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Executive, Management and Board Changes in Canada's Oil & Gas Market

Welcome to the March 2022 edition of the *DOB's* On The Move newsletter. Each month, we highlight recent executive, management and board changes. To send your HR move directly to us, for inclusion in the next newsletter, please email your submission to editor@dailyoilbulletin.com.

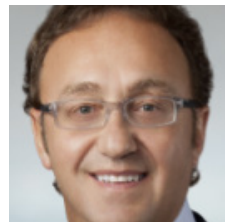
Top moves announced in March 2022



Peter Zebedee has been [appointed](#) executive vice-president of Mining and Upgrading for **Suncor Energy Inc.**, effective April 11, 2022. Zebedee comes to Suncor from **LNG Canada**

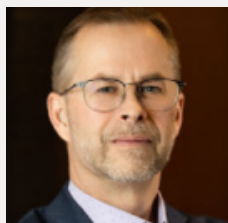
where he had been seconded by **Shell plc** as the chief executive officer since 2019. Prior to his secondment into the LNG Canada joint venture, his last position with Shell was vice-president Canada Manufacturing and general manager Scotford. In his new role, Zebedee will lead all of Suncor's mining and upgrading operations, including Syncrude. He will also oversee Suncor's involvement with the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo community.

exploration/production energy companies and energy service providers. Dranchuk holds the chartered professional accountant (CPA, CA, CMA) designation, and received a bachelor of commerce degree from the **University of Saskatchewan**.



Lorenzo Donadeo, who co-founded the Calgary-based **Vermilion Energy Inc.** in 1994, said he plans to [retire](#) from his role of executive chairman of Vermilion's board of directors effective

Sept. 1, 2022. A member of the company's senior leadership for 28 years, he stepped in as chairman of the board in 2016, after retiring as chief executive officer that year. Vermilion's board will also see the future departure of **Larry Macdonald**, who will not stand for re-election. He has been with the board for more than 20 years and will stay on until Vermilion's 2022 annual general meeting. In a corresponding move, **Bob Michaleski** will accept the role of lead director in May and the role of independent chairman in September, says the company.



Jason Dranchuk [has been](#) appointed vice-president, finance and chief financial officer of **Prairie Provident Resources Inc.** effective April 1, 2022. Dranchuk has more than 25 years of

experience across the western Canadian upstream energy sector in various senior finance roles, including 10 years as chief financial officer. He spent several years in a variety of operational finance roles of increasing responsibilities in both

Management and executive changes

- **Pieridae Energy Limited** [announced](#) a pair of promotions within the company at the senior leadership team level. **Darcy Reding** becomes president and chief operating officer after serving as the company's COO since joining Pieridae in April 2021. As well, interim chief financial officer **Adam Gray** is no longer fulfilling the role on an interim basis and is promoted to CFO.
- **Barry Card**, chief commercial officer of **ClearStream Energy Services Inc.**, has been [named](#) as the company's interim chief executive officer by the board of directors. **Yves Paletta** has stepped down as CEO to pursue other opportunities. Card has been with the company since 2016 and brings extensive leadership experience, said the company, adding that he is well-positioned to advance the company's strategic objectives and business during the transition.
- **Matt Furman** has been [elected](#) vice-president of public and government affairs for **Exxon Mobil Corporation**, effective April 1. He replaces **Suzanne McCarron**, who has elected to retire after 24 years of service. Furman joins ExxonMobil from **Best Buy Co. Inc.**, where he was chief communications and public affairs officer since 2012. At Best Buy, he oversaw internal and external communications, government affairs, corporate responsibility and sustainability, as well as the company's corporate and foundation giving. Previously, Furman was the vice-president of corporate affairs at **Mars Chocolate** and held senior communications positions at **Google** and **CNN**.
- **Eric Toews** plans to [retire](#) effective Sept. 1, 2022, following a nine-year career at **MEG Energy Corp.** Toews has agreed to continue in his role as chief financial officer until his successor is appointed, and then remain with the company during a transition period until his retirement date. MEG intends to conduct an external search for its next chief financial officer and will retain an executive search firm to assist in this process.
- **Venu Babu Borugadda** is the [new](#) manager of research and development for **Tidewater Renewables Ltd.** He will oversee development of next-generation feedstocks, catalysts, and conversion technologies for clean fuels. Prior to joining Tidewater Renewables, Borugadda was a MITACS Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering at the **University of Saskatchewan**.
- **Brian Newmarch** has been [appointed](#) new chief financial officer of **Tidewater Midstream and Infrastructure Ltd.** He brings some 20-plus years of industry experience in strategic planning, financial management, corporate development, sustainability and capital markets in the energy industry. Most recently, Newmarch was vice-president, capital markets and stakeholder engagement, **Seven Generations Energy Ltd.**, reporting to the chief executive officer.
- **Leigh Clarke** has [joined](#) E3 Metals Corp. as the director of corporate strategy and sustainability. A lawyer by training, Clarke joins E3 with more than 30 years of experience in a variety of energy-related industries, including 13 years as a senior VP at **Altalink, LP**.
- **Mike MacSween**, the current executive vice-president, mining and upgrading, for **Suncor Energy Inc.**, is [retiring](#) early from Suncor on April 14, 2022. In his role, MacSween has led all of Suncor's mining and upgrading operations, including Syncrude. He has also overseen Suncor's involvement with the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo community.
- **Lisa Doig** will [become](#) the 103rd president of the **Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta** (APEGA) at the 2022 annual general meeting on April 22. Doig, a professional engineer, has extensive career experience spanning multiple industries, including petrochemical, upstream exploration and production, pipelines, electricity, and downstream oil and gas. Doig will lead APEGA's executive committee of council, which comprises newly elected president-elect **Manon Plante**; newly elected vice-president **Tracey Stock**; and current president **Brian Pearce**, who will transition into the role of past-president at the AGM. APEGA also welcomes re-elected councillors **Walter Kozak** and **Jason Vanderzwaag**, and newly elected councillors **Lorna Harron**, **Dean Mullin** and **Wendy Shier**.
- **Steve Corbin** has been [appointed](#) interim chief executive officer of **LNG Canada**. This follows outgoing CEO **Peter Zebedee's** departure to **Suncor Energy Inc.** Corbin, who will serve as interim CEO until Zebedee's

