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OIL SANDS COMMUNITY ALLIANCE NAMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Fort McMurray, AB – The Oil Sands Community Alliance (OSCA) is pleased to announce that Reegan McCullough has been hired as the organization’s new executive director. He takes over from Lee Funke, who has served as interim executive director since May 2013.

McCullough has over 20 years of executive management experience with the Government of Alberta in the areas of social housing, consumer services, disability programs and tourism initiatives. More recently, Reegan has been an Assistant Deputy Minister with Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation and was instrumental in the development of Alberta’s Tourism Framework – A Pathway to Growth.

“I am excited to be returning to northern Alberta where I was born, raised and employed for many years,” said McCullough. “I am looking forward to the challenge of balancing the needs and expectations of industry and our regional stakeholders through collaboration, open communication and achieving results.”

McCullough assumes his new duties on March 17. He will take on the responsibility for the ongoing management of the OSCA’s committees and projects that address a variety of socio-economic issues in four core areas – aboriginal, community well-being, infrastructure and workforce.

Funke adds, “Reegan is a noted strategic planner, critical thinker, program manager and communicator – all important skills as he leads the OSCA with implementation of the organization’s new mandate. I know from my own experience over the last 10 months that the stakeholders in the Athabasca Oil Sands Area will welcome Reegan and his family, and support his efforts with the OSCA to maximize the benefits of the oil sands industry in our communities.”

The Oil Sands Community Alliance collaborates closely with oil sands operators and developers, related industries, governments, aboriginal communities, and other organizations to pursue innovative solutions that help to build thriving communities and shared value with our neighbours and enable the responsible growth of Canada’s oil sands.

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