



Port Alma WIND POWER PROJECT

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Note from Jacques Gauthier, Senior Vice President and COO Kruger Energy

In this, our first KEPAnews of the New Year, I would like to begin by extending my sincere wishes for health, happiness and prosperity to all of our friends, colleagues and acquaintances for 2007 and beyond.

As I poised my fingers above the keyboard to draft my first KEPAnews communication of 2007, I found myself reflecting upon the recent holiday season and visualizing the eventful year ahead. With this in mind, I wish to share with readers some of the KEPA goings-on.

As you may be aware, last October, the Chatham-Kent Executive Council approved official plan amendment applications that added special policies to permit wind energy systems conditional upon the review of the environmental assessment during the 30 days following publication. I am pleased to convey that on January 29th, following

a formal perusal and review of the environmental assessment report, the Chatham-Kent Executive Committee officially approved the plan amendments.

I am proud to inform you, our readers, that our KEPA wind project is progressing on schedule and we look forward to beginning construction of the access roads in the spring. Of course, it is vital that we persevere with optimal preparation to ensure timely execution of all phases of the project.

Our dedicated KEPA team is working diligently to ensure that we preserve and uphold all aspects of our commitment to the optimal and respectful use of our natural resources.

We at Kruger Energy are more resolute than ever to maintain our strong commitment to communication in this important partnership with the Chatham-Kent community. In this regard, the KEPA team is organizing meetings, presentations, and information sessions to be offered to the community at large in order to keep the population well informed and aware of

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the project activities and status on an on-going basis. It is our intent to be ever more present in the community as the project moves forward.

During the holidays I was fortunate to be able to spend some much-valued time with family and friends, as I am sure was the case for many of our readers. These precious moments remind us of the importance of living life to the fullest, respecting our fellow man and our environment and appreciating the subtleties of everyday life.



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Fun facts

Did you know...

Modern wind turbines are actually very quiet! Thanks to new and improved technology, wind farms are quiet enough to cause no disturbance to people living in the vicinity.

From approximately 500 meters, a modern wind farm in operation is no noisier than other ambient sounds such as a refrigerator or a quiet room. As a matter of fact, it is quieter than an automobile traveling at 40 km/h (100 meters away), which registers approximately 55 decibels versus the wind farm (at 500 meters) at 35-40 decibels!



For Safety's Sake

How often have we heard the phrases: be careful, take care, better safe than sorry? Well, at Kruger Energy Inc. these phrases are not to be taken lightly as KEPAnews learned from Mr. Jean Roy, Vice President Operations.

On January 23rd and 24th, 2007 Mr. Roy attended a conference in San Diego, California. AWEA, the American Wind Energy Association and US counterpart of CanWEA, the Canadian Wind Energy Association, presented the 2-day event. The conference, entitled The AWEA Wind Power Asset Management Workshop focused primarily on wind farm safety, security and maintenance.

KEPAnews learned that although wind energy is relatively new in Canada, our neighbors to the south, the USA, have had functional wind farms for over 25 years. "Over 285 people attended the workshop, with many bringing in excess of a quarter century of wind farm operations and experience," stated Mr. Roy.

"Safety and security are top-of-mind for Kruger Energy," said Mr. Roy. "Our goal in attending this workshop was to continue our preparation for the KEPA wind project. The information and learning that these experienced individuals and organizations shared is invaluable to us as we move forward with important endeavors such as the KEPA wind project."

"Attendees learned about the latest in wind project operation maintenance and safety issues," explained Mr. Roy. "My participation to this conference will allow us to integrate some best practices based on practical experience into the construction and maintenance of our KEPA wind project."

Mr. Roy spoke to KEPAnews of Kruger Energy's commitment to maintain a proactive stance in the development of wind energy. "Although the Port Alma wind project is approximately 1 1/2 to 2 years from the operational stage, we have taken and continue to take an active role in our pursuit of best practices. At Kruger Energy, we want to ensure a safe and secure environment."



From the field...

Inside Out!

In this edition of KEPAnews, our From the Field article was written with somewhat of a special twist. It remains an article that will deal with a topic relating to the Chatham-Kent community, but at the same time a story that is close to the heart of the Kruger Energy team. Please read on for this interesting inside-out story.

