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TaigaNova Eco-Industrial Park Full Steam Ahead

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Construction of TaigaNova Eco-Industrial Park is well underway. With over 2 miles of servicing pipes already in the ground, Canada's first conventionally-financed eco-industrial park is set for a 2009 completion.

As an eco-industrial park, TaigaNova promises to showcase resource-efficiency in Fort McMurray. For example, during construction TaigaNova will save barrels of oil by smart-sizing roads to use less asphalt and by forgoing curb and gutter in favor of swales for stormwater management.

To reduce greenhouse gas emissions, some of the construction equipment is fueled by biodiesel-diesel blend. To date, a total of 490,000 litres of biodiesel-diesel blend have been used by machinery during clearing, grading, and service installation.

Buildings will also be efficient, using up to 25% less energy than the Model National Energy Code of Canada. For companies locating in the park, those energy savings will translate directly into cash savings in their operational budgets. From energy efficient windows, native landscaping, and greywater re-use, to reducing industrial water consumption and even LEED® certified buildings, businesses in TaigaNova have introduced a variety of resource-saving tactics.

According to recent reports by CoStar and Good Energies, businesses with green buildings such as those encouraged in TaigaNova stand to save money on energy and water costs while maintaining better employee retention and higher property values.

"We're seeing innovative companies in conventional industries coming in and proving that benefiting the economy and the environment are not mutually exclusive," says Tracy Casavant, President of Eco-Industrial Solutions Ltd., the consultancy firm that is managing the project. "Designing to build and operate sustainably does not have to cost more."

Construction of the first buildings along TaigaNova's newly named streets, Boreal Road and TaigaNova Way, is expected to start this year.

About TaigaNova

TaigaNova is located on Hwy 63, 7 kilometres north of downtown Fort McMurray. It is a new industrial park, featuring highway-commercial and industrial lots, and is being developed by the Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation. Lots are now publicly available.

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