

## **Alberta Seed Growers Association Annual Event at FarmTech 2012**



**Mark Hemmes**

**Western Canadian Grain Handling & Transportation System  
*Review & Identify Potential Challenges/Opportunities  
stemming from changes to CWB Mandate***

**Thursday, January 26 10:00am – 11:00am  
Room 1**

### **Session Summary**

Mark Hemmes with Quorum Corporation will review the ongoing monitoring of the western Canadian Grain Handling and Transportation system (GHTS), highlight the recently completed Review of Rail Freight Services and identify potential challenges and opportunities that may affect GHTS stemming from the changes to the CWB mandate.

### **Mark Hemmes , President of Quorum Corporation**

A career transportation professional, Mark Hemmes is President of Quorum Corporation, an independent subsidiary of the Quorum Group of Companies, of which he is a founding partner. Based in Edmonton, Alberta, Quorum Corporation has been responsible for monitoring Canada's Prairie Grain Handling and Transportation System since June 2001. As monitor, Quorum reports to the Government and industry on changes in the efficiency, reliability, structure and operation of the grain handling and transportation system as well as the impacts these changes have on producers. In its role as Grain Monitor, Quorum and its sister companies are called upon by the Federal Government to provide consultative services in related areas, in the area of container movements and the role of Inland Container Terminals in Western Canada and most recently to provide analytical and research services for the review of rail freight service.

Mark has extensive experience in the transportation industry. During his 23 years with the rail industry he held a variety of senior positions in the fields of marketing, intermodal, and operations. He has also held various positions industry associations and club boards (Canadian Transportation Research Forum, National Transportation Week, Northern Alberta Transportation Council, amongst others). Mark attended school in Edmonton at the University of Alberta and has also completed course work at the University of Western Ontario in the area of Marketing.

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