

## ESG & First Nation Inclusion

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With the recent emergence of Environmental, Social, Governance (“ESG”) policies and reporting requirements, many companies are now looking for support and alternatives when it comes to achieving lofty corporate goals.

The recent Site Closure and Rehabilitation Programs in Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan have brought to light the importance of Indigenous inclusion and have created an ongoing emphasis for continued Indigenous involvement. West Earth Sciences being an Indigenous owned entity also works regularly with several Indigenous partners; obviously this has its advantages and disadvantages.

Jeremy would like to share his learnings and take aways from working with the Indigenous communities, with a goal of teaching our ESAA peers about the relationship between environmental services and the Indigenous community.

The presentation will provide valuable intel on how to work with Indigenous communities. It will teach the attendees why having an Indigenous partner(s) should be emphasis!

Topics will include:

- What is the first step?
- How do I identify which communities to work with?How do I approach an Indigenous community?
- I have a partnership...now what?
- Do's & Don'ts
- Do Indigenous communities have different environmental concerns than their non-indigenous peers?
- etc.

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Jeremy Cheyne is an experienced oil and gas executive that has successfully founded, managed and divested several energy production and service-related organizations over his professional career. Throughout his executive tenure, companies under Jeremy's leadership have completed over \$110 million in acquisitions and divestments. These include the corporate sales of Titan Energy Inc. in 2008, Standard Resources Inc. in 2012, West Oilfield Holdings Ltd. in 2015, and most recently West Geomatics Ltd in 2022.

Jeremy is currently the President and CEO of West Earth Sciences Ltd. (“West”) an Indigenous owned mid-sized environmental, geomatic, innovation, and construction company that have First Nations partnerships with the Seabird Island Indian Band and the Tobacco Plains First Nation in BC, the Ermineskin Cree and Horse Lake First Nations in Alberta, and the Flying Dust First Nation in Saskatchewan.. Head office is in Calgary, AB, with regional offices in Fort McMurray, AB, Grande Prairie, AB, Saskatoon, SK, Fort St. John, BC, and Kelowna, BC. Our work experience includes various industries such as, Telecom, Mid-Stream/Pipelines, Mining, Oil & Gas, Forestry, Power and Construction.