

PENN WEST

ENERGY TRUST

NEWS RELEASE

PENN WEST ENERGY TRUST ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

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PENN WEST ENERGY TRUST (TSX – PWT.UN) announces the appointment of officers

Penn West Energy Trust (“Trust”) is pleased to announce the appointment of officers to Penn West Petroleum Ltd. (“Penn West”), administrator of the Trust.

William Andrew, P.Eng.,
President and Chief
Executive Officer

Bill is a graduate of the University of Prince Edward Island and the Technical University of Nova Scotia with over thirty years of oil and natural gas industry (“industry”) experience including fourteen years with Penn West. He has been the President of Penn West since 1995.

David Middleton, P.Eng.,
Executive Vice President
 (“VP”) and Chief
Operating Officer

Dave is a graduate of the University of Toronto with over twenty-five years of industry experience and has been with Penn West since 1999, most recently as Senior Vice President, Production.

Thane Jensen, P.Eng.,
Senior VP, Exploration
and Development

Thane is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma with over fifteen years of industry experience. He joined Penn West in 1998 and was most recently Vice President, Engineering.

Todd Takeyasu, C.A., VP,
Finance

Todd is a graduate of the University of Lethbridge and a Certified Internal Auditor with over eighteen years of industry experience. He has been with Penn West since 1994 in roles of increasing responsibility, most recently as Treasurer.

William Tang Kong,
P.Eng., VP, Corporate
Development

William is a graduate of the University of Calgary with degrees in Engineering and Geology and has twenty years of industry experience. He has been with Penn West since 1995. William is responsible for creating opportunities from the Trust’s extensive land base in western Canada and for evaluating other opportunities for value enhancement for Trust Unitholders.

Kristian Tange, M.B.A.,
VP, Business
Development

Kristian is a graduate of the University of Calgary and joined Penn West in 1995 where he was most recently Manager, Marketing. Kristian will be responsible for pursuing opportunities for the Trust from alternative energy sources and from enhancement of the Trust’s major oil producing properties through tertiary recovery including the lead role in the Pembina CO2 Project. He will also have responsibility for the marketing of the Trust’s natural gas, crude oil and natural gas liquids production.

Anne Thomson, P.Geol.,
VP Exploration and Gregg
Gegunde, P.Eng., VP
Development

Anne is a graduate of the University of Calgary with over twenty-one years of industry experience including five years in roles of increasing responsibility with Penn West. Gregg is a graduate of the University of Calgary with fifteen years of industry experience. Anne and Gregg will have joint responsibility for managing the core assets of the Trust and for enhancing Unitholder value through exploration and development of these assets.

Eric Obreiter, P. Eng., VP
Production

Eric is a graduate of University of Alberta with twenty years of industry experience. Eric will be responsible for optimizing the efficient production of the Trust’s producing properties.

These appointments recognize the importance of having a strong, experienced and cohesive team to develop, enhance and implement Penn West’s strategy for producing superior returns on a sustained basis for Unitholders of Penn West Energy Trust.

Penn West Energy Trust is a senior oil and natural gas energy trust based in Calgary, Alberta that trades on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol PWT.UN. For further information, please contact:

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