Fighting) Unit and Volodymyr Donsky, Chief of the Division of Foreign Economic Relations for the State Committee of Geology.

The delegation met other companies, several of which had previously visited Ukraine, such as Ukrainian Capital Equities Inc. of Edmonton, Thermo Design Engineering Ltd. of Calgary, Beta Well Service Inc. of Calgary, Lateral Vector Resources Inc. of Regina and Nautilus Exploration of Regina.

The delegation also visited Safety Boss of Red Deer. Safety Boss specializes in firefighting and fire equipment, and was in charge of putting out the oilwell fires in Kuwait after the Gulf War. Kalyna, whose Poltava-based fire fighting outfit was the largest in the former Soviet bloc, began preliminary discussions for cooperation with Safety Boss.

The visit included a tour of Calgary's Teknica Overseas Ltd., which provides services in 3-D seismic assessment; Edmonton's equipment manufacturers Vector Oil Tool Ltd.; NOVA's Bens Lake gas compressor site; and Vegreville's RJV Gasfield Service fabricating plant.

EPIC'S CRIMEAN TEST OIL WELLS SUCCESSFUL

July 1996... Epic Energy Inc. announced that the initial test production tests in Crimea's Aktash field totalled more than 1,000 barrels per day.

The first oil from the field was recently sold to the Lviv Refinery KTM, netting, after transportation, a world market price of US\$18 per barrel.

"The success of our initial drilling program in the Aktash field confirms that Epic can economically develop the smaller fields in Crimea and that we can now move at a faster pace to begin the cost-effective development of the much larger fields in 1997", said Epic President Ronald K. Cormick.

Epic's production-sharing agreement gives it and its partner, Krymgeologia, a Ukraine State Geological Enterprise, the right to explore and develop the oil and gas resources in a 7-millionacre region where earlier discoveries indicate significant potential recoverable resources.

The company plans to drill up to 15 more wells to complete the Aktash field and then move immediately to develop another nearby shallow oil field later this year.

CALGARY'S "UNITED KIEV" DRILLS TEST HOLES IN UKRAINE

July 1996... Carpatsky Petroleum Corporation, a subsidiary of Calgary-based United Kiev Resources Inc., has started field operations with its Ukrainian partners Nadvirna Naftogaz NGDU, and Poltavanaftogaz NGDU, two subsidiaries of the joint stock company Ukrnafta. In the Bytkiv

oil field in Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast, operating under a joint venture company, Ukrkarpatoil Ltd., the partners have started drilling their first of three test well with Western materials.

In Eastern Ukraine's Dnipro-Donets basin, Poltava region, operating under a joint activity agreement with the local production association Poltavanaftogaz, Carpatsky is participating in the development of the Rudivsko-Krasnozavodske gas condensate field. They are currently drilling two wells and expect to spud another one soon.

A recent evaluation of the projects, by Scott-Pickford Group Ltd., consulting engineers of Croydon, England, has allocated proven and probable reserves of approximately 190 bcf of gas and 6.2 million barrels of oil to the company's interest, representing a present value of US\$47.43 million based on a 10% discount factor. The evaluation was conducted over only the major reservoirs of both fields, representing approximately 75% of the total recoverable reserves in each field.

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