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Allan Markin Appointed to the Rank of Officer of the Order of Canada

Calgary, AB (April 8, 2010) – Allan Markin, a St. Mary's University College Honourary Fellow recipient in 2004, was appointed to the rank of Officer of the Order of Canada by Governor General Michaëlle Jean on April 7.

Markin, a philanthropist and entrepreneur in the oil and gas industry, was one of 43 individuals invested into the Order at a ceremony in Rideau Hall.

Allan Markin represents one of Canada's great entrepreneurial success stories. Since 1989, he has helped build Canadian Natural Resources Limited from a small company of six employees into one of Canada's largest independent oil and gas producers. A generous philanthropist with a special interest in health and wellness, he endowed a chair in health promotion at the University of Calgary, and helped establish a public health institute there. He also supports education and the arts and has been a benefactor to Northern Lights College, the University of Lethbridge and St. Mary's University College.

The Order of Canada, established in 1967 for Canada's centennial year, recognizes Canadians for outstanding lifetime achievements. New appointments are made twice yearly with award ceremonies taking place three times a year.

Since its creation, more than 5,000 people from all sectors of society have been invested into the Order. A list of the most recent recipients of the Order of Canada can be found at <http://www.gg.ca/document.aspx?id=13570>

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