

# Horn River Basin Shale Gas Producers Group

## Sharing Roads and Resources in the NW Horn River Basin



Oil and gas companies searching for shale gas in the Horn River Basin face a challenging physical environment. Muskeg, lakes, rivers and heavily forested terrain make up most of the area. Until recently, there were very few roads in the area and no existing infrastructure.

Developing the area requires sensitivity and cooperation. As a result, the eleven companies who make up the Horn River Shale Gas Producers Group are working together to build roads, pipelines and other infrastructure. Their objective is to minimize the industry footprint in the area.

One of the roads being developed jointly is the Coles Lake Road located at kilometre 112 of the Liard Highway. This 16 kilometre all-season road was built by Stone Mountain Resources Ltd. for access to wells drilled in 2008 and 2009. EOG and Quicksilver helped fund construction of the road and use it to access their own projects. All three companies will maintain the road into the future.

“It made common sense to work together,” explains Heather Smith of EOG, a member of the Producers Group. “Everyone can use this road to access their operations. We don’t need a whole bunch of roads going everywhere.”

In 2009 Quicksilver constructed the Gegut’o Road, which extends another 15 kilometres east from the Coles Lake Road, and they plan to extend this by an additional 5 km during the winter of 2009/10. Devon Canada will be using the combined 36 kilometre road to access their operations during the winter of 2009/10.

EOG provided access to its six hectare Soma Quarry, located at kilometre 131 of the Liard Highway. It supplied gravel to Stone Mountain and Quicksilver at cost, for surfacing of the Coles Lake Road and for Stone Mountain well pads.

Several companies are also cooperating on pipeline construction in the northwest Horn River area. Stone Mountain constructed a 12 inch, 24 kilometre pipeline that takes gas to the Maxhamish leg of the Spectra facilities. Quicksilver tied-in its initial exploratory wells to this pipeline to avoid constructing an entirely new system.

No doubt other operators will be requesting use of the road and pipeline in the future, and these are prime examples of how working together can minimize the surface footprint in the Horn River Basin.

“We’re happy to be collaborating on as many projects as we can in the Horn River Basin,” says Doreen Rempel of Quicksilver, a member of the Producers Group. “It’s the right thing to do.”

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