

## FacilityCalgary eNewsletter – February 13, 2006

**Real Estate / Energy / Infrastructure / Construction NEWS**

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## &lt; NEWS Today &gt; Monday, February 13, 2006

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- + 1122131 Alberta Inc. paid \$ 465 million for 10 oil sands leases >
- + Fort Hills Energy Limited Partnership purchased 2 oil sands leases for \$60 million>
- + US Federal Reserve's new chairman Ben Bernanke to debuts before US congress >

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## &lt; NEWS – February 7 – 12 &gt;

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- + Bird Construction Co shareholders OK Bird Construction Income Fund conversion >
- + British Nuclear Fuels enter US\$ 5.4 billion contract; Toshiba buys Westinghouse Electric>
- + Connacher Oil and Gas Limited & Luke Energy Ltd. agreed to combination >
- + Desmarais Energy Corporation announced 2006 CapEx budget of \$ 7 million >
- + Duvernay Oil Corp. closed \$ 55.625 million equity financing >
- + EnCana Corp. purchased St. Regis Hotel property to add to its development site >
- + Energy Alloys to acquire US oilfield distribution assets of Ryerson Inc. >
- + EPCOR got regulatory approval for acquisition of Breakwater Enterprises Ltd. >
- + Hudson's Bay Co. selling its credit card division to GE Money Unit for \$ 370 million >
- + High Plains Energy Inc. engaged strategic financial advisor & reorganize management >
- + Inter Pipeline Fund acquired 85% interest in Cactus Lake Pipeline System, \$ 20 million >
- + Noble Energy Inc. agreed to acquire United States Exploration Inc. US\$ 411 million >
- + Open Range Capital Corp. & SIGA Resources Limited agreed to business combination >
- + Peak Energy Services Trust announced 2006 CapEx budget of \$ 55 million >
- + Petrobank Energy and Resources Ltd. closed \$ 33.4 million equity financing >
- + Prime Minister Harper sworn in along with 26 member cabinet >
- + TGS North American REIT seeking acquirer or merger partner >
- + TransCanada Corp. to expand & build a new 139 km. natural gas pipeline in California >
- + Valkyries Petroleum Corp. closed \$ 28.75 million equity financing >
- + XTO Energy Inc. acquired US\$ 300 million producing properties from Total E&P USA Inc. >
- + Zapata Energy Corporation announced 2006 CapEx budget of \$ 42 million >

[ Editor's note: we do not report refinancings, offerings or credit facility news; we report relevant CLOSED new debt & new equity financings in excess of \$ 1 million ]

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## &lt; People on the move &gt;

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- + Alan Rozak to VP Gas Gathering & Processing @ ATCO Midstream >
- + Brian Landrum to Exec. VP Operations @ Reliant Energy Inc. >
- + Brian Lynam to VP Operations @ Prime West Energy Trust >
- + Brian McLane to Mgr. Field Services @ Geminie Corporation >
- + Brian McLaughlin to Exec. VP Human Resources @ Katz Group Canada Inc. >
- + Byron Loewen to Partner @ Miles Davison LLP >
- + David Holm to Exec. VP, Finance & Strategy @ Provident Energy Trust >
- + Emanuel Bertolin to CEO @ Wmode Inc. >
- + Frank Tosto to Partner @ Borden Ladner Gervais LLP >
- + Fred Dent to Partner @ Miles Davison LLP >
- + Gord McMahon to VP Exploration @ Trident Exploration Corp. >
- + Guy Bridgeman to Sr. VP @ EPCOR Utilities Inc. >
- + Jason Howg to Partner @ Borden Ladner Gervais LLP >
- + John Anderson to VP Engineering @ Trident Exploration Corp. >
- + Jon Wrathall to Organizational Dev. Consultant @ TransCanada Corp. >
- + Karen McHugh to Partner @ Borden Ladner Gervais LLP >

- + Kaush Rakhit to VP New Initiatives @ Trident Exploration Corp. >
- + Kelsey Brosz to Controller @ Hesperian Capital Management >
- + Mark Semchuk to VP Bus. Dev. & Corporate Initiatives @ ATCO Structures >
- + Martin Rude to CFO, VP Finance @ Silverwing Energy Inc. >
- + Mike Carlson to VP Engineering @ Silverwing Energy Inc. >
- + Morgan Tingle to Corporate Secretary @ Rochester Energy Corp >
- + Murray Rodgers to Pres. @ Trident Exploration Corp. >
- + Patricia Morrison to Partner @ Borden Ladner Gervais LLP >
- + Randy Hughes to VP Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Project @ ATCO Structures >
- + Sandy Lytle to Partner @ Miles Davison LLP >
- + Steven Rolls to CFO @ Global Energy Inc. >
- + Terry O'Connor to Sr. VP @ Silverwing Energy Inc. >
- + Troy Mochoruk to CEO @ Rochester Energy Corp. >
- + Warren Jeffery to COO @ Katz Group Canada Inc. >
- + William Trickett, CEO @ Rochester Energy Corp. resigned >

