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APEGGA Supports Vision and Directions Established in Alberta's Provincial Energy Strategy

Edmonton – The Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta has released a brief position paper addressing the Government of Alberta's Provincial Energy Strategy. The paper notes that capable and effective leadership is needed if Alberta is to fully realize the vast potential of our energy resources.

APEGGA acknowledges the clear vision and directions established by the Government of Alberta in the strategy laid out in *Launching Alberta's Energy Future*.

"APEGGA's membership brings valued expertise and leadership to the challenge of creating the new practices and technologies that will advance clean energy production," said Energy Minister Ron Liepert. "The Provincial Energy Strategy sets ambitious goals, but we have the expertise and the entrepreneurs in Alberta who can help us achieve them."

"The engineering and geoscience professions in Alberta believe that society will be best served by raising the bar to produce energy more cleanly as well as by walking the talk within Alberta by being wiser energy consumers," says APEGGA President Jim Beckett, P.Eng.

It is recognized that achieving these objectives, particularly in a way consistent with sustainable economic prosperity, will entail significant technical challenges.

"We are confident that just as professional engineers and geoscientists have helped to build Alberta's energy industry since 1949, APEGGA members will continue to meet energy sector challenges with enthusiasm and creativity," adds Beckett.

Representing engineering and geoscience professionals, APEGGA will contribute to the public dialogue and, when requested, will nominate expert, non-partisan members to serve on high level code bodies, advisory agencies and governance boards. Celebrating its 90th anniversary, APEGGA is responsible for regulating the practices of engineering, geology and geophysics in the province of Alberta. The association's 57,000 members play a significant role in every segment of the economy and their technical and management expertise ensure Alberta remains at the forefront of technological innovation.

The APEGGA position paper on Alberta's Energy Strategy is available at www.apegga.org.

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