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Meet Eh-Cho-Dene

Eh-Cho-Dene Enterprises operates a fleet of heavy equipment out of Fort Nelson and has been working for Encana on a number of road and well site construction projects in the Fort Nelson Business Unit. The company is owned and operated by the Fort Nelson First Nation

(FNFN) and the crew working for the Fort Nelson Business Unit consists of more than 95 percent band members.

Looking back on the past 16 years, crew foreman, Phil Thompson has seen changes in the oil and gas industry, with the most significant one being the expectation that all companies focus on safety.

"I am very proud of the guys I have working on my crew. We have been working together for eight years so we have some experience together to work safely as a team," says Phil. "Whether it is building road and well sites for Encana or having a positive attitude toward safety, I appreciate their efforts. You just don't wake up one morning and you're safe. It takes a lot of hard work."

"When all is said and done, my crew is just like everyone else at Encana, they just want to make it home to their families at the end of the day – safely."

Since January of 2009, Eh-Cho-Dene has not had a single recordable incident and have only recorded two first aid events with the Road and Lease group. "I have seen a real shift over the past year since Phil became the foreman, he is in the field supervising jobs and ensuring Eh-Cho-Dene has been working toward creating a positive and safe workplace on road construction and well site jobs. Phil and his crew have made safety a core value on each job they have done for us," says Tyson Pylypiw, Group Lead, Construction.

Eh-Cho-Dene has a long standing working relationship with Encana and because of their hard work and dedication to safety, we hope to keep that relationship strong and our workers safe!