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Premier's Council asked to 'think big' about Alberta's future

David Emerson to chair expert panel on harnessing the province's potential

Edmonton... The 12 members of the Premier's Council for Economic Strategy will consider long-term goals for Alberta and provide advice on actions the Alberta government can take to best position the province for the future. The council will be chaired by noted business executive and experienced cabinet minister, the Honourable David Emerson.

"We've put together an impressive range of experts from around the globe to advise on how we can best position Alberta for the future - and reach our full potential as a province," said Premier Ed Stelmach. "I want them to think big and provide an external perspective on our efforts to boost innovation, diversify the economy, enhance our quality of life, and sustain prosperity over the long-term."

Council members are Elyse Allan, Professor Sir John Bell, Robert (Bob) Brawn, David Dodge, Juan Enriquez, James K. Gray, Clive Mather, Honourable Anne McLellan, Courtney Pratt, Dr. Lorne Taylor and Professor Jennifer Welsh.

The council will meet with government, experts, Albertans and others beyond Alberta to develop ideas to ensure Alberta's continued prosperity and quality of life over the next three decades. The council will be an 'ideas incubator' that will consider the unique challenges and opportunities facing Alberta. It will look at strategies that have worked in other places, in Canada and throughout the world and for made-in-Alberta strategies that can be pioneered here.

Topics the council will consider include:

- taking account of Alberta's current natural resources and built-assets and the strengths of Alberta's people and its institutions;
- identifying major forces and trends shaping the world and Alberta over the 2010 to 2040 period;
- reviewing the implications of major external and internal forces and trends on Alberta's economy, society and government;
- considering the Government of Alberta's Strategic Business Plan and other key strategy documents in relation to the implications of major external and internal forces and trends; and,
- reviewing the strategic approaches employed by other jurisdictions.

The council is expected to meet approximately every six months over a three-year period and will provide ongoing comment, advice and recommendations to the Premier.

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Premier's Council on Economic Strategy member bios

Honourable David L. Emerson - Chair

The Honourable David Emerson is currently involved in a number of projects including: Senior Advisor to law firm Farris, Vaughn, Wills and Murphy; Senior Advisor to CAI Managers, a private equity fund; Board of Directors, Finning International; Executive Chair, British Columbia Transmission Corporation; Chair of BC Premier's Economic Advisory Council; Director of Timberwest Forest Corporation; and Director of the Canada China Business Council.

As a Member of Parliament from 2004-2008, Mr. Emerson held the positions of Minister of Industry, Minister of International Trade (with responsibility for 2010 Winter Olympics and Asia Pacific Gateway Initiative) and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Government of Canada.

Elyse Allan

As President and Chief Executive Officer of GE Canada, Elyse Allan advances GE's leadership in Canada in infrastructure, technology, media and financial services. Mrs. Allan is active around many issues that influence Canada's productivity and competitive advantage including building the country's science and technology base, competitive fiscal policy and strong cities.

She serves as a director on several corporate and non-profit boards including the Canadian Council of Chief Executives, C.D. Howe Institute, Public Policy Forum and the Royal Ontario Museum. She is Vice Chair of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. In 2009 Minister Flaherty appointed Mrs. Allan to the Finance Advisory Committee. Mrs. Allan earned a BA and MBA from Dartmouth and the Amos Tuck School at Dartmouth in Hanover, New Hampshire. She holds an honorary doctorate from Ryerson University.

Professor Sir John Bell

Professor Sir John Bell is Regius Professor of Medicine, University of Oxford and in 2008, was made a Fellow of the Royal Society and a Knight Bachelor for his services to Medical Science. He has been President of The Academy of Medical Sciences since 2006.

Professor Bell's expertise is in the fields of immunology and genetics. He founded the Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics in 2003, which houses one of the world's most successful genetics programmes identifying common disease susceptibility factors. He sits on a wide range of public and private sector bodies responsible for biomedical research in Canada, Sweden, Denmark, France, Singapore and the UK. He is a non-executive director of Roche AG. He has been a founding director of three biotechnology start up companies, two of which spun out of his laboratory. Professor Bell is a Board Member of UK Biobank and is Chairman of the Oxford Health Alliance. He is also a member of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Scientific Advisory Committee.

Robert (Bob) Brawn

Robert Brawn has more than 51 years of experience in oil and gas and resources industries, having worked as a chemical engineer, in oilfield servicing, managing research and development of new products, and starting his own gasoline marketing and oil recycling company.

Mr. Brawn is currently Chairman of Alberta Economic Development Authority, Chairman of the

Board and Director of Grande Cache Coal Corporation, and president and director of several private companies. He serves on a number of major national boards of directors including PennWest Energy Trust, ATB Financial, Parkland Income Trust and Black Diamond Trust. Mr. Brawn was instrumental in founding the Brawn Foundation (a family charitable foundation) with assets exceeding \$12 million and is Chairman of the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation (assets of plus \$30 million).

David Dodge

David Dodge, an Officer of the Order of Canada, holds a PhD in economics from Princeton. During his academic career, Mr. Dodge taught economics at a number of prominent universities. As part of a distinguished career in the federal public service, Mr. Dodge held senior positions in the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the Anti-Inflation Board, and the Department of Employment and Immigration. He also served as the federal Deputy Minister of Finance and Deputy Minister of Health, a position he held until his appointment as Governor of the Bank of Canada.

Mr. Dodge is currently Chancellor of Queen's University. He is Senior Advisor at Bennett Jones LLP, one of Canada's leading law firms, and is a member of the board of directors of Canadian Utilities Limited, the C.D. Howe Institute and the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research. He also co-chairs the Global Market Monitoring Group of the International Institute of Finance.

