



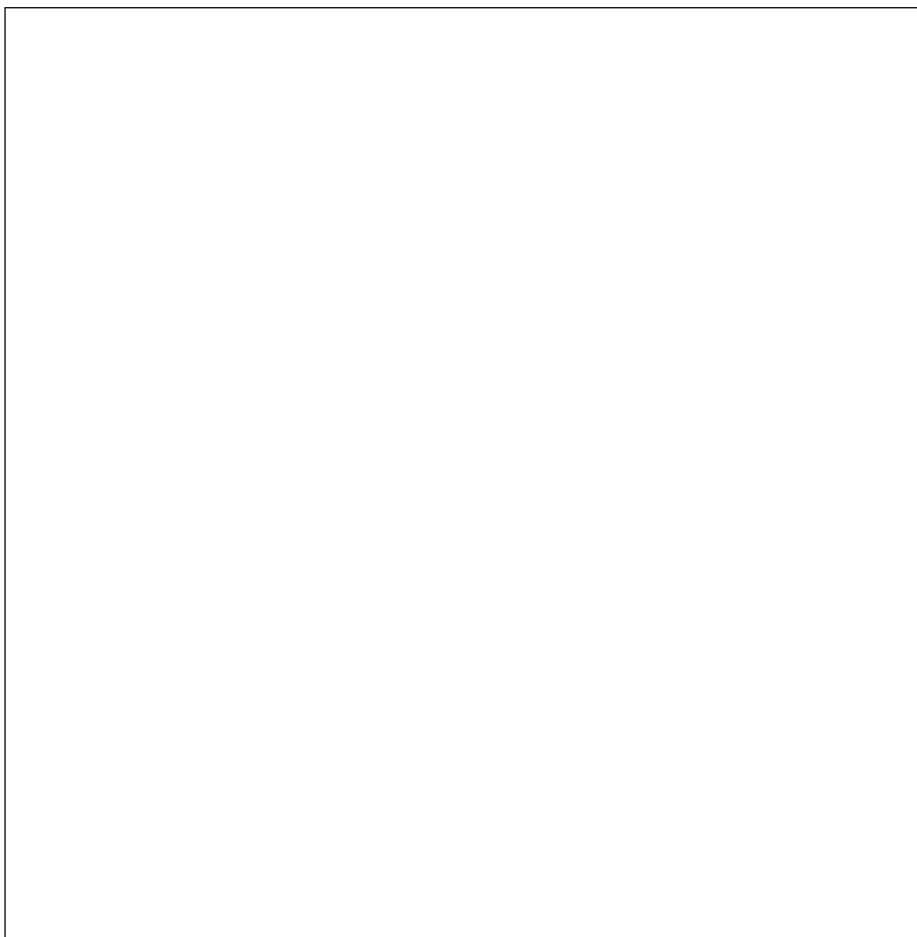
February... the coldest month, the shortest month and also the most challenging month for announcements. As I collect announcements for February in December, it is always my shortest column. If you have changed jobs make sure people know how to find you so they can invite you to convention and Stampede parties. For service companies, it is a chance for free publicity for your company. Why would you pass that up? So everybody wins! There... how was that for a sales pitch

for announcements? You can reach me at 560-8431 or Carmen.swallow@shaw.ca

### ON THE MOVE...

**David Mitrovica** has taken on a new role. He is now the human resources recruiter at **MEG Energy Corp.**, an in-situ (SAGD) oil sands producer and Canada's largest independent (privately held) oil company. He may be reached at 403-770-5304.

**Stephen Kotkas** would like to let his friends, associates, (and potential clients) know that he is now actively brokering seismic data at **Sigma Explorations**. He would like to thank everyone who is helping, supporting and mentoring him in his new career. **Stephen can be reached at 294-6404 or at [stephen.kotkas@sigmaex.com](mailto:stephen.kotkas@sigmaex.com)**, or you'll see him volunteering for the CSEG... like his dad, Perry Kotkas!



### HOW I GOT INVOLVED IN THE SEISMIC INDUSTRY...

*I have had someone share their story of "how they got involved in the seismic industry" in awhile. Most people, my self included, got into the seismic industry by "accident". If you would like to share your story, please drop me a line! CS*

#### Laurie Ross – Divestco –Processing Division

Like many before me who have written their stories on how they ended up in geophysics, I too had no idea when graduating from high school that I would be a geophysicist. I thought that I might want to go into architecture and knew that I had to have a degree before I even considered that, so I picked something that I thought would be fun and of interest to me. Believe it or not I decided to go into Housing and Design through the College of Home Economics at the University of Saskatchewan. Those who know me and call me Martha will know where that comes from now. I actually really enjoyed it and thought if I didn't go into architecture after that, then alternatively I could be an interior designer. After my first year of university I went to work for Gulf at their Rabbit Lake Uranium Mine in Northern Saskatchewan driving an ore truck with tires taller than me (no laughing). I would hang out with the engineers and geologist up there and they would show me what they did which I found really interesting. My roommate up at the mine was in engineering and she encouraged me to switch over to engineering. Midway through the summer I popped into the Engineering College to see about moving into engineering and by the end of the week it was

done. I figured both disciplines interested me and my prospects coming out of Engineering were probably better in the long run. After a year in engineering I had to pick a discipline and chose geological since that was what I had the most exposure to and seemed to find it interesting. However, after staring at thin sections of rocks in a microscope I realized that I might be more interested in geophysics! I consulted with Zoli Hajnal and Don Gendzwill who talked me into the geophysical engineering program and I haven't looked back. I started with Geo-X Systems Ltd. in 1985 as a processor and then later became a group leader. Divestco Inc. has since acquired Geo-X Processing and currently I'm processing manager of Divestco Processing. It took me a while to figure out what I wanted to do and I haven't regretted my decisions for a minute. So I always tell new high school graduates not to be afraid of change and to leave your options open. You never know where you'll end up. *R*