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P.H.S. Lunch and Learn Meeting – Wednesday, December 3, 2008

Arctic Seismic Operations – Anderson Plains 1967

by Herve Collet, COO of PanTerra Resource Corp.

The early 1960's were a time of very rapid land acquisition in the Frontiers of Canada, both onshore and offshore, due to both modifications to the Canada Lands tenure regulations and a growing international confidence in the industry's ability to explore and produce in remote and often climatically hostile regions. The response of companies can only be described as the equivalent of a minerals staking rush and before long virtually all of Canada outside provincial jurisdictions and the Canadian Shield had been captured as permits by one company or another. Herve's talk will be about a geophysical survey that was carried out for one such organization, the French company Petro Par (ELF Oil), by CGG in Anderson Plains NWT in 1967. Herve worked there from May to September as a seismic surveyor earning a few dollars to go back to school. He has a series of pictures and some amusing anecdotes about the work environment, the compensations of the day and other aspects of life in the North during this heyday of oilpatch activity. Herve will share the "inside story" of Canadian Arctic mysteries as seen from the eyes of seismic explorers four decades ago. The recent and expensive stampede of countries - Denmark, Russia, United States, Canada and others - to claim Arctic ownership will make more sense after Herve's presentation.

Herve Collet is Vice-President Operations and Chief Operating Officer of Calgary-based PanTerra Resource Corp. - the first and most active shale gas player in Saskatchewan. PanTerra holds all petroleum and natural gas rights in geographically strategic 1.1 million acres across three exploration permits. Herve has nearly forty years of hands-on oilpatch experience around the world, from Russia to the Middle East to the Canadian Arctic.

TIME: 12 noon, Wednesday, December 3, 2008. **NOTE LOCATION**
PLACE: Telus Conference Room, North Entrance - Saddledome – Calgary Stampede Grounds
COST: Members \$30.00 and Guests \$35.00 (most welcome) (cash or cheque only)

**R.S.V.P. if you wish to attend to: Clint Tippett, 403-691-4274 or
clinton.tippett@shell.com by noon Friday, November 28**

**Individuals who indicate that they will be attending but do not materialize will be considered
“no shows” and will be invoiced for the cost of the luncheon.
Individuals who do not R.S.V.P. cannot be assured of seating.**