

# OIL & GAS AWARDS



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## Honouring the industry stars

The Oil & Gas Awards champion best practices and recognize responsible organizations operating in the upstream and mid-stream sectors of the industry. The Oil & Gas Awards, held in Calgary on Wednesday, June 24, are unique in highlighting the incredible innovation and commitment to positive industry development and expansion.

The awards showcase the industry at its very best and provide a platform to demonstrate the great work being done. The awards celebrate corporate success twinned with organization's commitment to health and safety, environmental stewardship and corporate social responsibility.

The awards, established in 2012, are determined by a panel of judges composed of 25 judges. This year's winners came from a list of many hundreds of entries that were whittled down by the judging panel to form the list of finalists in each category.

"Having run the Oil & Gas Awards for the last three years throughout North America we have never seen such a great response from the market," said awards chairman Daniel Creasey. "Responsible development of energy remains the highest priority in Canada, and the finalists and winners ... are testament to the strength in depth Canada's oil-and-gas sector enjoys."

The award winners (with excerpts from judges' remarks):

**Excellence in Health & Safety, Products** *Aware360*  
Multi-use ... Great for safety but also for security. User-friendly and easily accessible for single-worker usage (could save many lives of workers working alone in isolated areas).

**Engineering Company of the Year** *UniversalPegasus International*  
Clear and remarkable breadth of case studies to support their submission with a number of challenges overcome in each project. Good multi-disciplinary engineering work and good local commitment to the community.

**Workforce Housing Provider of the Year** *Redrock Camps*  
Incredible growth is testament to the quality of camp and the culture instilled by the president. This company offers more than just workforce housing, they provide quality,



Celebrants: Representatives from Seven Generation Energy and Blackbird Energy enjoy the evening.

innovative camps, nourishing food and proper R&R for the workers.

**Construction Company of the Year** *IPAC Services Corp.*  
Impressive portfolio of projects and clients. Commitment to environment demonstrated through PCB soil remediation system. Approx \$160,000 in annual donations to local charities.

**Water Management Company of the Year** *Integrated Sustainability*  
Comprehensive and detailed submission that excellently underpins the contributions of the company to the industry, their clients and, overall, water management best practices. Significant successful projects across Canada deserve the recognition.

**New Technology Development of the Year, Software** *Energisight*  
The petroleum planning software allows the modelling, design and budgeting of complete projects, which provides a comprehensive tool to manage even the most complex projects. This software is a powerful tool and should allow companies to optimize their projects for maximum value at minimum cost.

**VZ Environmental Award for Excellence in Environmental Stewardship** *McMillan-McGee Corp.*  
Faster, more effective means of (contaminated soil) treatment. To be able to employ a technol-

ogy that would in essence separate contaminants from soil, which could be collected and removed rather than stripping areas of their natural soils and backfilling is quite progressive.

**Trucking Company of the Year, Presented by Kenworth Trucks** *PVT Performance Vac & Tank Services Ltd.*  
Committed to being part of the group that developed the industry's first vacuum truck driver training program, to ensure safety of vacuum truck operators in a complex and potentially dangerous service. Amazing customer satisfaction. Best health and safety training.

**Risk Management Company of**

**the Year** *Gallagher Energy Risk Services*  
Their commitment to their clients and their communities is clear. The testimonials are outstanding and they have shown much of their commitment to the standards of ethical behaviour they adhere to in their entry.

**Oilfield Services Company of the Year** *Katch Kan Ltd.*  
Zero spill system ensures drilling fluids are captured and not spilled. Technology implemented in over 60 countries

worldwide since starting in Canada. Lower operating costs due to recycling, no down-hole tool dropping and environmental liabilities reduced from spills makes it an economic solution.

**Breitling Energy Future Industry Leader** *James Armstrong, Nexen Energy ULC*  
You hear so much about challenges the sector faces; it is nice to read about a young man who has a clear dedication to his industry. He is well-travelled, experienced, and has proven deal-making ability.

**Excellence in Drilling** *Ensign Energy Services Inc.*  
Pioneering rig technologies

**Kerr Pumps and FlowValve Award for Excellence in Well Completion** *Calfrac Well Services*

The quality of their assets and chemistry is fundamental to the viability of a long-life, specialized oilfield service company that serves a global market.

**Excellence in Corporate Social Responsibility** *Maxxam Analytics*

They have established an enviable position as an industry leader in the field of corporate social responsibility. They have established guiding principles for corporate governance, respect for the environment, contributions for the communities, while creating opportunities for their employees, which guides the way they do business.

**Industry Supplier of the Year** *Britespan Building Systems Inc.*

Innovative technology provides company and clients with a cost and quality advantage. Scalability is built into the product so that a building requirement can easily be plugged into virtually any industry.

**The Oil & Gas Financial Journal Transaction of the Year** *Repsol*

The deal had many positive synergies worldwide and locally. The metrics on the deal were very strong both in terms of asset value acquired and production rates. The strategic vision was clearly identified.

**Excellence in Health & Safety, Operational** *IPAC Services Corp.*

Outstanding achievement in HS&E, 2,000,000 hours of work without a lost-time accident is exceptional. Impressive case study for Bellatrix Exploration. Implementation of STAR Cards and Safety Stop programs.

