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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Alberta Chamber of Resources Announces Award Winners for 2016**

EDMONTON, AB – The Alberta Chamber of Resources (ACR) is pleased to announce the 2016 winners of Resource Leader of the Year and Indigenous Leader of the Year.

The ACR presents these awards annually to a person, organization or project that has demonstrated commitment to the ACR's mission of providing leadership for the orderly and responsible development of our natural resources.

Jim Ellis, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Alberta Energy Regulator has been selected as Resource Leader of the Year in recognition of his outstanding leadership in establishing and enhancing the Alberta regulatory system.

Audrey Poitras, President of the Métis Nation of Alberta is selected as Indigenous Leader of the Year in recognition of her life-long dedication to advancing the cause of the Métis Nation and building bridges with the resource sector that have helped to ensure there are shared benefits for everyone.

"These two leaders were selected among a number of respected candidates by our selection committee." stated Ron Kruhlak, President of the ACR, "We feel strongly that their efforts over the past number of years has greatly helped advance the triple bottom line of a sustainable resource sector that balances environmental, economic and societal needs."

The awards will be presented at the ACR's Annual Awards Banquet on the evening of February 3, 2017 at the Shaw Conference Centre in Edmonton, Alberta. Further details on this event can be found by visiting [www.bit.do/ACRBanquet](http://www.bit.do/ACRBanquet). The deadline to register and attend is January 25, 2017.

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The Alberta Chamber of Resources is a member-driven organization involved in resource development in Alberta. Members include mining, energy and forestry sector companies – those that create resource-based products, and those who provide the diverse infrastructure, products and services essential to resource development. The organization has been pivotal in helping advance responsible development of Alberta's natural resource base since its inception in 1936.