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#### **4,000 ARCTIC WINTER GAMES VOLUNTEERS TO GET SUPPORT FROM SHELL AND ALBIAN SANDS**

**Fort McMurray, Alberta** – On Saturday, June 15, Shell Canada and Albian Sands Energy became the ‘Official Sponsors of the Volunteer Program’ for the 2004 Arctic Winter Games, to be hosted by the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

The two companies will donate \$175,000 for uniforms, recruitment material, training, recognition and other necessities for the more than 4,000 volunteers who will be needed for the games. As well, in early 2002, Shell donated their airplane to fly volunteers from Wood Buffalo to the Arctic Winter Games in Nuuk, Greenland, providing them the opportunity to witness first hand what to expect in 2004.

“The Arctic Winter Games is a huge event for northern communities around the world,” said Neil Camarta, Senior Vice President, Oil Sands, Shell Canada Limited. “We recognize the importance of these games throughout all of our northern communities and want to help Fort McMurray and Wood Buffalo host the best possible event. And, I think that the volunteers are the ones that are going to make the difference between good games and great games.”

“The 2004 Arctic Winter Games Host Society is pleased to partner with both Shell Canada and Albian Sands,” said Tom O’Hara, General Manager for the event. “Their involvement in the Volunteer program and especially recognition, will ensure that each person who donates time and energy will be thanked in an appropriate manner.”

Albian Sands Energy will operate the Muskeg River Mine currently under construction 75 kilometres north of Fort McMurray, Alberta. The mine is part of the Athabasca Oil Sands Project of which Shell is the majority owner.

“This is our community. This is where we do business and this is where our employees live,” said Allen Barber, Vice President External Affairs, Albian Sands Energy. “It makes sense for us to support this prestigious event in our community and to encourage our employees to participate.”

The Arctic Winter Games are hosted every two years with young participants from Alaska, Yukon, Northwest Territories, Northern Alberta, Greenland, Nunavut, Siberian Russia and Nunavik-Quebec coming together for an unforgettable week of athletic competition, cultural exhibition and social interaction. The Wood Buffalo Arctic Winter Games will run from February 29 to March 4, 2004.

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