



# NEWS RELEASE

## CAODC Celebrates 60 Years

### *For Immediate Release*

**Calgary, Alberta (March 3, 2010)** The Canadian Association of Oilwell Drilling Contractors (CAODC) is pleased to announce that Ms. Danielle Smith, Leader of the Wildrose Alliance Party will undertake the Keynote address at the Association's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon, scheduled for Friday, March 12, 2010.

Until recently, Ms. Smith was the Director of Provincial Affairs for Alberta with the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB). She worked with all levels of government to represent the interests of CFIB's 10,000 small business members in Alberta.

Prior to joining CFIB, Ms. Smith had extensive experience in the media. She was an editorial writer and columnist at the Calgary Herald for six years. She also served as host of Global Sunday, a national current affairs television talk show and was the host of two programs on CKMX 1060 AM radio in Calgary, Health Frontiers and Standing Ground. She has made frequent guest appearances as a commentator on TV and radio.

Ms. Smith's work in policy research began with a year-long internship at the Fraser Institute, she tried her hand at elected office as a trustee for the Calgary Board of Education and she worked in advocacy as director of the Alberta Property Rights Initiative and the Canadian Property Rights Research Institute.

In addition, CAODC will recognize long-time industry contributions by awarding Honourary Memberships to Messrs. Hank Swartout and Bob Tessari.

The Canadian Association of Oilwell Drilling Contractors is a trade association that represents the contract drilling and service rig industry across Canada. The membership in the Association is comprised of 43 drilling contractors, 4 Atlantic Division offshore contractors, 71 service rig contractors and 154 associate members.

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