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**Athabasca Regional Issues Working Group is now
The Oil Sands Developers Group**

New name reflects broader, proactive role in oil sands development discussion

Fort McMurray, AB (July 28, 2008) – The Athabasca Regional Issues Working Group is now The Oil Sands Developers Group. The name change was sparked by the need for the group’s name to more clearly reflect its ability to provide accurate, credible information about oil sands development from a regional perspective in light of broadening awareness and interest in Canada’s oil sands – both as a source of energy and a source of potential concerns.

“We will be taking an active role in discussing regional issues and opportunities with a more geographically-diverse audience, and our new name will help those new audiences understand our position in the sector,” says Don Thompson, President of The Oil Sands Developers Group. “Having been active in the discussion of concerns in the region since 1997, we know the players and the issues in the Athabasca oil sands region and are well-positioned to share information about these matters.”

On behalf of its members, The Oil Sands Developers Group will continue to work with other industries, government, Aboriginal peoples, and other organizations active in the Wood Buffalo region to identify and address regional issues related to development of the Athabasca Oil Sands deposit.

“The change in name will have no effect on our ongoing work with local stakeholders. We remain committed to maintaining those very important relationships,” says Jacob Irving, Executive Director of The Oil Sands Developers Group.

The leadership team for the organization will be the same. Don Thompson will remain President, John LeGrow will continue as Vice President, and Jacob Irving will continue as Executive Director.

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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.

History

The Oil Sands Developers Group was originally founded in 1997 as the Regional Infrastructure Working Group (RIWG) to deal with four main issues in the community;

- Human infrastructure
- Physical infrastructure
- Environment
- Economic development

Membership in the Regional Infrastructure Working Group, then the Athabasca Regional Issues Working Group and now, as The Oil Sands Developers Group, is constituted primarily of company representatives with a mandate to work toward resolution of issues of concern to all stakeholders in the region.

The Oil Sands Developers Group Members

- Albion Sands Energy Inc./Shell Canada Limited
- ATCO Group of Companies
- Birch Mountain Resources Ltd.
- Canadian Natural Resources Limited
- Chevron Canada Resources
- ConocoPhillips
- Devon Energy Corporation
- Enbridge Inc.
- EnCana Corporation
- EPCOR
- Husky Oil Operations Limited
- Imperial Oil Resources
- Japan Canada Oil Sands Limited
- Korea National Oil Corporation
- MEG Energy Corp.
- Nexen Inc. / OPTI Canada Inc.
- Petro-Canada Oil and Gas
- Petrobank Energy and Resources Ltd.
- Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo
- Statoil Hydro Canada Ltd.
- Suncor Energy Inc.
- Syncrude Canada Ltd.
- Synenco Energy Inc.
- Total E&P Canada Ltd.
- TransAlta Energy Corporation
- TransCanada Pipelines Ltd.
- UTS Energy Corp.

Executive Bios

Don Thompson – President

Don Thompson is President of The Oil Sands Developers Group as well as General Manager, Regulatory and External Affairs for Syncrude Canada Ltd. Mr. Thompson is focused on Syncrude's Regulatory and External Affairs with particular emphasis on responding to the large number of environmental and external relationship challenges facing Syncrude – a position directly related to his work with The Oil Sands Developers Group.

John LeGrow – Vice President

John LeGrow is Vice President of The Oil Sands Developers Group and is currently the Vice President of Oil Sands Strategy at ConocoPhillips. Mr. LeGrow has more than 30 years of Canadian and international energy industry experience, including more than six years in an oil sands development role. His focus on Canadian oil sands industry business issues directly relates to his role with The Oil Sands Developers Group.

Jacob Irving – Executive Director

Jacob Irving is Executive Director of The Oil Sands Developers Group and is responsible for managing the association. Mr. Irving was previously a Government Relations Coordinator with Devon Canada Corporation. He also worked with BP Canada Energy Company as Manager, Stakeholder Relations and Surface Rights and Government and Public Affairs Advisor.