

## CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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#### **Don McClure, Vice President Government & Stakeholder Relations & Legal, EnCana Oil and Gas (USA) Inc.,**



Don McClure joined EnCana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc. in October 2002. Don was with PanCanadian Energy prior to the merger of PanCanadian Energy and Alberta Energy in April 2002, forming EnCana.

Don has been in the oil and gas industry for more than 30 years, since his graduation from Northwestern Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting. Don is a licensed CPA and CMA and also has an MBA from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

Don started his career with Atlantic Richfield, holding various positions of increasing responsibility focused primarily on controllership responsibilities. Don also worked with Vastar Resources, Inc., a carve-out IPO from Atlantic Richfield and Columbia Energy Services, Inc. Don is a member of the American Institute of CPAs, Institute of Management Accountants, Financial Executives Institute and the API Upstream Committee. Don serves as a Board Member for the University of Colorado at Denver, the Colorado Oil & Gas Association (COGA), the Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States (IPAMS) and Junior Achievement. He has currently been asked to participate on Governor Ritter's Jobs Cabinet.

#### **TIM FEEMSTER, Senior Vice President/Director of Global Logistics**

##### **Grubb & Ellis**



Over 35 years of experience have provided Timothy Feemster, Sr. VP, Director of Global Logistics, with a variety of hands on problem solving situations in real estate, transportation, logistics, distribution, and marketing. Before joining Grubb & Ellis, Feemster was a senior manager in three manufacturing companies, a general manager, a consultant, and an executive in two third party logistics providers, most recently over 13 years with Menlo Worldwide Logistics. Feemster has been responsible for building construction management, transportation & warehouse operations, real estate site selection, strategic planning, lease management, marketing, inventory planning and deployment, lean systems & quality management, and private fleet management. Feemster holds an M.B.A. in Marketing from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and a B.A. in Mathematics from DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana. Feemster is an active member in the

Warehouse Education and Research Council (WERC.org), where he is on the Board of Directors

as the current Vice President and will ascend to the position of President of the organization in 2009; Council Supply Chain Management Professionals(CSCMP.org); and the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC.org).

### **Dr. Luka Powanga, Professor, School of Management Professor- Regis University.**



Dr. Luka Powanga is the Event Coordinator for the Global Commerce Forum. He is the Editor of the Journal of Global Commerce Research and the Journal of Current Research in Global Business, in addition to contributing to various academic and trade Journals. He is currently the US correspondent for CargoNews Asia a trade magazine aimed at the shipping and logistics industry, writing on the transportation infrastructure, logistics and cargo security. He has made presentations to various academic conferences and business summits such as the 2008 EXPO by the Longmont Chamber of Commerce, 3PL outsourcing and Logistics Summit and the RFID Conference by eyefortransport, including the E-Tag conference by the Georgia Ports Authority where he presented on the use of Radio Frequency Technology to enhance cargo security.

In the academic world, Dr Powanga is a professor of International Business and Economics in the School of Management at Regis University, Denver, Colorado, USA. He holds a BSC degree in Metallurgy and Mineral Processing, Masters and PhD degrees in Mineral Economics from Colorado School of Mines with a minor in Finance from the Graduate School at Denver University. He also holds a Masters degree in Computer Information Technology and Graduate Level Certificate in Object Oriented Programming from Regis University. His industry and academic experience spans over thirty years progressing to senior management levels. He worked for the mining and telecommunications industries and consulted in international business prior to joining the academic world. He taught at Colorado School of Mines before transitioning to Regis University. He has written a textbook in economics, published in many peer-reviewed Journals, and written a case study for Ivey School of Business. His research interests include international energy and mineral development, security as it pertains to cargo and the transportation infrastructure, outsourcing and logistics, and innovative technologies such as Radio Frequency identification.

### **Doug Sampson, Senior Vice President, ACME Distributors**



Doug Sampson CSCP CPIM, is Sr. Vice President and Co-Owner of Acme Distribution Centers, Inc., a multi-regional Third Party Logistics Provider. Doug has worked in the supply chain industry for over 30 years providing service solutions and consultancy for customers in over 10 different industry verticals at various levels of the supply chain. In addition, Doug has built up and sold 2 separate transportation related companies. Doug is currently the Chairman of The Colorado Motor Carriers and spends much of his time working together with the ATA on legislative issues that

impact our industry and environment. Doug is also an active member of CSCMP, WERC, APICS and many other supply chain industry organizations. Doug has a BS in Finance & Marketing with a minor in Accounting & Economics from the University of Northern Colorado.

