



Quebecers to visit Alberta farmers and learn about the advantages of the natural gas industry.

Trois Rivières, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 -- The Oil and Gas Services Association of Québec (OGSAQ) announced today that it will sponsor a tour for approximately twelve residents of the Lowlands to visit Alberta to see natural gas development and production activities. The tour will give these Quebecers the opportunity to visit Albertan farmers who have worked in the industry for years.

“I am inviting people from the Lowlands to come and see the industry practices for themselves. The place for this to be done is in Alberta,” commented Mario Levesque, President of OGSAQ. He added, “I am proud to contribute to the Canadian natural gas industry. Western Canadians are the best in the world at onshore natural gas development. Our industry has access to the same technology as Americans however our regulatory environment is different. The result: one of the best safety and environmental track records for any industry in North America.”

The trip is sponsored by OGSAQ in association with the Canadian association of petroleum producers (CAPP) and will provide opportunities for Quebecers to meet farmers in Alberta to discuss their personal experiences with oil and gas development on their land. “It is important for residents of the Lowlands to meet their counterparts in Alberta to have an open dialogue about their experiences with industry,” said Mr. Levesque. “Natural gas development, including drilling horizontal wells and multi-stage hydraulic fracturing occurs regularly on farm lands in populated areas of Alberta and this tour will provide the group the opportunity to see the impacts for themselves. They will receive a realistic view of the benefits and challenges of this resource,” he added.

The trip will take place in mid-July 2012. Participants will have the opportunity to see a gas field currently in development and to learn more about the strict regulations governing the industry and protecting the rights of landholders in Western Canada.

Anyone with has a residence or farm located in Montérégie, Centre-du-Québec or Chaudière-Appalaches, and who wishes to learn about the advantages of this tour is invited to send their contact information to the OGSAQ website at [www.ogsaq.com](http://www.ogsaq.com).

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