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**Renewable Industries Canada -- Statement in response to Canada's Ecofiscal Commission's report, *Supporting Carbon Pricing: How to identify policies that genuinely compliment an economy-wide carbon price***

OTTAWA - The Ecofiscal Commission's latest report focuses on the issue of carbon pricing. As with Ecofiscal's earlier reports, it uses flawed analysis to arrive at ill-conceived recommendations - this time questioning both the federal Clean Fuel Standard (CFS), that is currently under development, and the role of biofuels in reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the transportation sector.

Ecofiscal criticizes the federal CFS based on the assertion that it will interact unfavorably with provincial policies – a position being advocated by oil and gas companies, as well as obligated parties under Canada's current renewable fuels regulations. Ecofiscal has chosen to overlook the fact that provincial governments have been actively engaging stakeholders in the CFS process and that many provinces are holding back the release of their own policies in anticipation of the federal program.

Ecofiscal continues to demonstrate a lack of understanding of how the fuel market functions and persists in spreading the myth that subsidies to the biofuel sector contribute to making the cost of GHG emission reductions uneconomic.

“The reality is that federal subsidies for most biofuels producers ended in March 2015. The failure to acknowledge this fact raises the question whether Ecofiscal has intentionally misrepresented its calculation of the cost of GHG reductions from the use of biofuels, or is simply ill-informed. Either way, the conclusions aren't supported by the evidence”, said RICanada Chair Jim Grey.

RICanada members continue to believe that reporting the facts accurately and working constructively with policy-makers is the best way to ensure the federal Clean Fuel Standard will achieve the Government of Canada's environmental and economic objectives.

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**About RICanada**

RICanada is the principal stakeholder representing Canadian producers of clean-burning renewable fuels like ethanol, biodiesel, and renewable diesel. This is an industry that currently generates more than \$3.5 billion in economic benefits per year while making significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions from transportation.

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