## **Dr. Kristina E. Lipinska-Kalita, Assistant Research Professor, University of Nevada Las Vegas**



Prof. Kristina Lipinska-Kalita, over the past 15 years, has initiated and led various research projects in physics and materials science all over the world. While at the University Pierre et Marie Curie – Paris VI, France she was the architect and leader in a major collaborative initiative with the international glass company St. Gobain. While working for the Italian Agency for Alternative Energy Sources she lead several energy-related research projects. At the International Center for Theoretical Physics in Trieste, Italy, she directed an international team of students and researchers from academia form all over the world, working on discovery of new superconductors. In Tokyo, Japan, while a professor at Waseda, Lipinska-Kalita captured on behalf of the university a major research project with the Nippon Electric Glass Company, in the frame of which she managed a team of researchers and glass engineers.

At the University of Nevada Las Vegas, while collaborating closely with the Office of Strategic Energy Programs, Prof. Lipinska-Kalita is working on a multi-million dollar, multi-year, DOE research project on biofuels. Currently Prof. Lipinska-Kalita is also leading the effort on capturing multi-million long term grants in order to develop, at UNLV, a new Research Center for Functional Advanced Materials for Future Energy Technologies.

## **Doug Draper , ACME Distributors, DENVER**



Doug currently manages the sales and marketing efforts for the mountain west region while providing sales direction across the entire sales organization. In October 2006, Doug was part of a team that opened the Denver office of Forward Logistics. Since its inception revenues have grown to over \$7m annually.

Prior to joining Forward Logistics, Mr. Draper was a regional sales manager for Stonepath Logistics. He opened and managed Stonepath's International sales office in Dallas, TX and grew revenues over \$750,000 in 6 months. Mr. Draper began his logistics career in 1995 with Airborne Express as a sales executive and later as a National Account Manager. As a National Account Manager, Doug managed 5 key accounts with \$35m annual spend. In both positions, he was consistently in the top 10% of revenue producers for Airborne.

Mr. Draper earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Kansas. He is an active member of the Denver Transportation Club serving on the board of directors. Doug is the committee chairman for the Denver Transportation Club's annual conference, Operation Stimulus.

## **J. Graham Russell, Executive Director, CORE**



Born, brought up and educated in the UK, Russell has spent the last 32 years in the US, largely in CEO roles in the transportation and environmental services industries. More recently, he devoted himself to consulting work, mainly in the recycling, environmental services and cleantech sectors. He was a Board Member of CORE for several years and President of the organization for a short time in early 2007 before embarking on an extended, private equity

funded assignment in the water services industry.

He assumed the role of Executive Director of CORE in August, 2008. Since then, he has led a number of initiatives that are positioning CORE as a leading provider of formal educational services to assist smaller businesses to understand the financial benefits of making their operations more socially and environmentally responsible.

Russell's education comprises a BA from Cambridge University and an MBA in Finance from the UK's Cranfield School of Management.

### **Dr. Paul Michael Pelken, Assistant Professor, Syracuse University**



Paul Michael Pelken is currently an Assistant Professor of Architecture for Design and Technology at Syracuse University School of Architecture. He is also a Research fellow at the Syracuse Center of Excellence in Environmental and Energy Systems. He holds a Master of Architecture Degree from The Bartlett School of Architecture in London at the University College London, UK, a Dipl.-Ing. (FH) Architecture and a Dipl.-Ing. (FH) Interior

Architecture both from the Peter Behrens School of Architecture at the University of Applied Sciences Düsseldorf, Germany.

He is a Designer (Registered Architect in Germany (AKNW) and the UK (ARB)). He has an extensive design experience working on projects ranging from product and furniture design to large scale architectural structures. After completing an apprenticeship as a carpenter with distinction, he subsequently studied Architecture and Interior Architecture at the Peter Behrens School of Architecture, Düsseldorf. He was an affiliate student at the Academy of Fine Arts in Düsseldorf and studied Industrial Design at the Technical University Milan. He won scholarships from the Carl-Duisberg Gesellschaft, the DAAD and the Fulbright Commission. He has practiced in Germany, Italy, the UK and USA. In London he worked for Michael Hopkins and Partners before joining the Norman Foster studio. He was a team design architect for Foster and Partners on the Museum of Fine Arts project, representing the office locally in Boston, USA.

