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Ammar Al-Joundi

Ammar Al-Joundi was appointed President of Agnico Eagle Mines Limited on April 6, 2015, and previously served as the Company's Senior Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer from September 2010 to June 2012. Mr. Al-Joundi has over 20 years of experience in finance and business strategy, and has extensive experience in mining, capital markets, and banking. Prior to returning to Agnico Eagle in 2015, he served as the Chief Financial Officer of Barrick Gold Corporation from July 10, 2012 to February 2015; its Senior Executive Vice President from July 2014 to February 2015; and served as an Executive Vice President from July 10, 2012 to July 2014. Mr. Al-Joundi previously spent 11 years at Barrick Gold Corporation prior to joining Agnico Eagle in 2010. During this time, he held various senior financial roles including Senior Vice President of Capital Allocation and Business Strategy, Senior Vice President of Finance, and Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer of Barrick South America. Prior to May 1999, he served as Vice President, Structured Finance at Citibank, Canada. Mr. Al-Joundi is a Professional Engineer who graduated (with distinction) from the University of Toronto in Mechanical Engineering and has an MBA (with honours) from the University of Western Ontario.



Richard Adkerson

Richard C. Adkerson is President, Chief Executive Officer and Vice Chairman of Freeport-McMoRan Inc. FCX, with headquarters in Phoenix, Arizona, is a leading international natural resources company. It is the world's largest publicly traded copper producer, the world's largest producer of molybdenum, and a significant gold producer. Its operations include the Grasberg mining complex in Papua, Indonesia, one of the world's largest copper and gold deposits and significant mining operations in the Americas including the large-scale Morenci minerals district in North America and the Cerro Verde mining complex in Peru. He graduated from Mississippi State University with a BS degree with highest honors and an MBA degree. In 2010, he received an Honorary Doctor of Science degree from Mississippi State. He also completed the Advanced Management Program of the Harvard Business School in 1988. Prior to joining Freeport-McMoRan in 1989, he was Partner and Managing Director in Arthur Andersen & Co. where he headed the Firm's Worldwide Oil and Gas Industry Practice. From 1976 to 1978, he was a Professional Accounting Fellow with the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C. Mr. Adkerson is a current member and past Chairman of the International Council on Mining and Metals. He is a member of The Business Council, the Business Roundtable, the Council on Foreign Relations and serves on the Advisory Council of the Kissinger Institute on China and the United States. He also serves on the Arizona Commerce Authority, Greater Phoenix Leadership, and the Dean's Council of 100 for the Arizona State University W. P. Carey School of Business. He is an officer and Immediate Past Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the National WWII Museum. He also serves on the Board of Visitors of the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, and was Campaign Chair of the Banner MD Anderson Cancer Center, Cancer Has Met Its Match Campaign in Phoenix. He is a member of the Mississippi State University Foundation Board of Directors and has previously served as its President. He chaired Mississippi State's "State of the Future" capital campaign and serves on the Executive Advisory Board for the College of Business. He was named National Alumnus of the Year of Mississippi State University in 2011. He was inducted into the American Mining Hall of Fame in 2010, received The American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers Charles F. Rand Memorial Award in 2011 and was named Copper Man of the Year 2009 by The Copper Club. He was named Executive of the Year by the W. P. Carey School of Business Dean's Council at Arizona State University in 2011. For eight years, he was named The Best CEO in Metals and Mining by Institutional Investor magazine.

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Clive Newall

Clive Newall graduated from the Royal School of Mines, University of London, England in 1971 with an honours degree in Mining Geology, and was awarded an MBA from the Scottish Business School at Strathclyde University. He has worked in mining and exploration throughout his career, having held senior management positions with Amax Exploration Inc. and the Robertson Group plc. Mr. Newall is a founder and has been President and Director of First Quantum Minerals Ltd since its start up in 1996. He is also a non-executive director of Gemfields Plc and Baker Steel Resource Trust Limited.



Mike Holcomb

James M. Holcomb has served as President of Patterson-UTI Drilling Company LLC since January 2012. He came to Patterson-UTI in February 1998 with the acquisition of Robertson Onshore Drilling Company and since that time has served in numerous operational management roles, including as Senior Vice President of Operations of Patterson-UTI Drilling Company LLC from April 2006 to January 2012. He has over 30 years of experience in contract drilling operations. Mr. Holcomb holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management from LeTourneau University.