KEPAnews received a hot tip; the KEPA project team has grown and we are proud to bring you the scoop.



Mr. Joseph Boland, Project Engineer, Port Alma, Kruger Energy Inc., joined the Kruger organization on January 29, 2007.

Joe is a native of Clinton; a small town located approximately 80 kilometers northwest of London, Ontario. Joe currently resides in London with his fiancée Samantha Irvine and 3-year-old son Liam.

Joe attended Niagara College for 4 years and went on to Lakehead University in Thunder Bay to earn his engineering degree. Later this year he will receive his Professional Engineer license.

KEPAnews caught up with Mr. Boland or Joe, as he prefers to be called, in early February to learn a little bit about the newest member of the Kruger Energy team.

It all began, Joe told KEPAnews, with a call from a recruiter who described the position to be filled and enquired whether Joe was interested. Having met the qualification requirements, Joe was invited to Chatham-Kent for an interview with Kruger Energy's Jean Roy, Vice President Operations, and Michael Cookson, Manager Wind Power Sector.

"We liked Joe's enthusiasm," remembered Michael Cookson of Joe's first interview, "that is why

we brought him back for a second meeting in Montreal and ultimately selected Joe for the position." "He has good communications skills; something that will serve him well in this new position," added Mr. Cookson.

As Project Engineer, Port Alma, Joe will act as the on-site coordinator for the KEPA wind project. He will be involved in the project planning process as well as liaise with contractors and suppliers. Joe will work with the entire KEPA team, but in particular, Messrs. Jean Roy, Michael Cookson, and David Janigan, Vice President Engineering Projects, Kruger Inc.

"I am excited about this new opportunity," said Joe, "currently, I am just getting up to speed." "There is a lot to learn and quite frankly, I am new to wind energy", he said.

Joe ended our interview by saying that, "since my arrival, everyone at Kruger has been great. Everybody is very professional and has made me feel welcome. I am eager to get started and proud to be a part of the KEPA team." On behalf of KEPAnews and the entire Kruger organization, we wish Joe much success in his new role and welcome him to the KEPA team.



NEW FEDERAL RENEWABLE POWER PROGRAM: an important step in the deployment of clean and renewable wind energy in Canada

On January 19, 2007 CanWEA, the Canadian Wind Energy Association, issued a communiqué commending the new federal renewable power program as an important step in the deployment of clean and renewable wind energy in Canada.

According to CanWEA, the federal government's new ecoEnergy Renewable Power program supporting the deployment of 4,000 MW of new renewable energy capacity in the country, suggests continued strong growth for Canada's wind energy industry.

"This is a good day for Canada and the many Canadian communities that will benefit from the deployment of clean and renewable energy sources. It follows on a great year for Canada's wind energy industry. In 2006, Canada's total installed wind energy capacity more than doubled to reach almost 1,500 MW and wind energy now provides enough electricity to power about 450,000 Canadian homes. Canada has only just begun to

tap into its massive wind energy potential", says CanWEA President Robert Hornung. "CanWEA commends the federal government for launching this new program as it will provide a solid and stable policy foundation through 2010 for the continued rapid expansion of the wind energy industry in Canada." CanWEA views the new program as an effective mechanism that will stimulate the development of new wind energy projects and complement provincial initiatives to procure wind energy. Currently, provincial governments are targeting a minimum of 10,000 MW of installed wind energy by 2015. Under this new federal program eligible wind energy projects will receive a production incentive payment of 1 cent/kwh in their first 10 years of operation, representing a total of \$1.5 billion for renewable energy projects over a 14-year period.

"The federal program will lay a solid foundation upon which Canada can build a dynamic, innovative and clean

industry that can help meet the future energy needs of Canadians," says Robert Hornung. "We look forward to working with the federal government to build on this foundation through the implementation of additional measures that will further support provincial efforts to procure a minimum of 10,000 MW of wind energy while maximizing the economic and environmental benefits the wind energy industry can bring to Canada."

The Canadian Wind Energy Association (CanWEA) represents more than 280 companies involved in Canada's wind energy industry, including wind turbine and component manufacturers, wind energy project developers, and service providers to the wind energy industry.

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