

## **Media Backgrounder**

Saskatchewan Energy and Resources

### **Saskatchewan Adopts Petroleum Registry Technology**

The Ministry of Energy and Resources announced an Oil and Gas System Renewal project, as part of the 2009-2010 Budget, to review and renew major oil and gas related processes and systems for efficiency and effectiveness. The last major renewal project occurred in the 1980s.

Alberta and Saskatchewan signed a memorandum of Agreement to enable Saskatchewan to adopt and fully utilize the capabilities of the Petroleum Registry of Alberta.

The Registry serves three functions:

1. It is a central data base for all of the volumetric and infrastructure data supporting Saskatchewan's petroleum and natural gas royalty regimes and tax administration;
2. It is a means to enable the Ministry of Energy and Resources and industry stakeholders to exchange accurate information quickly and efficiently; and
3. It is an analysis tool.

Saskatchewan's data will remain separate from others' data.

Fujitsu Consulting (Canada) Ltd. will provide Saskatchewan with registry support.

"Joining the Petroleum Registry is something our organization encouraged," Gary Leach, Executive Director, Small Explorers and Producers Association of Canada (SEPAC) said. "This will make Saskatchewan an even better place for junior and intermediate oil and gas producers to operate."

"We support an integrated data management system applied as broadly as possible across operating areas in Western Canada," Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) Vice-President Operations, David Pryce said. "This tool will improve information access for government, industry and regulators, especially as it applies to production accounting, and other pertinent data sets. It will create efficiencies that will add to the competitive position of Saskatchewan as it proceeds with the development of its hydrocarbon resources."