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## **TaigaNova Eco-Industrial Park (Fort McMurray) Welcomes Portuguese Delegation**

**TaigaNova's Green Features Draw International Acclaim**

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The Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation (**WBHDC**) is pleased to welcome a delegation from Portugal's Association of Industries in Minho (**ALMINHO**) on Monday July 5, 2010.

ALMINHO will meet with the WBHDC to learn about TaigaNova's sustainable practices then tour the site to observe the project's innovative features including: solar-powered trail lighting; ecological stormwater management; and construction of the first four state-of-the-art buildings.

"TaigaNova has received national and international media attention for its leading edge development practices. We are really proud of our achievements, and pleased that the Portuguese delegation chose to make a special trip to Fort McMurray to learn more about this innovative project", says Bryan Lutes, President of the WBHDC.

Following the tour, the delegation will return to the WBHDC's offices for a special training session on eco-industrial parks delivered by Eco-Industrial Solutions (**EIS**), specialists in green industrial development. EIS, with its partner Herold Development Services, leads the TaigaNova development management team.

### **About TaigaNova ([www.taiganova.com](http://www.taiganova.com))**

TaigaNova is located on Hwy 63, 7 kilometres north of downtown Fort McMurray. It is a new eco-friendly industrial park, featuring highway-commercial and industrial lots, and is being developed by the Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation. TaigaNova is 85% sold.

### **About Wood Buffalo Housing & Development Corporation**

WBHDC is a not for profit development corporation that strives to bring affordable housing solutions to all Wood Buffalo residents in need, from single income families to seniors; service sector employees to the homeless. Profits from TaigaNova will support new affordable housing projects in the region.

### **About AIMinho (Association of Industries in Minho)**

Representing approximately 2 000 companies, AIMinho is one of the most dynamic business associations in Portugal: AIMinho provides a variety of service to its members across the Minho Region (districts of Braga and Viana do Castelo. AIMinho was created in 1975 as a multisectorial corporate association and a non-profit private organisation providing public services. As part of its mission, AIMinho "actively participates in regional, national and international forums, to create conditions more favourable to entrepreneurship and contributing to the economic, social and cultural development of the region".

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