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SUBJECT: Deputy Commissioner Appointed to Oil and Gas Commission

The Oil and Gas Commission has appointed Mr. Alex Ferguson as Deputy Commissioner and Operations Division Leader.

“Alex’s extensive experience in policy development, corporate operations, and multi-resource management will be a significant asset to the Oil and Gas Commission,” said Greg Reimer, Chair of the Board of the Oil and Gas Commission, and Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources. “Alex’s input will be invaluable as the Commission works with government and industry on policies that harmonize and implement oil and gas sector legislation.”

Mr. Ferguson brings over 13 years experience with Canadian Forest Products Ltd., holding the position of Chief Forester for the past five years. He is a Registered Professional Forester who has had a wide-range of relevant experience, including: providing strategic and tactical direction for multi-disciplinary land use planning at both corporate and divisional levels across British Columbia; developing corporate-level policy direction for First Nations business and community relationships – including assisting business units negotiate and implement local-level agreements; leading company negotiations for the B.C. government Forest Revitalization Initiative; providing operational management and leadership at a business unit level; and working collaboratively with First Nations, government agencies, environmental groups and other stakeholders.

“I am looking forward to being part of the Oil and Gas Commission team, especially in light of the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for both the organization and the oil and gas sector,” Mr. Ferguson said.

The Oil and Gas Commission will benefit from Alex’s experience as the Chair of the B.C. Forum on Forest Economics and Policy, his membership on the University of British Columbia’s First Nations Council of Advisors, the B.C. Business Council’s Aboriginal Affairs Committee, the Forest Products Association of Canada Aboriginal Affairs Committee, and the B.C. Ministry of Forests/Industry Forest Policy Implementation Forum.

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Mr. Ferguson will be directly responsible for integrating the activities of applications, compliance, drilling, regulatory affairs, and engineering teams within the Commission. Mr. Ferguson will be based in Fort St. John.

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