

NOTICE OF VACANCY

PART-TIME BOARD MEMBERS **Mediation and Arbitration Board**

The **Mediation and Arbitration Board** resolves disputes between landowners and holders of Crown subsurface rights seeking access to land to explore for and develop subsurface resources including oil and natural gas, minerals and coal. The Board is an independent, quasi-judicial tribunal established under the *Petroleum and Natural Gas Act*. The Board's authority and jurisdiction extends to all areas of the province, although the majority of disputes occur in the Peace River area in association with oil and gas development. In addition to the *Petroleum and Natural Gas Act*, the Board exercises jurisdiction under the *Pipeline Act*, the *Mineral Tenure Act*, the *Mining Right of Way Act*, the *Coal Act*, and the *Geothermal Resources Act*.

The Board is comprised of a Chair, Vice-Chair and up to seven additional Board Members. Members are appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council in accordance with the *Petroleum and Natural Gas Act* and the *Administrative Tribunals Act*. Work is very part-time, dependent upon what cases may be assigned to the Members. The Board maintains an office in Fort St. John, staffed by a part-time Administrator, and receives further administrative assistance from the Property Assessment Appeal Board located in Richmond.

Board Members preside at mediation and arbitration hearings and render reasoned decisions in accordance with relevant law.

To be considered for the position of Board Member, candidates must possess

- excellent analytical, interpersonal, and dispute resolution skills;
- excellent oral and written communication skills.

Candidates must be able to conduct themselves with integrity and objectivity. Some knowledge of Crown tenure and surface rights, and practices of the oil and gas, mining and agricultural industries is an asset. Experience as a mediator or arbitrator is an asset.

For a detailed position description go to www.em.gov.bc.ca/subwebs/M&ABoard/ or contact Cheryl Vickers at 604-775-3117.

Expressions of interest in the position of Board Member should be forwarded in confidence to the individual below by **Friday, February 15, 2008**.

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