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Ms. Thompson is Chair of the Canadian Geothermal Energy Association (CanGEA). With over 15 years of experience in project management, business and technology development in the International energy sector, Ms. Thompson brings an impressive record of accomplishments in the evaluation of new opportunities against triple bottom-line criteria of economic, social and environmental benefits. She was instrumental in pioneering early-stage research on the potential to leverage Enhanced Geothermal Systems (EGS) in the Oil Sands to produce electricity, steam and heat in a project known as GeoPowering the Oil Sands (GeoPOS). Additionally, she spearheaded joint government and industry research on Low Enthalpy Geothermal for Oil Sands (LEGO).

Ms. Thompson is currently the Vice President of Corporate Relations and a Corporate Officer for Magma Energy, one of the world's largest publicly traded geothermal companies. Ms. Thompson has served on the Board of Directors of Petroleum Technology Alliance Canada and was the Chair of Borealis GeoPower. She is an external evaluator for the BC Innovation Council's Innovative Clean Energy Fund. Internationally, she has a seat on the Executive Committee of the International Energy Agency's Geothermal Implementing Agreement and was a stakeholder in the Enhanced Geothermal Innovative Network for Europe (ENGINE) program. She is frequent champion for geothermal energy in national media and through numerous speaking engagements.

Ms. Thompson holds Bachelor and Master of Chemical Engineering degrees from McGill University, a Professional Engineering designation from APEGGA, a U.S. Engineer Intern designation, as well as a Master of Business Administration degree from Queen's University. She was recently honoured with the Canadian Investor Relations Institute 2010 Leadership Award for her stewardship of the implementation of the Canadian Geothermal Reporting Code.