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## **VISTA PROJECTS' LEADER HONORED WITH RISING STAR AWARD**

*Ray Akl recognized by Oilweek Magazine for contributions to oil and gas industry*

**April 26, 2011 (Calgary, AB)** – Vista Projects Limited (Vista), a Calgary-based multi-discipline technical engineering firm, is pleased to announce that one of its senior project managers and principals is a recipient of *Oilweek Magazine's* 2011 Rising Star Awards.

Each year, the distinction is awarded to selected men and women, all under the age of 45, across Canada who are employed in all areas of the oil and gas industry. The Rising Stars Awards were established to showcase the brightest, most talented professionals in the industry. The Class of 2011 recognized 13 Rising Stars in Alberta and British Columbia from among nearly 100 nominations.

"We are pleased to honor Ray Akl as one of Calgary's brightest up-and-comers through our fourth annual Rising Stars awards," said Dale Lunan, Editor, *Oilweek Magazine*. "Based on his outstanding achievements in the oil and gas industry and in the community, Ray is an excellent representation of a young leader to watch."

Akl joined Vista in 2004 as a Civil/Structural engineer. He was quickly recognized for his exceptional technical and managerial skills, which helped transition him to a project management role where he leads a team of over 180 professionals and manages the expansion of one of Vista's largest SAGD projects.

Ray is also one of Vista's shareholders. During his tenure as part of this leadership team guiding strategic directives, the company has achieved significant organic growth.

"I am honored to be recognized among such distinguished company," says Akl. "And I'm grateful to work in an environment that continuously empowers me to grow. Vista's client-focused business model and unmatched technical professionals have aligned me with finest in resources and connections our industry has to offer."

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### **About Vista Projects Limited**

Vista Projects Limited (<http://www.vistaprojects.com>) is a multi-discipline, technical engineering firm providing solutions to energy producers in Western Canada. While Vista has been active in all aspects of the oil and gas market, it has grown to become a leading engineering firm for thermal energy projects, working on some of the most successful in-situ heavy oil projects in the Alberta oil sands.

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