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## KBM Resources Group expands its horizons

Saskatchewan's booming resource economy has attracted another out of province player. Thunder Bay based KBM Resources Group has set up shop in Prince Albert at the Forest Centre.

"When we started in 1973 our core focus was the forest sector but we've evolved over the years and now provide services to a variety of natural resource clients across North America and around the globe," explains Laird Van Damme, managing partner of KBM Resources Group who was in Prince Albert for an opening reception in mid September. "We're always looking for synergies and opportunities to connect with local expertise, especially now as we work with other sectors like mining and renewable energy."

One area of expertise attractive to a lot of resource companies is KBM Resources Group's ability to capture high resolution digital aerial photographs. "The technology on this stuff keeps changing so fast," says Van Damme. "We've got two planes fitted out with these cameras and when a plane lands it's got terabytes of data that have to be processed to make the information useful. It's our ability to turn around that data very quickly that makes us unique."

The highly detailed compilation photographs are used for a variety of purposes including forest inventory and mapping. Other sectors, like mining, use them as site planning tools for environmental assessments and for rehabilitation and reclamation of older developments.

Along with the aerial photography and mapping services, KBM Resources Group has expertise in land use management and planning, and is a distributor for a variety of forest management related products.

"We're an innovative company and we're always looking for new ways to expand," says Van Damme. "This time our expansion involves moving into new regions and Prince Albert was the logical choice for us given the positive attitude that is so obvious here right now."

KBM Resources Group has worked in Saskatchewan before, teaming up with fellow Innovation Place clients like the Saskatchewan Research Council and Saskatchewan Environment on a variety of projects. Van Damme says now that they have a full time presence in Saskatchewan they will look for more synergies and opportunities to collaborate. "You never know when a good idea is going to come along so that's why we wanted to be in the game and get to know the folks in the community. Now we can see where things fit and where we can contribute."

To get to know some of their new neighbours a little better, KBM Resources Group held an opening reception at the Forest Centre. [Click here to view the photos](#) from the event.

For more information about KBM Resources Group, please go to their website at [www.kbmrg.com](http://www.kbmrg.com)

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