

FacilityCalgary eNewsletter – March 13, 2006

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< NEWS Today > Monday, March 13, 2006

- + crude futures back above US\$ 60/barrel on Asian markets >
- + NASA Orbiter prepares for close up photos of Mars >
- + Nasdaq made US\$ 4.1 billion bid for London Stock Exchange >

< NEWS – March 7 – 12 >

- + Alberta Provincial Protection Officers renamed Sheriffs to better describe security role >
- + Arapahoe Energy Corp./Reconnaissance Energy Corp. to explore Tsuu T'ina Nation land >
- + Bank of Canada raised it's overnight rate by ¼% to 3¾% >
- + Boots & Coots International Well Control bought HWC div. of Oil States International >
- + Duke Energy shareholders approved merger with Cinergy >
- + EnCana Corporation agreed to sell gas storage business, US\$ 1.5 billion to Carlyle et al >
- + InterRent International Properties Inc. to merge with Silverstone Equities Inc. >
- + InterRent International Properties Inc. to convert to InterRent Multie REIT >
- + Lanesborough REIT closed \$ 13,680,000 convertible debt financing >
- + Milargro Energy Inc. completed acquisition of Chirripo Resources Inc. >
- + Mullen Group Income Fund & Producers Oilfield Services start Horizon North Logistics >
- + OPEC ministers announced they will keep output steady @ \$ 28 million barrels/day >
- + Pioneer Natural Resources Company announced 2006 CapEx budget of US\$ 1.3 billion >
- + Q9 Networks Inc. plan to build a 2nd Calgary Data Centre, \$ 25 million >
- + Resilient Resources Ltd. & Guardian Exploration Inc. agreed to merge >
- + Terra Energy Corp. announced 2006 CapEx budget pf \$ 66.1 million >
- + TGS North American REIT closed on \$ 9.1 million acquisition of Two Executive Place >
- + The Blackstone Group agreed to acquire CarrAmerica Realty Corp. for US\$ 5.6 billion >
- + Western Lakota Energy Services Inc. closed \$ 49 million new credit facility >

[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]

< People on the move >

- + Bob German to VP Finance & CFO @ Horizon North Logistics Inc. >
- + Chris Aulds to Exec. VP Public & Industry Affairs @ Crosstex Energy >
- + Daryl Cook to Interim CEO @ High Plains Energy Inc. >
- + Dave de la Ronde to Claims Manager @ Real Estate Insurance Exchange [REIX] >
- + David Bowden to Pres. Canadian Business Operations @ Colliers International >
- + David Roberts to Sr. VP Bus. Dev. @ Marathon Oil Corp. >
- + Grant Symon to Pres. @ Calgary Construction Association >
- + John Haylock to Pres. & CEO @ Titan Oil and Gas Inc. >
- + Kent Hicks to VP Downstream Operations @ Synenco Energy Inc. >
- + Marlin Miller to Partner @ Collins Barrow Calgary LLP >
- + Patti McCunn-Miller to Exec. VP Corporate Responsibility @ Synenco Energy Inc. >
- + Ric Peterson to CEO @ Horizon North Logistics Inc. >
- + Rob Hunt to Pres. @ Horizon North Logistics Inc. >
- + Sandy Campbell, CFO @ WestJet Airlines to step down in June >
- + Shannon Reid to Sales Account Mgr. @ Caliber Energy Services Corp. >

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< Commentary & Stuff >

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+ the jousting & media speculation on the 3rd way has been interesting to watch; Prime Minister Harper has so far avoided taking the bait as it now appears Quebec are going to shake up health care as much if not more than Alberta; the irony is that most people are responding with comments on how much sense the changes will make, except of course the physicians who feel the reach into their pockets together with the funder telling them what to do just won't work – a strange concept that, the customer having a voice ! >

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

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

+ the Municipal District of Rocky View has called for Expressions of Interest for development of a Municipal Offices Solution . . >

+ Calgary LRT expansion plans announced, may include 8th Ave. subway >

+ new Federal Finance minister [from Toronto] Jim Flaherty says infrastructure funding is important across the country, but so far all he can talk about is a \$ 15. billion extension of the Spadina [in Toronto] subway line >

