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Unique Professional Development Resource Uses Internet to Assist Engineering and Geoscience Professionals

Calgary – A unique cyber marketplace called PEGGasus is now available at www.peggasus.ca. Professional engineers and geoscientists can search for professional development opportunities ranging from traditional classroom-based courses to webbased engineering and geoscience forums, evaluate them and then enrol in them – all online.

This innovative marketplace on the Internet currently lists 1,500 items from 30 sources in Alberta, Canada and the U.S. such as RedVector.com, a global leader in online education for professional engineers. Other providers include Athabasca University, Educational Program Innovations Centre, Grant MacEwan College, Mount Royal College, Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, Petroleum Institute for Continuing Education, University of Alberta and University of Calgary.

PEGGasus' listings include specific and highly technical topics such as oil and gas seminars or electrical workshops in addition to offerings in broader areas of interest such as business, management and marketing. Available items may be delivered as courses, seminars, programs, meetings, luncheons, trade shows or conferences.

"What makes PEGGasus unique in Canada is the fact that it brings together, in one virtual location, information about as many professional development events and opportunities as possible for Alberta's geoscience and engineering community," says PEGGasus Manager, Market Development Derek McCune. "The one-stop shopping approach not only allows users to search, evaluate and select opportunities but an additional feature allows users to initiate a standing search agent service that will alert them by e-mail when an opportunity that meets their specific needs becomes available."

PEGGasus is the result of a partnership between the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta, the University of Alberta's Institute of Professional Development, the National Research Council and Terra Prime Developments. The project has also received financial support from industry sponsors including Bantrel, Husky Energy, Syncrude and UMA.

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