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\$200 Million Environmental Mega Project at Co-op Refinery Complex Enters Commissioning Phase

Regina - The Co-op Refinery Complex (CRC) is announcing the commissioning phase of a \$200 million environmental mega project, called the Wastewater Improvement Project (WIP). When the WIP is fully operational industry experts say that the CRC will be the only refinery in North America that can clean and recycle all of its wastewater for the purpose of steam production. This puts the Co-op Refinery Complex on the leading edge of environmental sustainability in the oil refining industry.

“Federated Co-operatives Limited has invested more than \$200 million in ensuring the sustainability of our water resources for both the refinery and the City of Regina,” said Scott Banda, CEO of Federated Co-operatives Limited. “This is a significant investment that helps us realize our long term vision focussed on sustainability and environmental stewardship.”

The WIP will clean 100% of the CRC’s wastewater on-site. This will significantly decrease Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) emissions from the Refinery’s wastewater ponds, thus substantially reducing the nuisance odours that the Refinery’s neighbours sometimes smell. In addition, the WIP will enhance the sustainability of Regina’s water supply by reducing the Refinery’s reliance on freshwater resources by an estimated 28% or the equivalent of about 3100 Regina households on annual basis.

“Being an industry leader in sustainability is a major part of our vision for the future of this refinery,” said Gil Le Dressay, Vice-President of Refinery Operations. “By implementing the WIP and its leading edge technology we enhance our operations, reduce our environmental impact and benefit our community.”

The WIP utilizes leading edge technology developed by General Electric (GE). The process involves various stages that use a combination of live bacteria, special filtration units and high efficiency reverse osmosis (HERO mode) to clean and recycle the Refinery’s wastewater. The WIP is currently in the commissioning phase and is expected to be fully operational in the fall of 2016.

A media conference will be held today at the Co-op Refinery Complex Business office, 580 Park Street, Regina at 11am today, May 25, 2016.

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