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MINERAL RIGHTS INFORMATION BULLETIN 2011-01

SUBJECT: April 14, 2011 Alberta Tenure Information Exchange

The Alberta Tenure Information Exchange was sponsored by Alberta Energy, the Canadian Association of Petroleum Land Administration (CAPLA) and the Canadian Association of Petroleum Landmen (CAPL)

Dear Session Participants:

Thank you to everyone who participated in the April 14, 2011 Information Exchange. Approximately 267 individuals registered for the morning session. Presentations, questions and answers and detailed feedback are available on the Alberta Energy website at www.energy.alberta.ca under "Our Business" → "Tenure" → "Publications & Maps".

Regulatory Enhancement Project and Continuation Tidbits

Information on the Regulatory Enhancement Project was shared with attendees. The six recommendations identified in the December 2010 report were presented. Alberta Energy believes that these recommendations will result in a Policy Development and Policy Assurance System that is more efficient, effective, adaptable, predictable, fair and transparent.

Best practises and tips for requesting advance rulings on continuations under the Petroleum and Natural Gas Tenure Regulation and extensions under Section 8(1)(h) of the *Mines and Minerals Act* were reviewed. The focus was on actual extension application scenarios and what the outcomes were and why.

Alberta Energy announced its decision to defer serving Shallow Rights Reversion notices for one year. This decision will be revisited Spring 2012. Severance will still occur when new agreements sold after January 1, 2009 expire.

Online Learning Information

Attendees were told about the Online Learning courses available on the Alberta Energy website. Online Learning is a program which provides instructions on how to use Electronic Transfer System (ETS) applications. First time users were shown how to register and were given a demonstration on the "Initiate Bid Request" learning module.

Use of Undisposed Crown Rights

The use of road allowances as undisposed Crown mineral rights was reviewed. The recent issue of Information Letter 2011-09 was announced and an overview of the expanded criteria for automatic authorization was provided. Information on how to apply for access to undisposed Crown minerals for various purposes was shared as well as data requirements, timelines and reasons applications may be denied. Information on self-declaring a trespass as a result of not having Crown authorization was given.

Tenure Business Process Review (BPR)

An overview of the BPR was provided to participants. This included the project's objectives, phases and timelines. A sampling of the topics being discussed, as well as the upcoming topic of e-continuations, was presented.

We sincerely appreciate your attendance and your feedback. Thanks again to our co-hosts at CAPLA and CAPL for helping to make this another successful event.

Please note: this information will only be available on our website for two years.

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