along Highway 63 north of Fort McMurray by twinning the highway should be applauded, says The Oil Sands Developers Group.

“With the opening of this stretch of twinned highway, the government has taken a significant step in addressing one of the biggest quality of life issues identified by people who live and work in and around Fort McMurray – that of traffic congestion for people going to, and coming home from work,” says Don Thompson, President of the Oil Sands Developers Group.

Thompson says while industry has taken a number of steps to address traffic loads, such as staggering shift changes at oil sands operations, and careful scheduling of equipment transportation, the fact remains that an ever-increasing number of people make use of that portion of Highway 63 – while the number of high/heavy loads required to service the oil sands industry is also on the rise.

Through its Transportation Committee, which works closely with Alberta Transportation and a number of regional stakeholders, The Oil Sands Developers Group identifies the most pressing traffic and transit-related issues in the region, and Thompson says the stretch of Highway 63 now twinned has been at the top of the Group’s list for some time.

“With this project now completed, we look forward to the opening of the additional 16 kilometres of twinned section of Highway 63 south of Fort McMurray, which will improve safety and road access to the region.”

About The Oil Sands Developers Group

The Oil Sands Developers Group plays an important role in addressing the need for accurate, credible information about Athabasca oil sands activity. On behalf of its members, it works closely with oil sands operators and developers, related industries, government, Aboriginal peoples, and other organizations active in the Athabasca oil sands region. Through communication and collaboration, The Oil Sands Developers Group helps define and address regional issues related to oil sands development.

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