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MINERAL RIGHTS INFORMATION BULLETIN 2008-01

SUBJECT: Sales Results Map

Consultations conducted by the Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Committee (MAC) relating to the development of coalbed methane (natural gas in coal) in Alberta, resulted in the following recommendation:

*Alberta Energy should review the full range of paper to electronic options of notification and should work with local government and other agencies **to provide current petroleum and natural gas sales data in a user-friendly format** (including map format) to local and/or rural offices such as county offices, agriculture offices and public libraries.*

This recommendation was in direct response to requests from landowners who would like to know when mineral rights under their land had been sold. These landowners want the opportunity to be aware of the development of those mineral rights.

Although the results of mineral rights sales are currently available on the Department of Energy's website, there are opportunities to present the information in a more user friendly manner. The department has developed an online mapping tool to display the results of the most recent sale of petroleum and natural gas as well as oil sands rights. In addition, the instructions to obtain an agreement or land search have been updated to make it easier for companies and individuals to conduct this type of search.

The sales results map may be accessed by going to the department's website: <http://www.energy.alberta.ca/>. Scroll down to "People Services" and click on "Sales Results Map" → On the "Interactive Maps" page, scroll down and click on → "Sales Results Map".

For optimal performance, the suggested minimum system requirement is set out in the attachment to this information bulletin.

A user manual is also available which provides detailed instructions on how to use the map as well as a summary user manual. Please familiarize yourself with these manuals before using the map.

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Minimum requirements to use the Sales Results Map:

SOFTWARE

- Firefox/Microsoft Internet explorer – Version supported by the software vendor.
 - ❑ Currently Firefox Version 1.0 and higher
 - ❑ Currently Internet Explorer 6.0 and higher
- Web browser **must** support Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) 3.0 with Cipher strength of 128 bits.
- Windows XP and higher
- Adobe Reader version 6.0 or later.
- JavaScript on the browser **must** be enabled.
- Minimum screen resolution of 800 x 600.
- System allows browser cookies.

HARDWARE

- Computer/Processor 133 MHz or higher Pentium-compatible CPU.
- Memory at least 64 megabytes (MB) of RAM; more memory generally improves responsiveness.
- VGA display or higher resolution monitor
- Keyboard/Mouse Required

NETWORKING

- Internet Access
 - ❑ Connection speed of 28.8 kbps or greater.
 - ❑ **High Speed** connection (like ADSL or cable) is recommended.