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< **Commentary & Stuff** >

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+ Prime Minister Stephen Harper moved from Stornoway to 24 Sussex Drive & it would appear he left some principles behind; the appointment of a non-elected person to the Senate in the east & David Emerson in the west – both these guys now in cabinet make for a menu of crow & ketchup for many an MP who campaigned on the issues of an elected senate & 'not crossing the floor'; stay tuned for some private members bills on this one; overall, a disastrous 1<sup>st</sup> week capped with protests in Vancouver by Liberal supporters demanding their money back – Emerson being told he should pay it back or step down or both; he should but he won't, proving that arrogance can change parties too. The Liberals however should not laugh as they are broke & leaderless – perhaps they should get Buzz Hargrove to run things now that the NDP have expelled him. Mr. Harper . . you have 100 days to prove yourself & 7 are already gone . . tic –toc . . >

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+ so who is 1122131 Alberta Inc. ? This company paid \$ 465 million for 10 oil sands leases last week; rumoured to be either India or China's national oil companies – both have stated they want to make major oil sand investments this year; on the other hand it could be just about anyone . . after all, it's only \$ 465 million ! >

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+ a big waytogo to Imperial Oil, bestowing \$ 4 million in cash & things to the Glenbow Museum who will be housing the Imperial Oil archives >

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+ Singles & Friends Toastmasters: a singles club for speakers meets every Wed. @ 7 PM <http://singlesandfriendstoastmasters.blog-city.com> >

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+ comments & news items always welcome: [research@maxcomm.ca](mailto:research@maxcomm.ca) >

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< **Infrastructure / P3 / Education Facility News – go green** >

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+ the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games went hat in hand to the International Olympic Committee seeking \$ 110 million to cover cost

overruns due to burgeoning construction costs; all facilities are scheduled for completion by 2008 >

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+ LEED CANADA <http://www.cagbc.org/> >

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+ LEED USA <http://www.usgbc.org/> >

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+ BOMA Go Green program <http://www.bomagogreen.com> >

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< BOMA Calgary – Building Owners and Managers Association >

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+ BOMA Awards GALA 2006 March 18, 2006; our industry will celebrate its best at the GALA. 'Above and Beyond' is the theme of this year's awards gala being held at the new Art Smith Aero Centre at Calgary International Airport. Tickets are now available [\$120/person]. Tables of 10 are available on a first come, first served basis for \$1,100. Tickets may be purchased online [www.boma.ca](http://www.boma.ca) tables can be reserved by calling Donna [237-0559] at the BOMA office >

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< Tech & telecomm news & views – by David Crawford> \*\*

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+ cue the Munster music: <http://www.hiddenpassageway.com/> >

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+ recent study pinpoints where some of the hospital superbug bacteria comes from: Doctor's cell phones <http://www.cellular-news.com/story/16048.php>>

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+ Worlds Smallest Web Server - USB: <http://www.webservusb.com/default.htm> >

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+ here is how much top techies get paid:

[http://news.yahoo.com/s/zd/20060206/tc\\_zd/170810](http://news.yahoo.com/s/zd/20060206/tc_zd/170810) >

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+ a short story for you on technology and ideas. In 1986 I had to use a LOT of keystrokes (remember DOS?), programming the touch-screen info system for EXPO 86 in Vancouver (it functioned like a website - before there were websites). My hands got so sore it was ridiculous. So - I came up with several ideas for keyboard modifications that would help. One of them was to split the keyboard and angle the keys (which was done about 15 years later), and the other was to come up with something like this: <http://www.alphagrips.com/index.html> (although in my model you actually have two spheres you grasp in your hands or mount to your chair - much more comfortable). So - patent those ideas when you can folks! I didn't and now here I am. That said - they have been announcing this product for about 6 years now - and it still is not available at your local PC dealer >

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+ a funny and powerful Human Virus Scanner: <http://totl.net/VirusScanner/> >

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+ strangest tech bookmark this week: <http://www.electricstuff.co.uk/> >

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+ best blogs on the web: <http://2006.bloggies.com/> >

