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Resignation of Heartland Executive Director

The Board of Alberta's Industrial Heartland Association (AIHA) has announced the resignation of its Executive Director, Larry Wall, effective August 31, 2007. Mr. Wall is leaving to join Total E&P Canada as the Manager of Community Engagement.

For the interim, the Board has appointed Terry Stacey as Executive Director. Ms. Stacey is currently the Economic Development Director for the City of Fort Saskatchewan. She has led the Economic Development Officers' Team for AIHA since its inception.

Ray Lopushinsky, Chair of AIHA and a Councillor in Lamont County, credits Mr. Wall with helping to build Alberta's Industrial Heartland into one of the province's most successful business ventures.

"Nine years ago, the Heartland was simply an idea of four municipalities," says Mr. Lopushinsky. "Today it is known internationally as a centre for heavy oil upgrading and manufacturing, with \$23 billion in existing and planned investment. Larry has been instrumental throughout the development of Alberta's Industrial Heartland. We thank him for his contribution, and wish him well in the future."

"It has been an honour to have represented the municipal partnership and this award-winning organization. My affiliation with the many dedicated individuals involved in the Heartland has been very rewarding and has provided me with the opportunity to grow personally and professionally," says Larry Wall. "I expect to continue my commitment to the Industrial Heartland Community in my new role with Total."

Alberta's Industrial Heartland is a 120-square-mile area extending through portions of four municipalities in the northeast part of Alberta's Capital Region – Strathcona County, Sturgeon County, Lamont County and the City of Fort Saskatchewan.

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