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Alberta and Siemens Canada formalize collaborative relationship

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Discussions between Premier Alison Redford and Siemens executives at the London 2012 Olympics have resulted in the technology giant establishing its Canadian Energy Headquarters in Calgary.

The Calgary headquarters will manage Siemens' Canadian energy business portfolio, including renewables and clean technologies.

The province and Siemens also signed a Memorandum of Understanding to work together to leverage the company's technological and industrial capabilities with Alberta's innovation system and Alberta companies. Siemens also expects to strengthen its engineering capacity in the province in response to new projects through the Alberta-Siemens Canada MOU. Siemens currently has offices in Calgary, Edmonton and Fort McMurray.

"We promised Albertans solutions for a sustainable economy, enhanced environment and economic diversification. This agreement builds a stronger relationship with a company that's an acknowledged world leader in technologies for sustainable industries. And, like our government, Siemens sees tremendous opportunity in working collaboratively with our innovation system, Campus Alberta institutions and tech-driven Alberta companies," said Deputy Premier and Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education, Thomas Lukaszuk.

The Alberta-Siemens Canada agreement provides a framework for matching Siemens' research and development capabilities to Alberta's innovation system and Alberta companies with the goal of accelerating technology commercialization in Alberta's economy.

"Siemens has played a significant role in Alberta's growth for more than 30 years, especially in Edmonton and Calgary where our Light Rail Transit solutions have helped move residents in a sustainable way," says Robert Hardt, President and CEO, Siemens Canada. "When I met with Premier Redford during the 2012 Olympics in London, we discussed working together further and reaffirmed a mutual interest for Siemens and Alberta to increase competitiveness through innovation. The MOU will help identify future opportunities for technological collaboration and we look forward to contributing to Alberta's innovation system."

"On a global level Siemens sees a great deal of opportunity in Canada, especially related to resources and sustainability," says Peter Solmssen, Member to the Managing Board, Siemens AG. "Our Siemens portfolio uniquely addresses these opportunities. Today's signing formalizes a working relationship that demonstrates the spirit of innovation Siemens and the province of Alberta share."

Our government was elected to keep building Alberta, to live within its means and to fight to open new markets for Alberta's resources. We will continue to deliver the responsible change Albertans voted for.

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For more than 100 years the innovative ideas from Siemens have helped make Canada a better place. From the Atlantic to Pacific oceans, more than 4,500 employees in Canada work together to provide answers that last in the fields of industry, energy, healthcare and infrastructure solutions for cities. Sales for Siemens in Canada in fiscal 2012 (ended Sept. 30), were \$2.1 billion CAD. The company has 53 offices and 14 manufacturing/assembly facilities across Canada.

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