



Rising Star Award

Stephen Edwards, ExxonMobil Canada

A native of Newfoundland and Labrador, Stephen Edwards has been working in the oil & gas industry since graduating from Memorial University with a Bachelor of Engineering (electrical) degree in 2004.

For the past seven years, Stephen has been directly involved in the Hebron project, progressively taking on increasing levels of responsibility. Stephen first joined the Hebron Project management team as instrumentation and controls lead engineer. In that capacity he led the topsides component through front end engineering design and then transitioned into the detailed design and execution phase.



In 2014, Steven took on the role of automation manager for the entire project. There he was accountable for the instrumentation, controls, telecoms discipline deliverables being managed out of five main offices located across the globe supporting the fabrication and commissioning work being executed in South Korea and Newfoundland and Labrador.

In 2016 he became engineering manager for the Hebron topsides and was accountable for all engineering discipline deliverables supporting the module installation and integration work at the Bull Arm site. And in September 2017, Stephen's role expanded yet again when he was named engineering and hook up and commissioning manager of the project, accountable for the engineering and execution delivery of the project through first oil and transition to operations. His work over the past seven years has significantly and directly impacted design and operational decisions and contributed to the project's continued success.

Stephen's engineering work on the Hebron Project – particularly related to instrumentation, controls and telecoms – ties directly into the operational decision to install a subsea fiber optic cable between the island of Newfoundland and offshore, which has significantly improved communications and opened opportunities which will positively impact safety and efficiency in offshore operations.

Stephen's professional achievements at ExxonMobil started even before his exceptional work related to the Hebron project.

When he joined the company in 2004, he was first assigned the role of projects engineer and quickly learned the skills to support the offshore operations through modifications and work scopes, in particular, production well flowline installation. After two years, he took on the role of instrumentation / electrical engineer and measurement lead and used this opportunity to deepen his technical knowledge gained through his university education and early project experience.

Stephen's ability to manage a high quantity of work scopes, along with the quality of his deliverables, was recognized by the company and in 2007, he was asked to relocate to Houston and was given the opportunity to gain global experience by working on a number of projects around the world. One of these was the instrumentation and controls engineering design for the Odoptu First Stage Production Project in Russia.

In 2008, Stephen received his professional engineer status with the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists.

Stephen's management and leadership positions on the Hebron Project have allowed him the opportunity to further develop local Newfoundlanders and Labradorians on his team. He has personally identified key standout individuals from the local affiliate and has purposefully given them opportunities to improve and demonstrate their capability on a world class project.

Stephen is married with a son and a daughter. While his work on the Hebron project keeps him extremely busy he still finds time to volunteer with the Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Association as team manager of his son's novice hockey team.

Stephen's extensive contributions, dedication and commitment, clearly not only make him a deserving recipient of Noia's Rising Star award, but a positive role model for the many young women and men considering or just starting a career in the oil & gas industry.