

Willow Lake Métis Group and ELM Inc. Form Strategic Alliance to Advance Indigenous-Led Environmental and Industrial Work

ANZAC, ALBERTA, CANADA, July 4, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Willow Lake Métis Group (WLMG), a proudly Indigenous-owned organization advancing community-driven economic development, has entered a strategic partnership with ELM Inc., a leading Canadian provider of environmental liability management and field execution services.

Together, the two companies will deliver sustainable, high-performance solutions for well abandonment, decommissioning, remediation, and site logistics across Western Canada—anchored in Indigenous inclusion and environmental excellence.



“This alliance reflects WLMG’s commitment to building Indigenous prosperity through powerful partnerships,” said Andy Harnett, CEO of Willow Lake Métis Group. “ELM brings the technical depth and values alignment we look for in a partner. Together, we will deliver results that matter—to our clients, our communities, and our lands.”



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*Malcolm McKean, President of
ELM Inc*

Building Capacity for Impact

WLMG and ELM will jointly deliver well abandonment, decommissioning, remediation, site assessments, and project logistics across Western Canada. ELM brings more

than three decades of experience in environmental liability management and has retired thousands of wells, pipelines, and facilities. Known for its technical depth and track record on complex closures, the company has worked closely with over 30 Indigenous communities across Canada.

By combining WLMG's regional knowledge with ELM's technical precision and execution track record, the partnership is positioned to scale solutions in both regulated and remote environments.

Notably, ELM has delivered projects under extreme conditions, including the accelerated completion of a multi-year abandonment and remediation initiative in the Northwest Territories within just 76 working days. More recently, the team completed a \$5 million site closure project in remote northeastern BC—on time, on budget, and with full environmental compliance.

"Partnering with WLMG allows ELM to create lasting value through meaningful Indigenous collaboration," said Malcolm McKean, President of ELM Inc. "We're not just executing projects—we're contributing to economic reconciliation and setting a new standard for how industrial work gets done responsibly."

A New Model for Industrial Collaboration

Rooted in shared values—community development, environmental stewardship, and operational integrity—this partnership signals a broader shift in how industry and Indigenous organizations can work together to create measurable, lasting impact.

About Willow Lake Métis Group

WLMG is an Indigenous-owned business entity that partners with industry to drive community benefit, workforce development, and economic reconciliation in the Wood Buffalo region and beyond. www.wlmg.ca

About ELM Inc.

ELM Inc. delivers environmental liability management and field execution services across Canada, specializing in complex industrial projects that require precision, adaptability, and environmental integrity. www.elminc.ca

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