Juan Enriquez

Juan Enriquez is an experienced business leader, author, and academic who is recognized as one of the world's leading authorities on the economic and political impacts of life sciences. He is a Managing Director in Excel Medical Ventures, a venture capital firm that invests in life science companies whose products/services significantly change their field.

He was the founding director of Harvard Business School's Life Sciences Project. He then founded Biotechonomy LLC, a life sciences research and investment firm, where he remains as Chairman and CEO. In July of 2005, he co-founded Synthetic Genomics, Inc. He has been an active investor in early-stage private companies in the biotechnology and information sciences sectors. While at Harvard, he wrote various articles and case studies, won a McKinsey Prize, and published the best-selling *As the Future Catches You*, an analysis of the impact of genomics on business and society. His latest book *Untied States* explores why, as technology advances, some countries are successful while others disappear.

James K. Gray

James Gray is an exploration geologist who, for the past 50 years, has been engaged in the oil and natural gas exploration business in Western Canada. In 1973, Mr. Gray co-founded Canadian Hunter Exploration Ltd., one of Canada's larger natural gas producers. Over the 28 years of his involvement with Canadian Hunter, he served as Executive Vice President, President and CEO, and Chairman until the company was purchased by Burlington Resources in December 2001 for C\$3.4 billion.

Among his current activities, Mr. Gray is Chairman of the Canada West Foundation, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Calgary Academy and an Honourary Life Director of the Calgary YMCA. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of Atlanta Gold Inc., Brookfield Asset Management Inc., Brookfield Renewable Power Inc., Phoenix Technology Income Fund and Resin Systems Inc. as well as Director Emeritus of Canadian National Railway and non-executive Chairman of Temple Energy Inc.

Clive Mather

Clive Mather is the Chairman of Iogen Corporation, a Canadian bio tech company that is the leading producer of cellulosic ethanol - a carbon neutral, renewable transport fuel from straw and grass. He is the Chairman of the Shell Pensions Trust Ltd. in the UK, managing assets of some \$17 billion. He is the Chairman of Tearfund, the international Christian relief agency

combating global poverty. In this role, he is an ambassador for Tearfund around the world as well as chairing the Board.

Mr. Mather's 38-year career with Shell spanned all its major businesses, including assignments in Brunei, Gabon, North America, South Africa, the Netherlands and the UK. Most recently he was President and CEO of Shell Canada based in Calgary and before that Chairman of Shell in the UK. An advocate of leadership for good and corporate social responsibility, he has held many public appointments in the UK, including Commissioner for the Equal Opportunities Commission, Chairman of the Government/Industry CSR Academy and Deputy Chairman of the Windsor Leadership Trust. He is a Companion of the Chartered Management Institute and Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development.

Honourable Anne McLellan

The Honourable Anne McLellan is currently with Bennett Jones LLP, providing strategic advice to the firm and its clients. She is also Distinguished Scholar in Residence at the University of Alberta in the Alberta Institute for American Studies.

As a Member of Parliament from 1993-2006, Ms. McLellan served as Deputy Prime Minister of Canada and Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, Minister of Health, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, and Minister of Natural Resources. Ms. McLellan serves on the Board of Directors of Nexen, Agrium, Cameco, and the Edmonton Regional Airport Authority. She also sits on the Boards of the Royal Alexandra Hospital Charitable Foundation, Habitat for Humanity Edmonton Society, Canadian Business for Social Responsibility, and Institute for Research on Public Policy. Ms. McLellan was recently appointed to Canadian Blood Services Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation National Steering Committee.

Courtney Pratt

Courtney Pratt was appointed Chairman and CEO of the Toronto Regional Research Alliance in October 2007. Previously, he served as Chairman of Stelco Inc. from April 2006 to October 2007, and as President and CEO of Stelco Inc. from January 2004 to March 2006. He is also Chairman of Knightsbridge Human Capital and a Director for 407ETR and Moosehead Breweries. As well, Mr. Pratt is a member of the Ontario Advisory Council of Telus.

Mr. Pratt was awarded the Order of Canada in January 1999. His community involvement includes Director of Canadian Policy Research Networks, Canadian Council on Learning and Toronto City Summit Alliance.

Lorne Taylor

Dr. Lorne Taylor is a consultant and businessman based in Medicine Hat, Alberta, and the current Chair of the Alberta Water Research Institute. As the Member for the Legislative Assembly of Alberta from 1993 to 2004, he served as Alberta's Minister of Science, Research and Information Technology, Minister of Innovation and Science, and Minister of the Environment.

Dr. Taylor holds a Ph.D in educational psychology from the University of Calgary, and has served as Lecturer with Tenure at the University of New South Wales, as an Associate Professor with Tenure and Acting Director of the Institute for Research in Human Abilities at the Memorial University of Newfoundland, and as a Tenured Associate Professor at the University of Saskatchewan.

Professor Jennifer M. Welsh

Professor Jennifer Welsh is Professor in International Relations at the University of Oxford, a Fellow of Somerville College and a Trudeau Foundation Fellow. She is a former Jean Monnet Fellow of the European University Institute in Florence, and was a Cadieux Research Fellow in the Policy Planning Staff of the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs. Dr. Welsh has taught

international relations at the University of Toronto, McGill University, and the Central European University (Prague). She is the author, co-author, and editor of several books and articles on international relations. She also sits on the Board of Trustees of the Walter and Duncan Gordon Foundation.

Her current research projects include the evolution of the notion of the 'responsibility to protect' in international society, the ethics of post-conflict reconstruction, the authority of the UN Security Council, and a critique of conditional notions of sovereignty. She is a frequent commentator in Canadian media on foreign policy and international relations.

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