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## **Commercial CBM Production at Corbett Creek - From Resource to Reserves**

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### **ABSTRACT:**

This presentation will review the development history of the Corbett project from its inception in 2000 as a five-spot vertical pilot through to the current horizontal development scheme. We will look specifically at the changes in exploitation strategy that were instrumental in converting the resource-in-place to proven reserves, including well design evolution, pad-based drilling, geosteering using 3D seismic, and geological controls on production.

Corbett represents the complex and iterative interaction between all functional disciplines to achieve continuous improvement of results and solve an increasingly detailed matrix of variables that ultimately affect production outcomes. It also showcases Trident's community development philosophy, asset-based community development, which is a strategy for working with communities to identify and act upon positions of strength - not weakness - to create win-win situations. This strategy has provided Trident with our social license to operate in an environment where the implications of coalbed methane development are misunderstood by stakeholders and industry.

### **BIOGRAPHY**

*Mike Finn graduate from the University of Alberta in 1979 with a B.Sc. in Geology. Mike spent several years drilling Frontier projects in Northern Canada and offshore East Coast. His first exposure to CBM in the Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin came at the end of the 1980's. During the 1990's he worked for a series of intermediate and small oil and gas companies on a large number of North American basins. This is where and when he worked with partners who were having success in the American CBM basins. Mike joined Trinity Energy in 2000, and commenced drilling on Mannville projects that year, including Corbett. In 2002 he joined Trident Exploration when they purchased the Corbett asset from Trinity. Mike Finn is currently the Chief Geologist and Director of CBM Assets at Trident, exploring for and developing Horseshoe Canyon and Mannville CBM.*