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CANADIAN RENEWABLE FUELS PRODUCERS WELCOME FIRST BIOFUEL-POWERED REVENUE FLIGHT

OTTAWA – The Canadian Renewable Fuels Association (CRFA) today applauds Canada's first ever biofuel-powered revenue flight. The commercial flight run by Porter Airlines in partnership with Bombardier Aerospace, Targeted Growth and Pratt and Whitney Canada is a clear example of Canadian progress, bringing together agriculture and technology to create greener fuels.

According to a release from Bombardier, Porter passengers travelled from Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport to the Ottawa International Airport in a plane fueled by a 50/50 blend of Jet A1 fuel and biofuel produced using *Camelina sativa* (camelina) and *Brassica carinata* feedstock.

"Not only is Porter an international award winner in customer service, they are now a world leader in environmental performance," said CRFA president W. Scott Thurlow. "Running commercial flights on a high renewable fuels blend means fewer GHGs in our atmosphere and a lower carbon footprint for air travel."

Canada has a long history in renewable fuels innovation and the development of eco-friendly jet fuels is a natural progression from land-based transportation fuels. The most commonly used biofuel feedstocks in Canada include corn, wheat, canola and recycled or rendered fats. The federal government has instituted mandates for a five per cent renewable content in gasoline and a two per cent renewable content in diesel fuel.

Founded in 1984, the Canadian Renewable Fuels Association (CRFA) is a non-profit organization with a mission to promote the use of renewable fuels for transportation through consumer awareness and government liaison activities.

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