Ward Polzin

Ward Polzin is CEO of Camino Natural Resources, LLC, (Camino) a Denver based oil and gas company backed by Natural Gas Partners (NGP) and The Carlyle Group. He was recently CEO of Centennial Resource Development, LLC (Centennial), a Delaware Basin focused oil and gas company which was purchased by Silver Run Acquisition Corporation and trades on NASDAQ under the ticker CDEV. Mr. Polzin has over 30 years of experience in the upstream oil and gas industry in engineering, commercial, investing and transactional roles. Prior to forming Camino and Centennial, he served as a Managing Director in Investment Banking at Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co., where he spearheaded the firm's E&P asset acquisition and divestiture (A&D) practice since inception. Mr. Polzin previously served as the U.S. Country Manager at Enerplus Resources in Denver, Colorado, with a focus on Bakken development. Earlier in his career, he was a Managing Director with Scotia Waterous & Co., where he co-led the U.S. practice. He began his career in technical and commercial roles with BP in Alaska. He has a BS in Petroleum Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines and an MBA from Rice University. Mr. Polzin is also a CFA charterholder.

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Todd Becker

Todd Becker, who has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Green Plains since January 2009, was appointed as a director in March 2009. Mr. Becker has also served as President and Chief Executive Officer, as well as a director, of the general partner of Green Plains Partners LP since March 2015. Mr. Becker served as our President and Chief Operating Officer from October 2008 to December 2008. He served as Chief Executive Officer of VBV LLC from May 2007 to October 2008. Mr. Becker was Executive Vice President of Sales and Trading at Global Ethanol from May 2006 to May 2007. Prior to that, he worked for ten years at ConAgra Foods, Inc. in various management positions including Vice President of International Marketing for ConAgra Trade Group and President of ConAgra Grain Canada. Mr. Becker has over 28 years of related experience in various commodity processing businesses, risk management and supply chain management, along with extensive international trading experience in agricultural markets. Mr. Becker served on the board of directors, including its audit and compensation committees, for Hillshire Brands Company from 2012 to 2014. Mr. Becker has a master's degree in Finance from the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a Finance emphasis from the University of Kansas.



Scott Reasoner

Scott Reasoner, COO, was appointed Senior Vice President Operations in January 2015. Mr. Reasoner joined PDC Energy in April 2008 as Vice President, Western Operations and has over 30 years of progressive technical and management experience in the energy industry. Before joining PDC, he served as a Business Unit Manager with Noble Energy Inc. where he was responsible for the Mid-Continent team. Prior to his work with Noble Energy, Mr. Reasoner worked for Patina Oil and Gas Company starting as Production Manager working his way up to Vice President Operations. His earlier experience includes positions with Snyder Oil Corporation and Vessels Oil and Gas Company. Mr. Reasoner is a graduate of the Colorado School of Mines with a degree in Petroleum Engineering, has earned an MBA from the University of Colorado, and is a Registered Professional Engineer.



Jay Ottoson

Javan (Jay) Ottoson, President and CEO, joined SM Energy Company in 2006 and elected to the board of directors in 2014. Immediately prior to joining SM Energy, Mr. Ottoson was senior vice president of Drilling and Engineering with Energy Partners, Ltd. in New Orleans, Louisiana. He has 28 years of experience in the energy industry, having started his career working for ARCO as a summer intern in the company's Houston refinery. After his graduation from Colorado School of Mines with a bachelor of science degree in chemical and petroleum refining engineering in 1980, he joined ARCO Coal in Denver as a synfuels process development engineer. Mr. Ottoson moved to Alaska with ARCO in 1982 and spent the next 16 years working in jobs with progressively more responsibility in the company's oil and gas operations. Some of the positions Mr. Ottoson held were Operations superintendent at Prudhoe Bay, vice president of Operations and Development in the Permian Basin, and commercial director for ARCO's subsidiary operating in the U.K. North Sea. In 1998, he was appointed president and resident manager of ARCO China, Inc. in Beijing, PRC. At that time, ARCO was the largest foreign producer of natural gas in China and was building additional businesses in LPG importation, downstream marketing and power generation. Mr. Ottoson is a native Coloradoan and grew up on a farm outside of the small community of Eaton in north-central Colorado.