

# CANADIAN NATURAL GAS: STRATEGIC AND COMPETITIVE

**Canada is the world's fifth largest producer of natural gas.** We are home to some of the most expansive and productive natural gas deposits in the world, extensive infrastructure, and a highly-skilled workforce. We are a destination of choice for natural gas investment and development.

## CANADA IS AN INNOVATION HUB

We are a global leader when it comes to our natural gas sector. We are taking steps to make our natural gas industry cleaner and more competitive. Our natural gas reserves are already open to private investment, but we are doing more to attract foreign capital while maintaining the public's trust. This includes:

- Powering processing plants with renewable energy to reduce natural gas' carbon footprint;
- Facilitating collaboration and funding for new technologies through partnerships; and
- Updating our laws to better protect the environment, ensure consistent decision-making and reduce timelines.

## CANADA HAS ABUNDANT RESOURCES

In 2016, Canada had roughly 1773 trillion cubic feet in marketable natural gas. In 2017, we produced 15.7 billion cubic feet per day; and the National Energy Board forecasts an increase to 16.8 billion cubic feet per day by 2040. Canadian natural gas production is concentrated in the Western Sedimentary Basin (WSB), stretching from Saskatchewan through British Columbia. Within the WSB, the Montney, Liard, and Duvernay basins are supplying as much as 20 million cubic feet of natural gas per day. Natural gas will play an important role as Canada transitions to a low-carbon economy that must meet lower emissions standards for transportation, power generation, and heating.



## A WEALTH OF OPPORTUNITIES

To sustain current levels of natural gas production, upstream and downstream activities in Canada will continue to grow; requiring additional information and clean technologies, and advanced manufacturing capacity. Increased production will also create new opportunities for the petrochemical, manufacturing, steel, and construction industries. Our natural gas industry is, and will continue to be, highly integrated with the U.S. industry — contributing to North American competitiveness and market access.

