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**MINERAL DEVELOPMENT AND STRATEGIC RESOURCES INFORMATION
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SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF CALGARY INFORMATION CENTRE

The Department of Energy is closing the Calgary Information Centre effective October 1, 2007. Over the past few years, e-business developments and other business changes have reduced both the demand for and range of services provided by the Centre. The services will therefore be reassigned within the department.

The closure will mainly affect three services: mineral and land searches, acceptance of metallic and industrial mineral applications, and response to general inquiries. Measures are being taken to continue to deliver these services with as little disruption as possible to our clients.

Land and Mineral Searches

Land and mineral searches using the Land Status Automated System (LSAS) and related information and support will remain available in three ways:

- 1) **Conduct your own LSAS searches via the Electronic Transfer System (ETS).** To access ETS information and services, click on the **ETS** logo on the Department of Energy home page at www.energy.gov.ab.ca.
 - a. To obtain a user id and password, complete the application form available on the ETS web page and fax it to 780-422-9522.
 - b. Refer to the Client Account Handbook and the ETS Listing of Manuals for information on search options and applicable fees.
 - c. Once you have an ETS user id and password, log in and conduct your own searches, once your account is set up. Searches are returned in a matter of minutes. Invoices are sent on a monthly basis.
- 2) **Subscribe to the LSAS Data Files.** These files contain all mineral posting, agreement, unit and restriction, encumbrance and well spacing unit information contained on LSAS. Subscribers may download data files and process them within their own computing systems. For data file formats, refer to documents listed under Land Status Automated System Data Files on the ETS Manuals page (above). For information on subscriptions, contact Crown

Land Data Support at 780-422-5727 (call toll free in Alberta 310-0000) or CrownLandDataSupport@gov.ab.ca

3) **Request a search or information via Crown Land Data Support (CLDS):**

- a. E-mail CrownLandDataSupport@gov.ab.ca
- b. Telephone 780-422-5727 (toll free 310-0000)
- c. Fax 780-422-9522

CLDS conducts searches for clients within 24 hours of the request. Results can be delivered by e-mail, fax or hard copy mail. Rush searches are available, subject to a \$10.00/search surcharge.

Searches remain subject to fees under the Mines and Mineral Administration Regulation. Invoices are sent out on a regular basis.

Metallic and Industrial Mineral Applications

The Calgary office of Alberta Energy will continue to accept mineral applications. Applications are time and date stamped in Calgary before transmittal to Coal and Mineral Development in Edmonton. A telephone will be available at the Calgary office for clients to phone mineral administrators in Edmonton in order to directly discuss applications.

General Inquiries and Services

The Information Centre also provided a number of general services to industry and the public, such as accepting payments and continuation applications or forwarding correspondence to Alberta Energy offices in Edmonton. Those services will continue to be available through the Calgary mailroom, AMEC Place, 300, 801 6th Avenue S.W.

Please refer to Information Letter 2007-27 – Submission of Documents for Registration in regard to the submission and registration of encumbrance documents.

For general inquiries, please contact the Department of Energy reception in Edmonton {(780) 427-7425} or Calgary {(403) 297-8955}. The Department's Public Information Centre {(780) 427-0265} responds to concerns and enquiries about energy and mineral resources in Alberta. To phone any of these numbers toll free in Alberta, you may go through the Alberta Government Rite operators at 310-0000.

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