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### **Albian Sands Energy Inc., Bucyrus and Finning Commission Machines**

**Albian Sands has world's largest mining truck and first 495HF rope shovel**

Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada - Albian Sands Energy Inc., Bucyrus International Inc., Bucyrus Canada Limited, and Finning (Canada) have commissioned the world's largest Caterpillar 797B haul truck and the first 495 HF electric rope shovel. The commissioning took place at the Muskeg River Mine located north of Fort McMurray, Alberta.

The Muskeg River Mine is part of the Athabasca Oil Sands Project (AOSP). The AOSP is a joint venture of Shell Canada Limited, Chevron Canada Limited and Western Oil Sands. It includes the Muskeg River Mine north of Fort McMurray and the Scotford Upgrader northeast of Edmonton. Albian Sands Energy is a new company formed by the joint venture to operate the Muskeg River Mine.

"The work being done by Bucyrus, Finning and our own people has led to a great working relationship," says John Hannah, President and Chief Operating Officer, Albian Sands. "We approached the purchase of our equipment in a unique fashion, requesting input, ideas and innovation from the vendors and it has served us well."

The Bucyrus 495HF shovel formally commissioned today is the first of three 495HF shovels. "The 495HF is designed and manufactured to meet the unique requirements of the oil sands environment," says Stu Cotterill, Vice President Sales & Marketing, Bucyrus. "The design includes field proven components and systems used on other Bucyrus electric rope shovels currently used in the oil sands." The 495HF is capable of providing in excess of 100 tons (91 tonnes) per pass which will load the Finning (Canada) supplied Caterpillar 797B haul trucks in four passes.

The Caterpillar 797B haul truck is the largest mining haul truck in the industry and is the first of 23 - 797Bs to be put to work at Albian Sands' Muskeg River Mine. "The 797B is designed and manufactured to match the challenging oil sands environment," says Pat Boeker, Finning Account Manager for Albian Sands. "Equipped with a mine specific design body and a drive system that provides in excess of 3,550 hp, the 797B is capable of hauling a payload of 400 tons (363 tonnes)."

The relationship between Albian Sands, Bucyrus and Finning is reinforced by a unique maintenance and repair contract. "Bucyrus and Finning (Canada) are providing full maintenance and repair support on site," explains Matt Meyer, General Manager, Technical Services, Albian Sands. "This arrangement will enable

the mine to optimize the sharing of resources while deriving maximum benefit from each company's distinctive expertise."

Today's commissioning ceremony is just one of the exciting start up and commissioning milestones currently being achieved by Albian Sands and the entire Athabasca Oil Sands Project. Construction is almost complete, first ore was achieved in August, and both the hydrogen manufacturing unit and sulphur recovery units are in start up testing at the Upgrader site.

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