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## **ATCO Structures Awarded Major Contract To Supply Camp Facilities for 2100 Persons for Oil Sands Project in Northern Alberta**

**Calgary, Alberta** – ATCO Structures announced today the award of a major contract by Nexen Inc. to supply camp facilities for 2100 persons for the Long Lake project in the Athabasca oil sands region of northern Alberta.

The contract includes the manufacture, transport, install and supply of site services for two camps, which will be leased by Nexen. Each camp will consist of dormitories, kitchen, dining and recreation facilities, as well as one office complex. ATCO Structures will also supply maintenance personnel for the two-year project life span. The north camp will accommodate approximately 854 people and the south camp will house 1246 people. The multi-unit office complex will provide over 35,000 sq. ft. of space for on-site personnel.

The modular buildings will be manufactured in the Calgary and Spruce Grove facilities, transported by truck to the site, which is approximately 40 kilometres southeast of Fort McMurray, and installed by ATCO Structures field construction personnel. The north camp and office are scheduled for completion prior to January 2005 and the south camp will be finished six months later in June 2005.

“This is the first newly manufactured construction camp of its size in Western Canada in recent years and we are pleased to be involved with this project,” said Harry Klukas, President, ATCO Structures Inc. “The construction industry is currently very competitive and companies want to find ways to attract and retain qualified workers on-site. ATCO has over 50 years of experience working with our clients to supply comfortable and appealing workforce accommodations, and has been a major supplier of camps in the development of Alberta’s tar sands since the first manufacturing plant was established in 1964.”

Nexen and OPTI Canada are joint-venture partners developing the Long Lake Project in the Athabasca oil sands region of northern Alberta. The Long Lake Project will produce and upgrade bitumen into a superior, higher value synthetic crude oil.

ATCO Structures Inc., part of the ATCO Group of Companies, has manufactured, sold and leased workforce housing and modular buildings since 1947 in more than 100 countries. The ATCO Group is engaged in electric power generation, transmission and distribution; natural gas gathering, processing, transmission, storage and distribution; modular workforce housing; noise abatement; technical services, and facilities management.

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