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Noia's 2013 Outstanding Contribution Award Recipient

Noia (the Newfoundland & Labrador Oil & Gas Industries Association) today announced the 2013 recipient of its Outstanding Contribution Award (OCA), Mr. Wayne Chipman. The OCA recognizes an individual who has made an outstanding and lasting contribution to the establishment and/or growth of the oil and gas industry in Newfoundland & Labrador.

Mr. Chipman, a mechanical engineer, retired from Nalcor Energy after successfully helping to create the province's oil & gas corporation, a final professional accomplishment rounding out 35 years of substantial and influential achievements.

Mr. Chipman also set-up the first NL-based reservoir team, located within the Petroleum Directorate, and was instrumental in the development of provincial regulations governing offshore production and conservation. A notable milestone was recorded by Mr. Chipman early in his career when he provided critical technical support to the province's negotiating team as they concluded the Atlantic Accord Agreement with the federal government in 1985. He also played a pivotal role in the interpretation and application of the resource management principles within the Atlantic Accords Acts in his role as Manager of Resource Management and Chief Conservation Officer at the C-NLOPB.

"Mr. Wayne Chipman is a true pioneer who has successfully helped create our province's oil & gas corporation," said Sean Power, Treasurer of Noia's Board of Directors and Chair of the OCA Selection Committee. "His 35 years of professional accomplishments include substantial and influential achievements in the private, public and academic sectors."

Mr. Chipman will be honoured at a Gala Dinner on **Wednesday, February 27, 2013 at the Sheraton Hotel Newfoundland from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.** Media agencies are encouraged to send representatives by registering at noia@noia.ca.



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

Established in 1977, Noia is Canada's largest offshore petroleum association with over 600 members. Our core members provide products and services for the petroleum industry and associate members represent operators, trade associations, educational institutions and government bodies.

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