



Welcome to November! It's been an interesting time here in the oil patch over the past few weeks. The economy is certainly affecting much of what everyone is doing and talking about, whether we want it to or not. At time of typing, the Canadian dollar has fallen to its lowest level in three years, oil prices fell to below \$70US a bbl, stocks... well... let's not go there. Sigh. Actually! Let's focus on some positives! For those

of you lucky enough to attend the SEG convention this month, I hope that you find time to appreciate the pure culture that is Vega\$ in addition to the geophysical attractions! And, in case you didn't realize... The holiday season is quickly approaching, which means plenty of opportunities for people to network at industry functions. I am also fully open to bribes of chocolate to get your Grapevine announcements in...just don't tell Satinder, otherwise I may have to share.

If you have any company or industry news, (or interesting stories from any of the above mentioned holiday parties), please send me an email to kristy.manchul@cggveritas.com or call at (403) 860-2943. Thanks!

2009 CSEG Ski Spree

The CSEG Ski Spree committee cordially invites you and your families to this year's Ski Spree! We are pleased to announce the new dates of: **February 27-March 1, 2009.**

Registration will open on November 17, 2008 at 8:00am. At this time, applications will be posted on the CSEG website: <http://www.cseg.ca/events/skispreecfm>

The Ski Spree is an extremely popular event, so to ensure your placement at the Ski Spree, please note the following:

Registration is on a first come first served basis. Applications are only accepted when accompanied by payment. Hotel reservations made last year will automatically be transferred to this year's Ski Spree dates however it is your responsibility to double check your own reservation. Hotel reservations do not ensure your placement at the Ski Spree.

Mark your calendars early – this is an event you won't want to miss out on!

Sigma Explorations Inc. announces acquisition of Apoterra Seismic Processing Ltd. and new Executive Team

Sigma Explorations Inc. is pleased to announce that it has made a corporate acquisition of Apoterra Seismic Processing Ltd. effective October 1, 2008. (Both companies are privately held.)

Sigma's intention in purchasing Apoterra is to diversify its business activity within the geophysical sector of the Canadian oil and gas industry. It fully intends to continue the high standards of seismic data processing technology and service that have earned Apoterra its well deserved reputation within this industry for the past 14 years.

Mr. Norbert Bernoth, P. Geoph. will continue as President of Apoterra and will report to Mr. Cecil Keeping, P. Geoph., President and CEO of Sigma Explorations Inc. The other members of the Sigma Executive Team will be Ms. Anne Hargreaves, P. Geol. who was recently appointed Vice President of Canadian Stratigraphic Services (2000) Ltd. and Mr. Doug Spoulos, CA who was recently appointed Sigma's Vice President of Finance and Administration.

In business for 42 years, Sigma Explorations Inc. is a Calgary based geophysical service company specializing in seismic data brokerage, data management and speculative survey acquisition. Sigma also, through its subsidiary Canstrat, offers a library of lithologic logs from North American basins as well as digital data, custom logging and training courses.

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Theme	Coordinators	Issue	Paper Deadline
Rock physics / AVO	Satinder	Dec-08	15-Oct-08
Seismic data processing	Muyi / Jason / Oliver	Jan-09	15-Nov-08
Geophysics and climate change	Penny / Jason	Feb-09	15-Dec-08
Heavy oil	Satinder	Mar-09	15-Jan-09
Well logging tools	Penny	Apr-09	15-Feb-09
Hydrothermal reservoir characterization	Satinder	May-09	15-Mar-09
Time and depth migration	Oliver / Jason / Satinder / Muyi	Jun-09	15-Apr-09