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FIRST ROUND OF BIOFUELS FUNDING GOES TO FOUR SASKATCHEWAN PROJECTS

Saskatoon (December 18, 2006) - Four Saskatchewan producer groups received funding for their projects, by the Board of Directors of the Saskatchewan Council for Community Development Inc. (SCCD) through Saskatchewan's share of the Biofuels Opportunities for Producers Initiative (BOPI). The BOPI, a \$10 million national program announced in July, 2006, is a funding initiative of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC).

The SCCD Board of Directors, who received advice and recommendations from the SCCD Biofuels Advisory Group, selected the four projects from a field of 26 applicants. The four approved projects and the amount committed for the initial round of funding are:

- **Tisdale Alfalfa Dehy Ltd.** for their Tisdale Ethanol Project (\$280,000 committed)
- **Cypress Agri Energy Inc.** for their Cypress Agri Energy Producers and Community Ethanol Expansion Initiative (\$101,250 committed)
- **Peacock Industries** for their Mustard Oil as a Biofuel Feedstock project (\$18,750 committed)
- **Prairie Ethanol Consortium Inc.** for their Integrated Ethanol Shared Business Planning Initiative (\$120,000 committed)

An additional five projects received funding commitments for the second round of BOPI funding, conditional upon available funds from AAFC which will be allocated in January, 2007. In total, \$1,421,612 was recommended for Saskatchewan biofuels projects, money which will be used to help agricultural producers in the development of sound, well documented business plans, feasibility and other studies for projects that have significant producer ownership.

“The projects we have funded demonstrated to both the Board of Directors and the Biofuels Advisory Group, the applicants’ commitment to succeed and play major roles in the development of Saskatchewan’s biofuels sector,” explained Murray Purcell, Chair of Biofuels Advisory Group of SCCD. “The number of applications we received shows the interest in Saskatchewan’s agriculture industry in biofuels is growing, and it indicates Saskatchewan’s willingness to be a major player in the production of alternative fuels.”

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“The advisory group did a thorough job of analyzing the applications,” added Purcell. “Their knowledge and experience within the agriculture and biofuels sectors is substantial, and their recommendations to the SCCD board of directors were invaluable. I would like to thank them for the time and effort they invested in strengthening Saskatchewan’s biofuels sector.”

Announced by the Honourable Chuck Strahl, Minister Agriculture and Agri-Food and Minister for the Canadian Wheat Board, the Biofuels Opportunities for Producers Initiative (BOPI) is for agricultural producers and rural communities to participate in increased biofuels production.

The BOPI is being delivered through the regional industry councils that administer the Advancing Canadian Agriculture and Agri-Food (ACAAF) Program to assist Canada’s New Government to meet its biofuels commitment of 5 per cent average renewable fuel content in transport fuel by 2010.

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