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### **Resource Person of the Year - Andy Clark, Chief Executive Officer, Clark Builders**

#### ***About the Award***

The ACR Resource Person of the Year is a leader who exemplifies the best of Canadian industry, representing the qualities that make Alberta's resource development companies some of the most entrepreneurial and forward-thinking organizations in the world.

#### ***About the Recipient***

Throughout his long and distinguished career, Andy Clark has demonstrated the qualities of effective leadership, business acumen, industry and community achievement along with social and environmental commitment.

Andy Clark formed Clark Builders in 1974, with a focus on erecting pre-engineered buildings from a base in Yellowknife. Together with partner Bill Giebelhaus, who joined the company in 1978, they attracted skilled and talented individuals who helped the company grow and prosper beyond its roots.

The company's strong track record of success can be seen in several mining and resource-related projects including the Kubaca Gold Mine in Siberia, the first Ekati Diamond Mine in the Northwest Territories, the Sherwood Copper Mine in the Yukon, and Shell's Albian Sands north of Fort McMurray.

Clark Builders, now headquartered in Edmonton with a staff of more than 600, has expanded its business globally and virtually in all areas of construction including light industrial projects, design-build and advisory services, commercial, educational, retail and multi-family residential complexes, pipeline service facilities, and defense installations. In 2010, Clark Builders was named one of the 50 best employers in Canada and one of Canada's 50 best managed companies, a reflection of Andy Clark's leadership.

Along with being a business leader, Andy Clark has also made his mark in the community. He's been actively involved in several organizations whose chief aim is providing economic opportunity for others including inspiring the next generation of skilled workers through his work with CAREERS: The Next Generation. He continues to define success in simple terms, "if you do your best today, tomorrow will take care of itself."

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### Major Reclamation Award – Suncor Energy Inc.

#### ***About the Award***

The dedication of Alberta Chamber of Resources' members to the pursuit of improved reclamation techniques has led to many innovations and has provided increasing confidence to regulators and the general public about the long term success of reclamation in Alberta. The Major Reclamation Award reflects the importance of long-term corporate commitment to reclamation.

#### ***About the Recipient***

Since 2003, Suncor Energy Inc. has also been researching, piloting and commercializing a relatively new approach to tailings management called TRO™. The TRO™ process is a new approach Suncor has developed for managing tailings at its oil sands mining operations near Fort McMurray, Alberta. Oil sands mines generate tailings, left over material produced through the extraction process that separates bitumen from the oil sands. Suncor's TRO™ process is expected to speed up tailings reclamation and to reduce the volume and footprint of fluid tailings on the landscape.

In 2010, Suncor Energy Inc. marked an industry milestone by becoming the first oil sands company to achieve a solid surface on a decommissioned tailings pond - pond 1, now named Wapisiw Lookout. A 220-hectare site located at Suncor's oil sands mining operations north of Fort McMurray, Pond 1 was Suncor's first storage pond for oil sands tailings when commercial production began in 1967.

After several years of trials, Suncor completed the removal of the contained fluid tailings, known as Mature Fine Tailings (MFT), and its replacement with sand from the Extraction operations. The removed MFT is being used in ongoing Consolidated Tailings process where it is mixed with sand and gypsum to produce a rapidly settling pond deposit. Some of the MFT will be used future feed in the TRO™ process. As these activities were completed, landscaping activities began, which involved placing 1.2 million cubic meters of topsoil over the surface, to a depth of 50 centimeters.

Over the next two decades, Suncor will maintain and closely monitor progress on the site, including the growth of over 600,000 shrubs and trees planted in 2010. Ongoing soil, water and vegetation assessments will help ensure the site is on course for return to a sustainable landscape and self-sustaining ecosystem.

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### **Rewarding Partnership Award**

Grande Prairie Regional College • Western Cree Tribal Council • Métis Nation of Alberta  
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Ainsworth Engineered Canada LP • Alberta Employment and Immigration • Alberta Health Services • Aquaterra Utilities • The City of Grande Prairie • Devon Energy Corporation • Northern Alberta Development Council • Petrowest Energy Services • Weyerhaeuser Company Ltd.

### ***About the Award***

Created by Alberta Chamber of Resources and Alberta Aboriginal Relations through its Industry Advisory Committee, the Rewarding Partnership Award celebrates and recognizes companies and their Aboriginal partners who have demonstrated excellence in innovation, best practices in Aboriginal programs, sustainability and capacity building.

### ***About the Recipients***

The 2011 award recognizes the partners behind the Aboriginal Student Job Shadowing Program. This program helps Aboriginal high-school students experience an authentic and worthwhile work/adult-life experience. During the seven-week program students can shadow a variety of jobs including; Certified Journeyman Millwright & Heavy Duty Mechanic, Certified Journeyman Electrician, and Forester. Work preparation and safety training comprises part of the education and experience component of the program, and credits can be earned toward high-school graduation.

Each year, the program participants comprised of six Métis, six Western Cree, and six urban Aboriginal students may return home weekends, are afforded free transportation to and from weekday worksites and evening recreation activities, and receive a \$400 a week training allowance plus a \$400 bonus for completing the program.

Since its launch in 2009, more than two dozen students have bolstered their knowledge of a variety of careers, including the additional education they'll need to acquire work, which may have not been otherwise accessible to them.

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### **Reclamation Citation Award – Reclamation Criteria Advisory Group**

Representatives from: Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development • Alberta Environment • Alberta Forest Products Association • Alberta Sustainable Resource Development • Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers • Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. • Energy Resources Conservation Board • Husky Energy • LandWise Inc. • Surface Rights Federation • Talisman Energy Inc.

### ***About the Award***

The ACR Reclamation Citation Award is given to an individual or individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to the reclamation of industrial lands of particular value or importance.

### ***About the Recipients***

The Reclamation Criteria for Wellsites and Associated Facilities is a criteria that measures the success of land reclamation against the original (pre-construction) or representative (adjacent) site conditions with due consideration for construction norms at the time of development.

In 2005, the Reclamation Criteria Advisory Group (RCAG) - made up of a multitude of stakeholders including landowners, industry, and government representatives. The group was established to define objectives and outcomes for reclamation of oil and gas facilities in Alberta, review the performance of the 1995 criteria and develop recommendations for enhancements to reclamation criteria.

A review of reclamation standards for upstream oil and gas facilities was timely because of improvements in construction and reclamation practices, scientific developments, and recommendations for improving the former criteria. Over five years the committee assessed the previous criteria, created a new criteria, held stakeholder workshops and conducted field trials.

The end result of their hard work is the new 2010 Reclamation Criteria that will help ensure that land used for industrial activities is reclaimed in an environmentally sound manner.

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