

## Firm's growth prompts move to Quarry Park

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Quarry Park will welcome another new tenant tomorrow as Aker Solutions makes the move from its current home on Railway Street.

Although Aker Solutions moved into Railway Street only five years ago, continuing growth has made it necessary to relocate into larger space, president Steven Butel says.

His choice of Quarry Central, the newest building in the hugely successful 126-hectare planned community of Quarry Park, was an easy one.

As well as being confident in Remington, and another Riddell Kurczaba Architecture design, the location is a very attractive one for his staff. Quarry Park offers great access/egress via 18th and 24th streets S.E. to both Glenmore and Deerfoot trails and is on the alignment for the future Southeast LRT.

The market area has retail services, including Co-op grocery and liquor stores, restaurants, health facilities, and plenty of free parking, and is adjacent to the Bow River and its pathways system.

The company's 75 Calgary staff will move into the south half of the 28,000 square feet of office space on the main floor, into an area that will allow for an expected growth to around 150.

Butel joined Aker Solutions in 2007 after returning to Canada from Oman, where he had managed the engineering office of KBR. He was made president in 2009 when it had a staff of 45 people and virtually no work, but thanks to a loyal staff, the use a federal job-sharing program and a 'stick with it' commitment, the management team was able to keep all of its employees and soon won two small study jobs, which grew into process equipment supply contracts.

Today, Butel is also managing director of Process Systems Americas, with an added responsibility to grow into the United States and South America. The Calgary office is the global Centre of Excellence for heavy oil processing and produced water de-oiling for all of Aker Solutions.

His responsibilities include the Houston office, which was opened recently and later this year, he plans to open another in Colombia, followed by others in Venezuela in 2013 and Ecuador in 2014.

Headquartered in Oslo, Aker Solutions traces its history back to the 1840s when it was in the business of manufacturing ships and various ancillary systems for Norway's shipbuilding industry.

Aker Solutions is the first company to lease space in Quarry Central. Another 142,979 square feet is available for immediate lease in the same building, part of the development that will eventually see a build-out of 1.7 million square feet of office space and 2,200 residences.

At the recent annual general meeting of the Calgary Downtown Business Association, Saphina Benimadhu of Total Petroleum and Sean Beardow of Cohn & Wolfe/West were newly elected to serve on the board of directors. They replace Jim Doyle, who has completed his term and Larry Clausen, who has stepped down after more than a decade of service to the association.

Mark Purdy, investment manager at Grosvenor, has been re-elected to serve a second term as board chair.

Irene Price, president of West Canadian, has taken on the role of president of the Association for Information and Image Management Western Canada. AIIM is a global community of information professionals that provides education and research to industry specialists and helps users to understand the challenges associated with managing documents, content, records and business processes.

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