

EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT

THE INNOVATION **STACKFRAC**  
THE INNOVATOR **DAN THEMIG**

IF THERE WAS A HALL OF FAME FOR oil and gas industry innovators, Packers Plus president Dan Themig would be an inner-circle member. Along with Peter Krabben and Ken Paltzat, Themig founded Packers Plus, a company that would help revolutionize the way horizontal wells were fracked – and in turn help revolutionize the entire North American oil industry. StackFRAC, the company's prize product and primary innovation, is an open hole ball drop completion system that's widely credited with unlocking old resource plays that were thought to be too expensive or too technically challenging to tap. The company has continued to press ahead in the years since, adding new functions and features to its StackFRAC process along with additional tools and technologies. That, in turn, has allowed operators to dramatically increase the number of frack stages in each well – and the production that comes with them. In 2012, Themig was recognized for his work with a Sproule Innovation and Achievement Award, which are given to individuals or organizations that "have made significant contributions and accomplishments towards advancing the development of unconventional gas resources in Canada." It's a safe bet that it won't be the last award he receives for his contributions to that sector.

