

March 10, 2010

European meetings on responsible development key to advancing Alberta's competitiveness

Edmonton... To promote Alberta's competitiveness, Alberta Energy's parliamentary assistant Diana McQueen will be speaking in Norway, England and Germany about Alberta's focus on environmentally responsible resource development. McQueen, MLA for Drayton Valley-Calmar, will be attending carbon capture and storage (CCS) seminars and meeting with energy industry leaders in Oslo, London and Dusseldorf from March 15 to March 23.

"Alberta is recognized as a leader in energy development," said McQueen. "What's not always so clear is that Alberta is also advancing in developing our resources in an environmentally responsible way. It's an area in which we are emerging as a leader, and this is a great opportunity to get that message out."

McQueen will be speaking at seminars in Oslo, Norway, on March 16; in London, England, on March 18; and in Dusseldorf, Germany, on March 22. She will share highlights of Alberta's \$2-billion CCS initiative, speak about Alberta's efforts in addressing climate change issues and reaffirm that Alberta's energy sector remains an excellent place to invest. She will also meet with members of the energy industry in all three countries.

Representatives from the four proposed CCS projects selected to receive funding under Alberta's CCS initiative will also make presentations at all seminars. The Alberta government is expecting to sign grant agreements with these projects in 2010. It's expected that CCS technology will be responsible for achieving about 70 per cent of the reductions goal in Alberta's Climate Change Strategy.

The Government of Alberta has a clear plan for a strong economic recovery. The Way Forward will bring Alberta back into a surplus position in three years by trimming government spending; using cash reserves to protect key programs; continuing to invest in public infrastructure; and ensuring that our province's industries are competitive and continue to attract investment to provide jobs and prosperity.

The expected cost for McQueen's trip to Europe is estimated to be \$20,000.

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Backgrounder: Diana McQueen's Itinerary

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Diana McQueen's European Itinerary*

Sunday, March 14 and Monday, March 15

Travel to London, England
Travel to Oslo, Norway

Attend and bring remarks at a dinner co-hosted by Canadian Ambassador John Hannaford and the Government of Alberta

Tuesday, March 16

Meet with Ministry of Petroleum and Energy
Meet with Det norske Vertas (risk management company)
Meet with officials of the Canadian Embassy to Norway
Attend Norway Carbon Capture and Storage Seminar

- Bring remarks on behalf of the Government of Alberta

Wednesday, March 17

Attend carbon capture and storage reception
Attend dinner hosted by Canadian High Commissioner James R. Wright

- Provide overview of Alberta and carbon capture and storage

Thursday, March 18

Attend UK Carbon Capture and Storage Seminar

- Bring remarks on behalf of the Government of Alberta

Meet with Minister of State Lord Hunt of Kings Heath
Meet with Under Secretary of State David Kidney
Meet with Jeff Chapman, CEO, Carbon Capture and Storage Association

Friday, March 19

Meet with Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade's Oil Sands Advocacy Group

Saturday, March 20

Personal program

Sunday, March 21

Travel to Dusseldorf, Germany
Meet with Dr. Peter Boehm, Canadian Ambassador to Germany

Monday, March 22

Attend Germany Carbon Capture and Storage Seminar

- Bring remarks on behalf of the Government of Alberta

Meet with Cluster Industrielle Biotechnologie 2010
Meet with North Rhine-Westphalia Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy
Meet with Wuppertal Institute
Meet with the Julich Centre
Meet with IZ Klima
Attend dinner hosted by the Ambassador to Germany

- Provide an overview of Alberta's involvement in carbon capture and storage

Tuesday, March 23

Visit carbon capture and storage site - Niederaussem CO2 scrubbing plant

Travel to Edmonton

**This itinerary is tentative and subject to change.*

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