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P.H.S. Lunch and Learn Meeting – Wednesday, June 20, 2007

## Early Days of Seismic Field Operations In Western Canada - by Bob Rintoul

This talk by P.H.S. Director Bob Rintoul has been given the following disclaimer by the author: "First of all, I would advise that this is not a scientific paper but one which gives us a first hand look at the trials and tribulations of personnel, equipment and living conditions during the early years (post-1947) of seismic exploration in Western Canada".

Gordon Robert (Bob) Rintoul was born in Calgary in 1930 and completed his education in this city, graduating from Central Collegiate High School. Bob initially worked for Safeway but in 1950 joined the oil exploration industry where he was primarily involved in the geophysical field, where he attained the position of Party Manager, and also in slim hole exploration. In 1957 he joined the explosives industry and in 1967 started his own explosives distribution business - Ace Explosives Limited. Ace distributed in Western Canada and the Territories for Canadian Industries Limited (CIL) and subsequently for Dupont of Canada Ltd. His employees bought him out in 1984 at which time he retired. Bob has been active in business and professional organizations related to his work and in the community where he has been involved with the Calgary Flames. He is also a noted philanthropist.

TIME: 12 noon, Wednesday, June 20, 2007.

PLACE: Fairmont Palliser Hotel (133 - 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.W.) – Turner Valley Room (check marquee)

COST: Members \$30.00 and Guests \$35.00 (most welcome) (cash or cheque only)

R.S.V.P. if you wish to attend to: Clint Tippett, 691-4274 or <a href="mailto:clinton.tippett@shell.com">clinton.tippett@shell.com</a> by noon Monday, June 18

Individuals who indicate that they will be attending but do not materialize will be considered "no shows" and will be invoiced for the cost of the luncheon.

Individuals who do not R.S.V.P. cannot be assured of seating.

We apologize for the need to implement these policies but we are finding it necessary to optimize both the financial and operational aspects of our luncheon program. Thanks.