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News Release

Noia Honours Oil & Gas Leaders with its Industry Achievement Awards

The recipient of this year's Outstanding Contribution Award (OCA) for 2014 will be **Mr. Sam Allen**, Managing Director of Technip Oceania. Mr. Allen, former President of Technip Canada based in St. John's, will be recognized for his tremendous contribution to developing local, harsh-environment expertise in the province and for helping to position Newfoundland & Labrador as a world leader in remote, high-value engineering and drafting support for international subsea oil and gas projects.

The OCA was developed to recognize individuals who have helped to pave the way for development and sustainability of the offshore industry in Newfoundland and Labrador and who have demonstrated qualities of vision, integrity and leadership.

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

Sam Allen, OCA recipient

A professional engineer with 30 years experience in the oil and gas industry, Mr. Allen is currently the Managing Director of Technip Oceania in Perth, Australia. He started his career in offshore engineering, working as a Structural Engineer before joining Coflexip in 1987. He spent five years in Paris as Engineering Manager for Coflexip Stena International prior to moving to St. John's as SURF and Marine Operations Lead on the Terra Nova project in 1997.

Under Mr. Allen's leadership, Technip became one of the primary providers of subsea solutions for offshore oil and gas fields in East Coast Canada. He also became a key player in offshore Newfoundland and Labrador – spearheading recruitment and retention of local talent and growing the St. John's office from five people to 150 people during his 15 years in the province.

“Under Sam's guidance, Technip Canada has become a significant contributor to the development of subsea engineering capability in Atlantic Canada by supporting knowledge transfer and the development of the local workforce,” said Mike Critch, Chair of the Industry



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Achievement Awards Selection Committee. “Part of what made Sam such a great leader was his keen understanding of how Newfoundland and Labrador should position itself to take advantage of the development in the near and long term. He had great interest in future development and positioning Newfoundland and Labrador as a hub of subsea engineering.”

Noia also will be honouring **Karen Winsor**, COO, Atlantic XL as the inaugural recipient of its newly developed Rising Star Award at the February 27 event.

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

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