

# DELIVERING VALUE TO COMMUNITIES

Our employees have cultivated strong relationships with stakeholders, including suppliers, customers, landowners and communities.



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## 8,000 TONNES

Amount of Whitecourt Power's fly ash used by local farmers to improve crop production.

The physical nature of infrastructure and the essential profile of the services our businesses provide mean that they have deep ties to the communities in which they operate.

For Capstone, it is a priority that our businesses act responsibly in executing their operations and growth plans and that they look for opportunities to share expertise that delivers value to the local community.

Bristol Water has a long history of working with communities to improve the environment and promote green initiatives that will pay dividends today and for years to come, whether it is fostering biodiversity action plans at its major treatment works and reservoirs, working with local landholders, supporting environmental leadership in the city of Bristol, or teaching the community about water's vital role in the environment.

Up next for Bristol Water in 2013 is "Trout and About," a project developed for students at four inner-city schools in Bristol. Together with the Avon Wildlife Trust, a local charity that works to protect wildlife, Bristol Water will provide a hands-on learning experience for students by educating them about the trout life cycle and the water environment.

In addition to generating environmentally-friendly electricity, Whitecourt provides Alberta farmers with

the waste — fly ash — that biomass combustion produces. Every year, Whitecourt produces approximately 8,000 tonnes of fly ash, which is used by local farmers to help improve crop production. Fly ash boosts soil's alkalinity, which creates a more favourable environment for soil microbiological activity and alters the soil's chemistry, thereby improving the availability of several nutrients that plants need to grow.

Beyond environmental initiatives, employees across our businesses support community fundraising events, donate supplies and learning tools to local schools, and create employment opportunities to arm students with tangible skills. In 2012, our Sechelt hydro power facility participated in a training program to equip First Nations workers for careers in hydro power operations and facility maintenance. For 2013, Whitecourt has partnered with a non-profit organization that promotes career options for local youth to create a power engineering internship opportunity for a local high school student.

By demonstrating our commitment to corporate citizenship, Capstone's businesses are realizing synergies with local communities and building win-win relationships that help to preserve and protect valuable resources, manage our environmental footprint and create the conditions for continuing success.

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