**Manufacturer of the Year** *Tenaris*

The company does everything right. Love the university idea. Their commitment to developing and maintaining their position whilst contributing positively to their communities and their staff is outstanding.

**New Technology Development of the Year, Product** *Blue Spark Energy*

Excellent low-cost remedial reworking of bore hole. Zero damage to hydrocarbons. Environmentally friendly. Five solid case studies showing decent results for a small investment. I see the need to apply this technology for lots of wells in Western Canada.

**Consultancy of the Year** *Big Guns Energy Services*

Development of processes to achieve geo-containment is a major accomplishment given the expectation that in-situ projects such as SAGD's and CSC's will continue to grow in number. Prevention of cap-rock failures is integral to the success of these projects and involves a significant amount of detailed engineering and geological input.

**Themark Corporation E&P Company of the Year** *Seven Generations Energy Ltd.*

They have developed a skilled technical and commercial team to deliver value for shareholders. Their commitments to the environment, their staff and to the communities in which they operate are clear and well-defined.

**Industry Leader** *Quinn Holtby, Katch Kan.*

Quinn Holtby is the founder, owner and CEO of a company that has an impressive track record of successful innovation in helping the world's oil and gas industry become measurably safer and more environmentally friendly.

For winning company photographs and biographies, see pages FP8-FP10.

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and global health and safety standards supporting the development of their rigs. They have shown a clear dedication to the development of their proprietary technologies and the ADR 1500S is the product of this commitment.

**General Industry Service Award** *CEDA*

Excellent feedback from top-notch operators like Shell and Cenovus. Prides itself in its staff and the safety of its staff and clients. Testimonials validate that they listen to their clients.

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## Summit panels examine ways to improve sector

The Canada Oil & Gas Awards are more than a celebration of its best and brightest who help the sector flourish. It is also an opportunity for leaders to compare notes on how to maintain and improve performance within the most important elements of the industry.

The conference provides a forum for vital introspection via its Industry Summit, a five-part series of panel discussions involving representatives with a proven track record: they come from the companies being acknowledged at the conference for their successes.

The Industry Summit was held during the day of the Awards gala. The focus of the summit revolves around the core themes of the awards. The aim of the summit is to communicate to the market the best practice that the finalists are implementing to ensure the Oil and Gas Awards initiative

educates as well as acknowledges achievements.

The summit panels focused on five key industry themes: **Leadership** Panel moderator, Quinn Holtby, president/CEO, Katch Kan; panelists Garth Braun, president/CEO, Blackbird Energy, Pat Carlson, CEO, Seven Generation Energy, and Dr. Bruce C. McGee, president/CEO, E-T Energy.

The leadership panel brought together leaders of a variety of companies to discuss some of the most pertinent issues they are facing.

"What we are focusing on with this change in commodity price is continuing to implement new technology to develop or delineate the resource, reduce our stage lengths, increase tonnage and try to ultimately increase the ultimate recovery," Carlson said.

"We are stewards of a resource for Grand Prairie, for Al-

berta, for Canada," Braun said. "The government has basically given us the responsibility to develop this resource with best practices."

**Health and safety** Moderated by Ben Preston, vice-president, Marsh & McLennan Companies. Panelists: Bradley Huber, general manager, HSE-Trinidad Drilling, Leo Sullivan, account manager, Total Safety, Ryan Groot, general manager, HSE-Murphy Oil, and Ephimios 'George' Sgouromitis, corporate manager, HSS&E-Gibson Energy.

The panel focused on health and safety risks within the industry and considered the impact of the current industry downturn on health and safety.

"The downturn has given us the time to really focus on our programs," Huber noted. "One key point with health and safety is to keep an open mind: don't get stuck on, 'my way is the best or the only way.' There

are always better ways to do things so keep an open mind — there are a lot of smart guys out there."

"From a midstream perspective we find we do a lot of work with large and small oil companies and suppliers, (and) you can see customers are not reducing their health and safety spend. They understand the return on investment," Sgouromitis said. "The safety message has to be consistent, focused and very clear."

**Corporate social responsibility** Moderated by Hilary McMeekin, senior account director, Edelman. Panelists: Fred Hutchings, senior vice-president, Maxxam Analytics, Tammy Charland-McLaughlin, vice-president of operations, Primco Dene, and Thomas Miller, vice-president, communications, Breitling Energy.

The CSR panel focused on the prevalence of corporate social responsibility within



The Leadership panel, moderated by Katch Kan president/CEO Quinn Holtby.

the industry, and the drivers for companies implementing meaningful initiatives.

"For us, first and foremost CSR is an employee engagement opportunity. We employ a lot of young graduates; it is often their first job. One thing we have learned that they look for is the opportunity to identify and engage with an employer, so for us CSR is a way to do something meaningful away from the confines of the work environment. So, we look for CSR opportunities that involve our employees and are meaningful to them," Hutchings said. "Another reason for CSR is to reinforce our values and ethics

in the public marketplace. We feel our employees look for us to do that almost as a reassurance they are working for the right company. I think CSR rose out of a notion of a social license to do business, it was not sufficient to just be a good employer."

The final two panel discussions examined New government, new business, and import/export.

For video footage of panels and presentations from the Industry Summit, visit the *Canada Summit website*, [www.oilandgasawards.com/2015-canada-industry-summit](http://www.oilandgasawards.com/2015-canada-industry-summit).