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PSAC Holds Hydraulic Fracturing Community Consultation in Drayton Valley

CALGARY, AB (May 9, 2013) – A number of community members from the Drayton Valley area participated in a public consultation session around hydraulic fracturing, hosted yesterday by the Petroleum Services Association of Canada (PSAC). The community consultation is part of PSAC's *Working Energy Commitment*, a program dedicated to opening up the lines of communication between oil and gas industry members and the public. PSAC was joined by representatives from industry and provincial government.

The Drayton Valley session participants represented individual landowners and local government, as well as the Pembina Area Synergy group, Warburg Surface Rights group, Drayton Valley Chamber of Commerce, Town of Drayton Valley and Brazeau County.

“In February, when we launched our *Working Energy Commitment*, we said we were going to talk face-to-face with local residents, landowners and elected officials in areas of industry activity,” says Mark Salkeld, president and CEO of PSAC. “We are doing just what we said. But not only are we talking to community members about our operations, we’re asking for their specific input into a hydraulic fracturing code of conduct we are developing for our industry.”

The hydraulic fracturing code of conduct is expected to define mutual expectations for working with stakeholders, as well as standard practices for sound technical and environmental performance when fracturing a well.

The Drayton Valley session included discussion about a number of issues including traffic resulting from increased industry activity, water use, fracturing fluid, and the behavior of workers.

“We had an excellent discussion in Drayton Valley, but that was only the beginning of our community engagement plan. Now we are preparing for more consultation sessions to be held in locations across Western Canada,” adds Mr. Salkeld. “When we have completed this round of consultations, we will draft the code of conduct, then share what we heard in these and other locations across Canada.”

For the dates and locations of upcoming community consultations, as well as more information on PSAC's *Working Energy Commitment*, visit: www.workingenergy.ca.

The Petroleum Services Association of Canada is the national trade association representing the service, supply and manufacturing sectors within the upstream petroleum industry. PSAC represents a diverse range of almost 260 member companies, employing more than 80,000 people and contracting almost exclusively to oil and gas exploration and production companies.

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