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Enform Canada (Enform) and Oil Sands Safety Association (OSSA) merged to become Energy Safety Canada, effective October 2, 2017.

Energy Safety Canada will be a respected, globally recognized authority with deep oil and gas safety expertise that improves safe work performance. The new safety association will advance the work of its legacy organizations, Enform and OSSA, to reach a goal of zero injuries and incidents.

A not-for-profit organization, Energy Safety Canada has offices in Calgary, Fort McMurray and Nisku, Alberta; Fort St. John, British Columbia; and Weyburn, Saskatchewan. We also work with many partners to deliver safety training and services at locations across the country.

A New Day in Oil and Gas Safety

Energy Safety Canada's role is to become a centre of safety excellence – to facilitate industry development and agreement on safety standards that companies will commit to implement across their operations, across Canada.

Energy Safety Canada will accelerate improved safe work performance. To achieve this, our organization will:

- **Develop and support common safety standards across the industry**
Energy Safety Canada will facilitate industry collaboration to arrive at one clear, simple and agreed-upon way of performing work safely. Our organization will develop a governance model with broad industry involvement to oversee delivery of best-in-class practices. A senior-level industry advisory body will work with Energy Safety Canada to develop, set and maintain standards, and to determine the best approach for industry-wide acceptance and adoption.
- **Ensure effective learning systems that minimize duplication**
Energy Safety Canada will minimize duplication of safety training and improve mobility from worksite to worksite. In addition, research into effective learning delivery systems will help to minimize training fatigue.
- **Share data analysis and safety expertise to accelerate the improvement of safe work performance**
Energy Safety Canada will provide the early identification of trends through analytics. We will share this knowledge with workers and companies so they can better understand hazards and prevent injuries and incidents. More data gathered and shared across our industry will allow for better analysis, decision-making and continuous safety improvement.
- **Provide support to workers and employers**
Energy Safety Canada will be a one-stop-shop for safety expertise and knowledge, processes, tools and learning systems. Our organization will develop standardized programs,



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certifications, safety alerts and safety materials to ensure workers and employers have what they need to improve worker safety.

- **Advocate for health and safety of those working in the industry and those impacted by industry activity**

Energy Safety Canada will increase communication and advocacy to accelerate safe work performance for all stakeholders. These include: workers, industry, companies, communities, regulatory bodies, government agencies and the public. Our organization will provide a responsive, proactive, one-voice approach to advocate for safety.

Energy Safety Canada Leadership

Two prominent figures in the oil and gas industry, John Rhind and Murray Elliott, are leading the transformation of Enform and OSSA to Energy Safety Canada.

John Rhind, CEO, worked for more than 30 years in the industry, including serving as Shell Canada's Vice President, Oil Sands. He also played a central role in shaping the vision and benefits of a merged safety association between Enform and OSSA since it was first proposed in 2015.

Murray Elliott, President, is a former member of Enform's Board of Directors and General Manager for Shell Canada's Greater Deep Basin. He served as Vice President, Health, Safety, Environment and Sustainable Development for Shell's Heavy Oil division and as Crisis Chief of Staff for Shell in Canada.

A Board of Directors will consist of representation from the six trade associations and the Oil Sands CEO Council. In addition, there will be industry representatives appointed from the following sectors: services, conventional exploration and production, pipelines, and oil sands, as well as members-at-large.

About the Legacy Organizations

Oil Sands Safety Association (OSSA) was formed in 2003 with the objective of bringing together regional stakeholders to identify, develop and implement strategies and tools to create an incident free workforce in Canada's oil sands. It was made up of representatives from Canadian Natural Resources Limited, Shell Canada, Suncor Energy, Syncrude Canada, as well as volunteer members from labour providers, unions, contractors and learning providers.

Enform was formed in 2005 when the Petroleum Industry Training Services (PITS) and the Canadian Petroleum Safety Council (CPSC) merged to bring safety and training into one organization. The Board consisted of representatives from Canada's six upstream oil and gas industry trade associations - Canadian Association of Geophysical Contractors (CAGC); Canadian Association of Oilwell Drilling Contractors (CAODC); Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP); Canadian Energy Pipeline Association (CEPA); Explorers and Producers Association of Canada (EPAC); and Petroleum Services Association of Canada (PSAC).