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Co-op Refinery Complex Wastewater Improvement Project wins Global Water Award

Regina - The Wastewater Improvement Project at the Co-op Refinery Complex was named Industrial Water Project of the Year at the annual Global Water Awards held in Madrid, Spain on April 24, 2017. The award recognizes the project, commissioned in 2016, that represents the most impressive technical or environmental achievement in the field of industrial water.

"We are honored that our Co-op Refinery Complex was named Industrial Water Project of the Year. Water is a precious resource and our Wastewater Improvement Project allows us to be efficient and sustainable by recovering every drop of water - 2 million gallons of wastewater daily. With GE's technology, we now recycle all of our wastewater in a socially responsible and environmentally sound way to conserve water for Regina and the entire province of Saskatchewan," said Gil Le Dressay, Vice President - Refinery Operations, Co-op Refinery Complex.

"We are very proud that this project, which uses our advanced wastewater treatment technologies, has won this prestigious award," said Heiner Markoff, President and CEO of GE Water & Process Technologies. "The Co-op Refinery Complex's outstanding commitment to environmental sustainability should be an enduring example for the entire oil refining industry."

Several years ago the Refinery expanded its operations to produce 30,000 more barrels of oil per day (BPD) taking it from 100,000 BPD to a 130,000-BPD facility, which increased its water usage. The Refinery's current water source is a blend of well water and city water, and restrictions on water use mandated that the Co-op Refinery Complex find a new source of water.

With a fully operational Wastewater Improvement Project the Co-op Refinery Complex's reliance on raw water from the City of Regina aquifer will decrease by the equivalent of 3100 households in Regina on an annual basis. By recycling 100 percent of its wastewater on-site, the Co-op Refinery Complex significantly decreases volatile organic compound emissions from its wastewater ponds and reduces the associated nuisance odors.

Established in 2006 by Global Water Intelligence magazine, the awards recognize the most important achievements in the international water industry within several categories, and reward those initiatives in the water, wastewater and desalination sectors that are moving the industry forward through improved operating performance, innovative technology adoption and sustainable financial models.

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