



## **Baker Hughes Canada to Open Facilities in Leduc and Fort McMurray**

### **Infrastructure expansion enhances oil sands support capabilities**

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HOUSTON, TEXAS – September 3, 2009 – Baker Hughes will open two facilities in Canada this fall to better serve operators in the oil sands and other northern Canadian oil fields. The infrastructure expansion will include a purpose-built oilfield chemicals plant in Leduc and a multi-discipline operations center in Fort McMurray.

Opening September 9, the 41,000-square foot chemical plant houses an oil sands laboratory, a water-based blending vessel, a mixer for sensitive chemicals, an 18-tank storage farm and rail access and warehouse space. The facility will have water treating and fluid separation chemical production capabilities to support heavy oil and oil sands mining and steam assisted gravity drainage (SAGD) projects. Baker Hughes is targeting a minimum of 30 days of materials in Leduc and Fort McMurray at all times, and this new plant will provide the necessary production and storage capacity to meet that target. The Leduc chemical facility is engineered to reduce process waste by over 10 percent compared to conventional plants. The facility reflects our extensive planning for spill control, containment, and emergency preparedness.

The Baker Hughes operations center in Fort McMurray is set to open October 1. The facility will provide dedicated warehouse and staging areas to support oil sands projects in the Fort McMurray area. The multi-purpose center will house a full range of Baker Hughes products and services, including oilfield chemicals, artificial lift systems and formation evaluation services.

"With the opening of our state-of-the-art blending plant in Leduc and our purpose-built facility in Fort McMurray, Baker Hughes Canada is uniquely capable of satisfying the requirements of our oil sands customers," said Mike Davis, President of Baker Hughes in Canada. "By shortening the supply and value delivery chains, and supporting operators with world class laboratory, manufacturing and workshop facilities, we are able to deliver solutions customized to our client's individual needs – saving them time and money."

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