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CRFA APPLAUDS ‘U.S.-CANADA CLEAN ENERGY DIALOGUE’

OTTAWA: The Canadian Renewable Fuels Association today applauded the announcement of a ‘U.S.-Canada Clean Energy Dialogue’ coming out of the meeting in Ottawa between President Barack Obama and Prime Minister Stephen Harper. Part of the dialogue will ‘expand clean energy research and development,’ including ‘collaborating on energy research related to advanced biofuels.’

“Clean energy was clearly a key focus of this meeting, as it relates directly to all aspects of the rest of the discussion around the North American economy, our environment, and energy security issues,” said CRFA President Gordon Quaiattini. “Canada stands ready to lead in the development of renewable fuels and advanced biofuels domestically, and in greater North American collaborative efforts.”

In fact, Canada is already leading, with advanced biofuel pilot, demonstration, and commercial-scale plants producing clean-burning renewable fuels at present. These facilities are using homegrown technologies and feedstocks to produce ethanol and biodiesel, including from forestry and wood waste, non-recyclable municipal landfill waste, agricultural residues, and yellow grease. This is on top of the significant developments being made in producing sustainable renewable fuels from starch, tallow, and oilseeds in Canada.

“Prime Minister Harper and President Obama see the benefits in growing beyond oil with the continued development of the renewable fuels industry in North America, including the significant reduction in harmful greenhouse gas emissions, giving all consumers choice and diversity at the fuel pump, new markets for farmers and the forestry sector, and creating new sustainable green manufacturing jobs for our economies,” concluded Quaiattini.

The Canadian Renewable Fuels Association is a non-profit organization with a mission to promote renewable transportation fuels through consumer awareness and government liaison activities. CRFA membership is composed of representatives from all levels of the ethanol and biodiesel industry, including: grain and cellulose ethanol producers, biodiesel producers, fuel technology providers, agricultural associations, and auto makers.

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