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I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone participating in the 12th annual Arctic Oil & Gas Symposium.

Canada's North harbours a wealth of natural resources that are creating unprecedented opportunities. The Alaska Highway Pipeline Project and the Mackenzie Gas Project are bringing enormous capital investments to Canada's Arctic regions. Moreover, northern Canada is the site of one quarter of Canada's remaining discovered petroleum and one half of our country's estimated potential. In the Northwest Territories, 1.6 billion barrels of oil and 12.2 trillion cubic feet of natural gas have been discovered, while known oil and gas resources in Nunavut rival those of Newfoundland and Labrador.

I would like to thank the organizers, the Canadian Institute, for bringing together industry players, community leaders, and government experts to discuss strategies for Arctic development. The information and ideas that you share, as well as the relationships that you build over these two days, will bring significant benefits to northern communities. I am certain that everyone taking part in this symposium will benefit from the depth of experience represented here and will come away with a renewed vision for bringing prosperity to the Arctic.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, I offer you my best wishes for a memorable and productive meeting.



The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.

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