successor is announced, has more than 35 years of progressive experience overseeing the development and execution of several notable complex, multibillion-dollar energy projects in Canada and around the world, said the company.

- **Dan Ammann** has been [appointed](#) president of **ExxonMobil Low Carbon Solutions**, effective May 1. He is a former **General Motors** president and chief executive officer of Cruise autonomous vehicle company. Ammann was named CEO of **Cruise**, which is majority-owned by GM, in 2018, and was appointed president of GM in 2014. He was previously GM's chief financial officer and joined GM as treasurer in 2010. He helped lead GM's initial public offering following

the company's 2009 restructuring. Ammann began his career as an investment banker, starting at **Credit Suisse First Boston** in 1994 and moving to **Morgan Stanley** in 1999, where he was named a managing director in 2005.

- **Sinead Gorman** has been [appointed](#) finance chief of **Shell plc**. She replaces **Jessica Uhl**, who resigned after five years in the role. Gorman, a British national, is currently the executive vice-president, finance, in Shell's global upstream business and assumed the role on April 1. Known as a "key architect" of Shell's recent strategic changes, Uhl is leaving the group due to family reasons and because a long-term relocation to the United Kingdom is not possible.

Board changes

- **Susan MacKenzie** is [not standing](#) for re-election and will retire from the board of **Freehold Royalties Ltd.** at the annual meeting to be held on May 10, 2022. She serves on the governance, nominating and compensation (GNC) and reserves committees and was chair of the GNC committee from May 2015 until May 2021. MacKenzie was appointed to the board in 2014.

- **Mark Bly** was [appointed](#) to the **SECURE Energy Services Inc.** board on March 2, 2022. He has more than 35 years of experience in the oil and gas industry focused on safety and operations and is currently the chair of the board of **Baytex Energy Corp.**

- **Bettina Pierre-Gilles** has been [appointed](#) to the **Prairie Provident Resources Inc.** board of directors. The move was effective March 3, 2022. Currently, Pierre-Gilles is the chair and managing director of the **Piikani Investment Corporation**, a Treaty 7 First Nations based in southern Alberta; board member of **Bow Valley College**, where she is the chair of the community relations committee for the college; board of trustees member of **Queen's University's** board of governors; associate mentor at the **Creative Destruction Lab** (CDL) Rockies; and Junior Achievement of Southern Alberta Business Program

mentor. Pierre-Gilles will be appointed chair of the company's newly formed ESG committee and serve as a member of the company's audit committee.

- **Steven Sinclair** has [chosen](#) to retire from the **TransGlobe Energy Corporation** board of directors effective March 25, 2022. This is part of the board succession plan and follows the appointment of **Jennifer Kaufield** to the TransGlobe board of directors in January 2022. Kaufield has assumed the role of audit committee chair and the audit committee will consist of Kaufield, **Edward LaFehr** and **Ross Clarkson**. Sinclair is a long serving director who joined TransGlobe in March 2017. During his time as an independent director of TransGlobe, Sinclair was chair of the audit committee and member of the compensation, human resources and governance committee.

- **Mark A. Houser**, who started his energy industry career in 1984, has been [appointed](#) to the **Enerplus Corporation** board of directors. Houser's work in the sector includes most recently serving as founder and principal of **Symphero Energy Solutions, LLC**. This is an advisory services company in the oil and gas and renewable energy development markets. He has also held multiple executive roles for **Enervest, Ltd.** and **Occidental Petroleum** and **Canadian Occidental**

Petroleum Ltd., respectively. Houser's career started at **Kerr-McGee Corporation**, where he held various production and reservoir engineering positions.

- The **Canadian Association of Geophysical Contractors (CAGC)** has [announced](#) its board of directors for 2022/2023. They include, Chair: **Terry Jackson, Eagle Canada Inc.**, Vice-chair: **Jeff Mackie, SAExploration**, Directors: **Len McBeth, BME Mining**

Canada Inc.; **Dave Robinson, Clean Harbors Canada Inc.**; **Cam Moore, Cossack Land Services Ltd.**; **Geoff Kelly, Echo Seismic Ltd.**; **Jim Freake, Heli Source Ltd.**; **Rob Smith, Remote Safety Service Inc.**; **Orrin Foster, RPS Energy**; **Shelley Machon, Shelley Machon Consulting**; **Chad Hillier, Tampit Inc.**; **Glen Verbaan, Terra-Sine Resources Ltd.**; **Eric Ruygrok, TGS Canada Corp.**; and **Andy Cicoria, The Lornel Group**.

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