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EXPANDED SUNCOR ETHANOL PLANT FULFILLS PROMISE OF RENEWABLE FUELS

SARNIA, ONTARIO: The Canadian Renewable Fuels Association today lauded Suncor Energy's newly expanded St. Clair ethanol plant as proof of the tangible benefits of developing home grown renewable fuels in Canada.

"Suncor's early pioneering efforts in renewable fuels are now delivering real results," said Mr. Gordon Quaiattini, President of the Canadian Renewable Fuels Association. "This state-of-the-art ethanol facility is creating new jobs, developing new rural opportunities and adding valuable new supplies of energy. It is also helping protect our planet for future generations."

The \$120-million expansion of Suncor's St. Clair Ethanol Plant will double the plant's production capacity from 200 to 400 million litres annually.

Today 5% of the gasoline that Canadians pump into their vehicles comes from renewable green sources harvested and produced across Canada. A 2% renewable fuels standard is expected to be enacted for biodiesel in the coming months.

Construction of biofuels facilities has generated roughly \$3 billion in economic activity and ongoing operations are contributing over \$2 billion annually to the Canadian economy.

The direct environmental benefits are equally significant. Ethanol reduces harmful tailpipe emissions of carbon monoxide, particulate matter, oxides of nitrogen, and other ozone-forming pollutants. In terms of greenhouse gases (GHGs), a third party study found that Canadian produced ethanol reduces GHGs by 62% compared to fossil fuels.

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