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+ all of the Superbowl ads here: <http://video.google.com/superbowl.html> >

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+ try Google Moon to commemorate the first moon landing back in 1969. Warning - don't zoom too close... <http://moon.google.com/?ll=40.178873,-66.708984> >

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**< Annual / Special Meetings >**

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Feb. 21

Tiverton Petroleums Ltd., Calgary, Special Shareholders Meeting

Mar. 2

BMO Financial Group, Calgary, 188<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Shareholders

CIBC, Quebec City, Annual Meeting of Shareholders

Mar. 3

Royal Bank of Canada, Toronto, Annual & Special Meeting

Scotiabank, Winnipeg, 174<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

Mar. 10

Duke Energy, Charlotte, NC, Special Shareholders Meeting, approve merger

Cinergy, Cincinnati, Ohio, Special Shareholders Meeting, approve merger

April 12

Enerplus Resources Fund, Calgary Annual General Meeting

May 1

Enbridge Income Fund, Toronto, Annual Meeting of Unitholders

[readers: please send us your AGM date/details for listing here]

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**< Mark your calendar – business events, functions etc. >**

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Feb. 16

NAIOP Breakfast, Avison Young Club, Saddledome, Calgary

Info/register: <https://securegs.com/naiop/>

Feb. 21-22

Digital Energy 2006, Bytes and Barrels, Westin Galleria, Houston, Texas

[http://www.spe.org/spe/jsp/meeting/0%2C2460%2C1104\\_1535\\_4501293%2C00.html](http://www.spe.org/spe/jsp/meeting/0%2C2460%2C1104_1535_4501293%2C00.html)

Feb. 22

Second Session, 26<sup>th</sup> Legislature of Alberta, Edmonton

Mar. 2 / 2006

BMO Financial Group, 188th Annual Meeting, Calgary

Mar. 9

5<sup>th</sup> annual RealCapital conference, Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Bldg.

info/register: [www.realestateforums.com](http://www.realestateforums.com)

Mar. 18 / 2006

BOMA Calgary Awards & GALA, Art Smith Aero Centre at Calgary International Airport

Info/tickets: [www.boma.ca](http://www.boma.ca)

Apr. 3

1<sup>st</sup> Session of 39<sup>th</sup> Parliament begins, House of Commons, Ottawa

Apr. 4

39<sup>th</sup> Parliament Throne Speech, Senate Chamber, Ottawa

May 3-5

20<sup>th</sup> annual GasMart, Colorado Convention Centre, Hyatt Regency, Denver

Info/inquiries: <http://gasmart.com>

June 13-15

Global Petroleum Show & Conference, Stampede Park, Calgary

Info/Register: <http://www.petroleumshow.com>

Sept. 23-26

International AgBiotech Conference, TELUS Convention Centre, Calgary

Info/inquiries: [ryan@bioalberta.com](mailto:ryan@bioalberta.com)

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**< Calgary real estate - commercial >**

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< Calgary real estate - residential >

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< closing quotes on life, real estate & golf >

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+ 'The triumph cannot be had without the struggle. And I know what struggle is. I have spent a lifetime trying to share what is has meant to be a woman first in the world of sports so that other women have a chance to reach their dreams.'

- Wilma Rudolph >

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+ 'If you don't try to win you might as well hold the Olympics in somebody's back yard.' – Jesse Owens >

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+ A guy is at the driving range having a heck of a day. Everything thing he tries to hit he tops, balls only going about 20' and burning worms the whole way. Finally disgusted, he turns to the pro on the range and mutters, " If I don't connect with this one, I'm gonna jump in that lake and drown myself!" Pro looks at him and says" I don't think you can do it." "Why not?" He asks. Pro says " I don't think you can keep your head down that long!" >

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+ Three guys are about to tee off at their usual Saturday morning T-time when a guy walks up and asks to join them, they say sure and off they go. The new guy is right handed and shoots 1 under for the round, as they are leaving the 3 guys say to him We are playing next Saturday, same time, want to join us? The fellow says sure but he might be a little late and they shouldn't wait for him. The next week he shows up on time and shoots 1 under playing left handed. The 3 ask him to join again next week and he again says sure but don't wait for him if he is late. The next week he shows up again and shoots even par right handed. After the round the 3 guys say to him... How do you decide whether you're going to play left handed or right handed? He answers - Simple when I wake up in the morning I look at my wife.....if she is sleeping on her right side, I play right handed, ... if she is sleeping on her left side I play left handed. One of the 3 pipes up - what do you do if she is sleeping on her back? ... to which he answers....that's when I'm a little bit late. >

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