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Real Estate / Energy / Infrastructure / Construction NEWS

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< NEWS Today > Monday, January 30, 2006

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- + 70 trapped miners reported safe in Esterhazy, Saskatchewan potash mine >
- + crude oil prices push past US\$ 68/barrel on Asian markets >
- + Gung Hay Fat Choy . . happy Chinese new year . . the year of the dog >
- + Halliburton Co. planning IPO for KBR >
- + US Federal Reserve expected to hike rate on Tuesday when Greenspan steps down >

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< NEWS – January 24-29 >

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- + Agrium Inc. raised its takeover bid for Royster-Clark Ltd. to \$ 616 million >
- + Alberta's 28 federal constituencies elected Conservative Members of Parliament >
- + Cal Dive International Inc. to acquire Remington Oil and Gas Corp.; US\$ 1.4 billion >
- + Conservatives win most seats, will have minority government >
- + World Economic Forum [WEF] winds up in Davos >
- + WEF <http://www.weforum.org/site/homepublic.nsf/Content/Annual+Meeting+2006> >
- + EDS closed the sale of consulting subsidiary A.T. Kearney to the firm's management >
- + Empire Company Limited is creating Crombie REIT to reorganize its real estate div. >
- + Endev Energy Inc. announced 2006 capex budget of \$ 50 million >
- + Fort Hills Energy Corp. to build oilsands upgrader 40km NE of Edmonton >
- + First Capital Realty Inc. bought Richmond Square centre for \$ 19.6 million >
- + Hudson Bay Co. agreed to \$ 1.5 billion friendly takeover by Jerry Zucker >
- + Kerr-McGee sold Gulf of Mexico shelf assets; US\$ 1.34 billion to W & T Offshore Inc. >
- + Mackenzie pipeline hearings began; 26 communities to host hearings >
- + Milagro Energy Inc. mailed its takeover bid to Chirropo Resources Inc. shareholders >
- + Oilexco Incorporated closed US\$ 245 million debt financing >
- + Paul Martin stepping down as Liberal Leader >
- + Research in Motion patent dispute with NTP will NOT be reviewed by US Supreme Court >
- + Ridgeway Petroleum Corp. closed US\$ 2 million debt financing >
- + Stephen Harper, Prime Minister-Elect to be sworn in Feb. 6 >
- + Talisman Energy Inc. put \$ 200 million in North Sea assets up for sale >

[ 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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< People on the move >

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- + Andrew Schiro Jr. to Global Sales Exec. @ Boots & Coots International Well Control >
- + Andris Soliz Rada to Hydrocarbons Minister @ Government of Bolivia >
- + Darryl Barber to Partner @ Bennett Jones LLP >
- + Dave Read to VP Operations @ ATCO Frontec >
- + Don Francis to Market Area Sales Mgr. @ Waste Management >
- + Don Kyle to Pres. Power Products Div. @ Stewart & Stevenson LLC >
- + Gerry Leipert to Sr. VP Bus. Dev. @ VECO Canada Ltd. >
- + Gonzalo Ruiz to Gen. Mgr. Syria @ Tanganyika Oil Company Ltd. >
- + Greg Moore to Vp Operations & COO @ Shiningbank Energy Ltd. >
- + Janice Liebe to Associate @ Cohos Evamy >
- + Jim Terry to Pres. & CEO @ Particle Drilling Technologies Inc. >
- + John Simmons to Pres. & CEO @ Stewart & Stevenson LLC >
- + Lawrence Finn to CEO @ Terax Energy Inc. >
- + Madeleine Schmidts to Associate @ Cohos Evamy >
- + Mark DePuy to Sr. VP & COO @ Venoco Inc. >
- + Mark Soubry to CEO Canadian Operations @ GeoLogistics Corporation >

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- + Mark Whitman to Pres. Engineered Products. Div. @ Stewart & Stevenson LLC >
- + Mike Wichterich to Sr. VP & CFO @ Texas American Resource Company >
- + Mr. Justice John Major to Counsel @ Bennett Jones LLP >
- + Randy Harl to Pres. & COO @ Willbros Group Inc. >
- + Tim McGinn to Associate @ Cohos Evamy >
- + Tony Miele, Pres. & CEO @ Ontario Realty Corporation resigned >
- + Trevor Johnson to Director Accounting & Finance @ Summit Search Group >

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< **Commentary & Stuff** >

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+ RBC's COO Barbara Stymiest was paid \$ 6.6 million in 2004; pretty good work if you can get it . . . only she was running the Toronto Stock Exchange at the time . . . joining the bank in 2005. Maybe it's like hockey . . . you know . . . a signing bonus or something, but wasn't her job in 2004 to regulate the exchange on which RBC's stocks & bonds trade ? Perhaps now that the RCMP are done with Mr. Goodale, they should make a visit to the bank . . . >

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+ a big waytogo to Bill Gates. Yes, I am praising Bill Gates; he has pledged US\$ 900 million to fight tuberculosis in 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries – the plan is expected to reduce TB deaths by 14 million over the next 10 years >

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+ much speculation around the country about how many Alberta/Calgary MP's will find their way into Stephen Harper's cabinet; I'm betting 2 from Calgary + 2 more from the rest of the province . . . stay tuned . . . Feb. 6 is swearing in day >

