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News Release

Noia Honours Oil & Gas Leaders with its Industry Achievement Awards

Noia today announced the 2014 recipients of its two Industry Achievement Awards.

Noia will honour **Karen Winsor**, COO, Atlantic XL with its Rising Star award. Ms. Winsor will be the inaugural recipient of this newly developed award.

The Rising Star award recognizes the talents of an impressive individual, age 35 or under, who has made remarkable strides in their role within the Newfoundland and Labrador petroleum industry.

Ms. Winsor will be honoured at a Gala Dinner on **Thursday, February 27, 2014 at the Sheraton Hotel Newfoundland from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.**

Karen Winsor, Rising Star Award

Karen Winsor, in the short span of her career, has already achieved recognition as “one to watch”.

Karen was born and raised in Holyrood and holds a Bachelor of Commerce (2001) from Memorial University. Upon joining Atlantic XL, she took on responsibility for project management, the quality system and dealing with day-to-day operations of the organization. Atlantic XL, an NL subsidiary of UK-based XL Group, is a telecommunications and instrumentation consultancy firm. In Karen’s current position as COO based in St. John’s, she has ultimate authority for Atlantic XL’s operations in Canada.

Through her position at Atlantic XL, Ms. Winsor also sits on the management team of XL Group Ltd. (Aberdeen, U.K.) where she is involved in business planning and quality management. This direct link into XL Group allows Karen to enable the transfer of knowledge gained from XL Group’s decades of experience to the local Atlantic XL office.



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“Karen has always been ‘oil & gas minded’ and with nine years’ experience in the industry in Newfoundland, a work term at the Dutch Oil and Gas Association and a school term in Oslo, Norway, our Industry Achievement Awards Selection Committee deemed her an very worthy recipient of this honour,” said Mr. Critch.

Noia also will be honouring **Sam Allen**, Managing Director of Tecnip Oceania as the recipient of its Outstanding Contribution Award at the February 27 event.

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About Noia (Newfoundland & Labrador Oil & Gas Industries Association)

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