Amongst other institutions, he has been visiting design critic at The Bartlett, Columbia University, Pratt Institute, Harvard University, Cornell University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has lectured and participated in workshops and conferences focusing on sustainability in the built environment at various institutions in the US and in Europe. Since 2002 he has been collaborating with uniteddesignworkers, an international networking group of industrial designers, and in 2005, he co-founded energydesignlab with Markus Hermann. In his design work he investigates energy efficient solutions in diverse project scales and the transfer of design principles between different disciplines. Paul Michael Pelken has received several national and international design awards and his work has been widely published and exhibited.

**Khurshid Qureshi, Ph.D. President & CEO VerdeLogix and Senior Partner  
Technology Infrastructure Group**



Khurshid Qureshi is president & CEO of VerdeLogix Corporation developing solutions for integrating alternate energy to the Smart Grid and Demand Side Management. Dr. Qureshi, a Past President Association of Muslim Scientists & Engineers, has more than 25 years of experience in Knowledge based Economy, aerospace, satellite communications, telecom, wireless and ICT.

Dr. Qureshi worked at General Motors in several senior executive positions. As Director of Advanced Technology at General Motors, he was responsible for transferring Hughes Aerospace and Satellites technologies to automotive applications and developing On-Star system. As a founding member of Saturn Corporation (Division of GM), Dr. Qureshi managed new vehicle program and vehicle sales of \$400 Million. He was also president of University OneCard System, a company involved in debit cards and security system for colleges and universities. At Ingersoll Rand, he was Business Unit Manager for Electronic Security Systems. He started a new division which sales reached to \$75 Million in 3 years. Dr. Qureshi co-founded EcomNet, a Silicon Valley B2B company in 1998 and zeeWAVES Systems a high tech wireless infrastructure company in 2004. Dr. Qureshi, along with other executive team members, was responsible for the increase in sales of a start-up company to \$160 Million with EBITDA of \$25 Million within 5 years. Technology Infrastructure Group where Dr. Qureshi is working as a Senior Partner is developing Technology Incubators and ICT Networks in the Middle East. He founded zeeWAVES Networks and cofounded 1EComNet in Silicon Valley.

Dr. Qureshi holds 12 US and International patents in the field of high technology (IT, electronic, transportation). He has won numerous awards in innovation, entrepreneurship and technology. He also serves on board of nonprofit and technology companies and as a member of Board of Advisors of University of Denver. He often volunteers his time to local, national and international organizations for human development. Dr. Qureshi is well sought speaker at international think tanks and knowledge based economy forums. He discusses strategic socio-economic and geo-political issues in light of high tech economy. He has traveled well over 100 countries in every continent.

He is a graduate of Oklahoma State University and the Stuart School of Business, Illinois Institute of Technology. He is also a graduate of the Senior Executive post Graduate Management Programs at Anderson School of Business at the University of California, in Los Angeles.

**Dr. Purusottam (Puru) Jena, Distinguished Professor of Physics at Virginia  
Commonwealth University**



Dr. Purusottam (Puru) Jena, Distinguished Professor of Physics at Virginia Commonwealth University received B. Sc. (Hons) and M. Sc. in Physics from Utkal University, India and Ph. D. in Physics from the University of California at Riverside. After postdoctoral and visiting appointments at State University of New York, Albany; Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, Northwestern University, Evanston, and Argonne

National Laboratory he joined the Physics faculty of Michigan Technological University, Houghton. He moved to Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond in 1980 where he has remained ever since with the exception of a year (1986-87) as a Program Director at the Materials Science Division of the National Science Foundation, and a year (2007-08) as a Jefferson Science Fellow and Senior Science Advisor at the US Department of State.

Dr. Jena's research covers a wide range of topics in condensed matter, atomic, and molecular Physics. These include electronic structure of metals, semiconductors, superconductors, alloys, liquid metals, point and complex defects, surfaces, thin films, atomic clusters, cluster assembled materials, nanoscience, and nanotechnology. His current research involves three major areas: structure and properties of nanoclusters and cluster assembled materials, renewable energy with particular emphasis on hydrogen storage, and spintronics. Dr. Jena has received over 11 million dollars in funding from DOE, ARO, AFOSR, ONR, DTRA, NASA, and NSF as well as from corporations and industries. Dr. Jena is the author of nearly 400 papers including editor of 12 conference proceedings. He has given over 350 invited talks in international conferences and academic institutions in nearly 30 countries around the world.