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+ the Government of Alberta named the group to advise steering group on consultation process for oil sands area policy. Mel Knight, MLA for Grande Prairie-Smoky, will chair the advisory group tasked with revising plans for consulting on policy principles for Alberta's oil sands area. The Ministers of Environment, Energy and Sustainable Resource Development originally announced the formation of the group on December 20, 2005. The group will deliver its final report to government by March 31, 2006 . . . stay tuned . . . >

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+ Singles & Friends Toastmasters, a speaking club for singles, a singles club for speakers - <http://singlesandfriendstoastmasters.blog-city.com> next meeting Wed. February 1, 7-8:30 @ community hall, 4940 - 39 Ave. SW >

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

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+ a Memoranda of Understanding was signed between the Alberta government and HP to set the stage for the development of joint research projects on advanced computing and data center management, nanotechnology and advanced videoconferencing technology. The proposed projects include the establishment of a new facility at the University of Calgary for work on advanced data centre operation, joint research with the National Institute for Nanotechnology to develop tiny sensors to improve medical and environmental diagnostics, and work with the University of Alberta to advance videoconferencing technology. >

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+ a new program in Fort McMurray is helping more apprentices complete their training by bringing the classroom to the job site. Apprentices at the Suncor Energy and OPTI - Nexen Long Lake Project sites are taking their in-class training right on the job site, rather than having to leave work for eight weeks to attend school. This project is the result of partnership between the Alberta government, Suncor Energy, OPTI Canada Inc., Nexen Inc., Leducor Industrial, Flint Energy Services, Canonbie Contracting, CP Services, Jacob Catalytic, Laird Electric, Keyano College and Red Deer College. Classes are now being offered in both the electrician and steamfitter-pipefitter trades. >

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+ Vancouver Island Health Authority to Issue RFP Residential care & assisted living facilities >

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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 . . . mark your calendar 'March 18, 2006'; the industry will celebrate its best at GALA to be held at the Art Smith Aero Centre - stay tuned for more details >

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+ February 9<sup>th</sup> BOMA Lunch Meeting. Stuart Dalgleish, of the City Assessment Department will present a summary on changes to your 2006 property tax assessment that may affect buildings' property taxes this year; Register online at [www.boma.ca](http://www.boma.ca) >

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

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+ some very cool wall painting you could do - to really mess with peoples minds: <http://www.impactlab.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=7189> >

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+ washing machine with no water or soap; guys may actually start using one now: [http://www.heraldsun.news.com.au/common/story\\_page/0,5478,17965878%5E11869,00.html](http://www.heraldsun.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,5478,17965878%5E11869,00.html) >

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+ busting myths: <http://www.pcworld.com/news/article/0,aid,116572,00.asp#> >

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+ no more hard drives soon – Moore's Law continues to rule the day:

[http://www.indianexpress.com/print.php?content\\_id=81858](http://www.indianexpress.com/print.php?content_id=81858) >

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+ 101 Dumbest Moments in Business:

<http://money.cnn.com/magazines/business2/101dumbest/> >

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+ very clever Honda ad from the UK: <http://84.40.3.164/> >

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+ really tough to figure out what is going to happen to your Crackberry:

[http://money.cnn.com/2006/01/23/technology/scotus\\_rim\\_reut/index.htm](http://money.cnn.com/2006/01/23/technology/scotus_rim_reut/index.htm) >

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**< Annual / Special Meetings >**

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- Feb. 3  
Tiverton Petroleums Inc., Calgary, Shareholders Meeting
- Feb. 21  
Tiverton Petroleums Ltd., Calgary, Special Shareholders Meeting
- Mar. 2  
BMO Financial Group, Calgary, 188<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Shareholders
- Mar. 3  
Scotiabank, Winnipeg, Annual Meeting
- 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. 2-3  
Canadian College of Health Service Execs. Conference, Greenwood Inn, Edmonton  
Tracking Trends: Showcasing the Alberta Advantage  
Register online: <http://www.cchse.org>
- 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 Awards Gala . . details to follow
- May 3-5  
20<sup>th</sup> annual GasMart, Colorado Convention Centre, Hyatt Regency, Denver  
<http://gasmart.com>

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**< Calgary real estate - commercial >**

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**< Calgary real estate - residential >**

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- KOLKE and STEER <http://www.kolkeandsteer.com>
- 2 units in Tarjan Pointe, 1111 - 6 Avenue SW – new, never lived in - check it out :
- Unit # 808, 815 sq. ft. - \$ 290,000 virtual tour: <http://www.obeo.com/217483>
- Unit # 810 [SALE PENDING] - \$ 295,000 virtual tour: <http://www.obeo.com/217484>

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< closing quotes on life, real estate & golf >

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+ "Governing a great nation is like cooking a small fish - too much handling will spoil it." - Lao-tzu >

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+ "If you are planning for a year, sow rice; if you are planning for a decade, plant trees; if you are planning for a lifetime, educate people ." - Chinese Proverb >

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+ "When choosing between two evils, I always like to try the one I've never tried before." – Mae West >

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+ "A criminal is a person with predatory instincts who has not sufficient capital to form a corporation." - Howard Scott >

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+ 'The difference in golf and government is that in golf you can't improve your lie.' - George Deukmejian >

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