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New Commissioner and CEO Appointed

VICTORIA — The BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) is pleased to announce Paul Jeakins has been appointed as Commissioner and CEO.

“Mr. Jeakins has worked for the BC Oil and Gas Commission for many years and has a wealth of experience to succeed as Commissioner and CEO,” said Energy and Mines Minister Rich Coleman. “With his leadership, the Commission will continue to establish itself as Canada’s leading oil and gas regulator.”

Mr. Jeakins was most recently the Chief Operating Officer and Interim CEO. He has been with the Commission for six years, overseeing a number of business units including operational and strategic First Nations consultations and negotiations, permitting, compliance and enforcement, business improvement, auditing, regulatory affairs and stewardship, and geology and reservoir engineering.

“I’m looking forward to taking on this new leadership role,” Mr. Jeakins says. “I intend to maintain the momentum which has established the Commission as the leading oil and gas regulator in Canada by building the internal expertise to take on emerging technical challenges, strengthening our collaboration with government, industry, First Nations, the public and stakeholders, and expanding our reporting and transparency initiatives.”

The Commissioner and CEO is the operational and strategic leader of the Commission, holding statutory decision-making authority as well as the ability to delegate decision-making authority to staff within the operational divisions.

The Commission is the independent regulator of oil and gas activities in British Columbia, and has regulatory responsibility for industry activity from the exploration and development phases, through to facilities operation and decommissioning.

For further background on Mr. Jeakins, see the attached biography.

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Paul Jeakins

Paul Jeakins is the Commissioner and CEO with the BC Oil and Gas Commission.

A native of Vancouver, British Columbia, Mr. Jeakins graduated from the University of Alberta in 1985 with a Bachelor of Science in Forestry and recently completed his Master's thesis in environment and management.

Prior to joining the BC Oil and Gas Commission in 2006, Mr. Jeakins was a partner in a resource consulting firm.

His roles at the Commission have included Chief Operating Officer, Deputy Commissioner of Regulatory Affairs and Stewardship and Manager of Audits.

In October 2011, Mr. Jeakins accepted his current position as Commissioner and CEO, where he is the strategic and operational leader of the Commission.



Paul Jeakins

He brings 25 years of expertise to the role in organizational leadership, financial management, regulatory and strategic planning and decision making.

Based out of Victoria, he divides his work time between the Commission's offices in Fort St. John, Dawson Creek, Fort Nelson and Kelowna, and regularly travels to Calgary.