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Dear Mr. Netzer:

On June 4-6, 2006 the Canadian Energy Research Institute will be holding the CERI 2006 Petrochemical Conference ***Thinking Outside the Box: Preparing Tomorrow's North American Industry*** at the Delta Lodge in Kananaskis, Alberta, Canada.

CERI would be honoured for you to speak on a panel on the afternoon of Monday June 5th titled "Integration: Mastering Competitiveness". A suggested working title for your presentation is "***Maximizing Bitumen: A Refinery Model for Canada***". Given your stature in the industry, our audience would be deeply interested in your views. The formal part of your presentation would last approximately twenty minutes. A question and answer period will conclude the session.

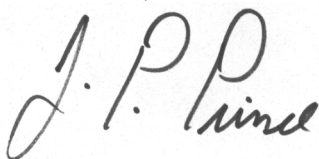
As we have at previous conferences, CERI examines the main concerns of the petrochemical industry over the past year and the predicted challenges for the next twelve months. This year these will include issues such as volatile global economics, challenges of secure supply and strategies for the industry's continued prosperity,

This conference has a limited enrolment of 150 delegates, made up mainly of industry decision makers, 30 per cent of whom are executive level, 30 per cent directors and senior government advisors and 30 per cent supply, operations and business development managers.

Thank you in advance for considering our request. We very much hope that you are able to join us on June 5th. CERI will contact you in a few days to follow up on this letter. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please contact April Wright at (403) 220-2359.

We are looking forward to another exceptional event this year, and your participation would be a tremendous highlight.

Yours truly,



J.P. (Phil) Prince Ph.D.  
President and Chief Executive Officer

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