Dr. Jena's honors include: Jefferson Science Fellow at the US Department of State, David Hare Professorship lecture at the Indian Association for Cultivation of Science, Kolkata, India; Fellow of the American Physical Society, Outstanding Faculty Award from the State Council of Higher Education of Virginia; University Award of Excellence and Outstanding Scholar Award from Virginia Commonwealth University; and Chair of the Gordon Conference on Metal-Hydrogen Interactions. He has organized more than thirty international conferences and has served as a member of scientific panels for the National Science Foundation, Department of Energy, and Army research Office. He was a member of the Executive Committee that drafted the report on the "Basic Research Needs for the Hydrogen Economy" for the Department of Energy. He has also served on the Virginia Governor's task force on green energy technologies.

### **Dr. Mosto Onuoha, Shell/NNPC Chair of Geology**



Dr. Mosto Onuoha had his early education in Nigeria and later studied at the Lorànd Eötvös University in Budapest, Hungary where he majored in Geophysics, obtaining the *PhD* degree (*summa cum laude*) in 1978. He served briefly as a post-doctoral research fellow at the Geophysical Institute, Technical University of Clausthal-Zellerfeld, Germany before returning to Nigeria in 1980 as an academic staff of the University of Nigeria, Nsukka (UNN).

Mosto Onuoha rose through the ranks to the position of full *Professor of Geology* in 1988 and has over the years successfully supervised many postgraduate students including several that now hold very senior positions today in the oil industry and the academia. He has received many honours in his working life and is a *Distinguished Fellow* of many professional societies including the *Nigerian Mining & Geosciences Society*, the *Nigerian Association of Petroleum Explorationists*, and the prestigious *Nigerian Academy of Science*.

Apart from serving the University of Nigeria, Nsukka (UNN) in many capacities, including serving as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (2005-2009), he was also the pioneer *Mobil/NNPC Professor of Geology* at the *Mobil Chair*, University of Calabar (1991-92), and *Technology Development Adviser* (Subsurface Development Services), at the Shell Petroleum Development Company in

Port Harcourt (1996-2002). Dr. Mosto Onuoha is currently the occupant of the *Shell/NNPC Chair of Geology* at the University of Nigeria. He is also a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG) and the Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG).

### **Doug Thorner, Regional President, Earthstream Global**

Doug Thorner, Regional President, Earthstream Global, an international recruitment firm specializing in the energy industry. Doug is a seasoned recruitment industry executive who has helped organizations achieve breakthrough results and reach new heights of professionalism, innovation and customer service. In every organization Doug has served, he has played a significant role in driving profitable growth through sound business management, service integrity and keen fiscal oversight. He is adept at providing strategic leadership, creating and managing seamless business operations, and promoting staff and business development. Throughout his career, Doug has remained actively involved in client account development activities to maintain a deep understanding of the latest technology, trends and challenges, and to evaluate client and consultant satisfaction first-hand.

Prior to Earthstream Global, Doug served as president of Apariant, an international recruitment firm specializing in the fields of accounting, finance, mortgage banking and technology. Hired as vice president and first employee of the company in 2005, Doug was charged with developing the company from the ground up and responsible for strategic planning, business and technology infrastructure, staff recruitment and training, sales and delivery operations, and business development. Along with creating, supporting and closely monitoring sales and delivery operations, Doug devised strategies to help Apariant identify opportunities created by Under Doug's direction, Apariant flourished in its first full year, achieving profitability and exceeding growth and revenue projections. In recognition of his successful leadership, Doug was promoted to President in 2006.

Prior to joining Apariant, Doug was vice president of the Finance and Accounting practice for Harvey Nash. At Harvey Nash, Doug established the finance and accounting practice as one of the fastest growing divisions in the company. During his tenure, the financial services industry underwent a significant decline due to economic conditions and Doug responded by shifting business development activities to focus on the previously untapped, but still thriving at the time, mortgage banking industry. This key move enabled his division to maintain growth and profitability during a significant industry downturn. While at Harvey Nash, Doug was recognized as one of the organization's top leaders.

Doug began his career in the recruitment industry with Kforce, where he was a leading revenue producer. Doug attended Regus Universtiy. Doug is currently an active member of CORE Colorado and is on the committee of Global Commerce Forum.