

President's Message



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The Alberta Chamber of Resources has had a long and rich history since it was formed in 1935. At that time, the population of Alberta was about one-quarter of what it is today and the economy was largely agricultural. Now, 69 years later, the Chamber acts for a broad coalition of over 170 resource companies that generate in excess of \$50 billion in annual revenues and employ many tens of thousands of Albertans. We represent the interests of oilsands, coal, mining, minerals, forestry, petroleum and natural gas, and associated service companies that jointly focus on a common mission, namely the orderly and responsible development of our natural resources.

over the past year. We pursued initiatives in a number of areas including: oil sands technology; working with First Nations; integrated landscape management; water; supporting mining research; education strategies; dealing with reclamation and abandonment; and advancing resource development.

We are only able to achieve what we do because of the tremendous support we receive from our members and the excellent relationship we have with our partners in government. By working together, we have achieved what we would not have been possible by acting independently.

As we move forward, there is no doubt that the resource industries

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This year has been busy and eventful for our resource company members. Activity levels have been high throughout the industries. While commodity prices have been attractive and have led to much reinvestment for many of our members, the softwood lumber dispute has negatively affected many of our forestry members. We look forward to this dispute being resolved in the near future.

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We have much to be proud of

will continue to play the key role in the development of our province and our country. We need to continue to look for opportunities to develop our resources wisely in a way that ensures that we minimize the impact on our environment while continuing to provide the economic prosperity and employment that is necessary for the success of Alberta and Canada. I am confident that the ACR can continue to play its role in this process.

I am impressed by what the ACR has been able to achieve over its history and I am pleased to do what I can to assist. ■