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

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

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

< **BOMA Calgary – Building Owners and Managers Association** >

+ **BOMA Awards GALA 2006 March 18, 2006** our industry celebrates its best people – the operate & manage our office, industrial & special purpose building - at our 23rd annual 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 still available** [\$120/person] but they are going fast. Tables of 10 are available on a first come, first served basis for \$1,100. Tickets may be purchased online <http://www.boma.ca/Event/EventsList.cfm> or by calling Donna [237-0559] at the BOMA office; there are about 100 tickets left . . also, BOMA has reserve blocks of hotel rooms in two hotels so you can "ride the elevator" home following a night of celebration at the BOMA Awards Gala. Greenwood Inn, 250-8855 rate \$99 Group Code: BOMA; or Delta Calgary Airport, 291-2600, rate \$159, Group Code BOMA3 >

< **IT, MIS, Tech & Telephony News** > **

+ a new subsidiary of Research In Motion aims to bring the signature BlackBerry device even deeper into corporate communications systems; they purchased

Ascendent Systems who make software that communicates between office phone systems and BlackBerry mobile e-mail devices. Users can push office phone calls and extend office phone features to their wireless device or any wireline phone >

+ Google Inc. bought the Silicon Valley start-up Upstartle, gaining its Writely Internet word processing software & will compete with Microsoft with web based software . . stay tuned . . this battle has just begun >

+ latest bid to catch up with Google & Yahoo, Microsoft launched revamped Internet search engine it says will help computer users find information faster & organize it better; 'Windows Live' @ <http://www.live.com> >

+ mars.google.com now has a CNAME record that points to www.google.com. This usually means that something is about to happen with that subdomain — with the exception of calendar.google.com of course. So I started digging and you will never guess what I found — a Google Maps type application that lets you view Mars. This service is called Google Mars >

+ now you can be big brother & be watching your employees; IBM introduced a new component to its Identity Management Services that monitors employees' online behavior and flags suspicious activity >

< Annual / Special Meetings >

Mar. 15

Calgary Real Estate Board, Calgary, Annual General Meeting

Mar. 21

Calgary Exhibition & Stampede, Calgary, Annual & Extraordinary General Meeting

April 12

Enerplus Resources Fund, Calgary, Annual General Meeting

April 17

OPTI Canada Inc, Calgary, Annual & Special Shareholder Meeting

April 18

Fairmont Hotels & Resorts, Toronto, Special Meeting of Shareholders

April 21

Canadian National Railway Company, Memphis, Tennessee, Annual Meeting of Shareholders

May 1

Enbridge Income Fund, Toronto, Annual Meeting of Unitholders

May 3

Enbridge Inc., Toronto, Annual Meeting of Unitholders

Pioneer Natural Resources Company, Irving, Texas, Annual Meeting of Stockholders

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

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

Mar. 18 / 2006

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

Info/tickets: <http://www.boma.ca/Event/EventsList.cfm>

Mar. 23-26

Alberta Assoc. of Architects – DESIGNfronts 50th Anniversary, Banff Centre, Banff

info: info@aaa.ab.ca or www.banffsessions.ca

Apr. 3

1st Session of 39th Parliament begins, House of Commons, Ottawa

Apr. 4

39th Parliament Throne Speech, Senate Chamber, Ottawa

Apr. 10-11

National Green Buildings Conference, Ottawa Congress Centre, Ottawa
Info/Register: <http://www.realestateforums.com/greenestate/mission.html>

Apr. 13

BOMA Calgary Luncheon, location to be announced, Calgary

Guest speaker: John Masters, Pres. & CEO, Calgary Technologies Inc.

Apr. 19

Vancouver Real Estate Forum, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Vancouver

Info/register: <http://www.mediaedgewest.com/realestateforumswest/vancouver/>

May 3-5

20th 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

< Golf Tournaments >

June 19

2006 IFMA OPEN, course to be announced

info/register: info@ifmacalgary.org

July 19

Clark Builders, 4th Annual Charity Golf Classic, Heritage Pointe Golf Club

Info/register/sponsor: Shelley @ 403-253-0565

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+ "Since, in the long run, every planetary civilization will be endangered by impacts from space, every surviving civilization is obliged to become spacefaring--not because of exploratory or romantic zeal, but for the most practical reason imaginable: staying alive... If our long-term survival is at stake, we have a basic responsibility to our species to venture to other worlds." - Carl Sagan >

+ "There are so many benefits to be derived from space exploration and exploitation; why not take what seems to me the only chance of escaping what is otherwise the sure destruction of all that humanity has struggled to achieve for 50,000 years?"

- Isaac Asimov >

+ ' Golf is a game that needlessly prolongs the lives of some of our most useless citizens.' – Bob Hope >

+ 'They say 'practice' makes perfect. Of course, it doesn't. For the vast majority of golfers it merely consolidates imperfection.' – Henry Longhurst >

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