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MANITOBA FUELS CHANGE WITH NEW BIODIESEL MANDATE

Ottawa, ON: The Canadian Renewable Fuels Association today applauded the decision by the Government of Manitoba to mandate the blending of 2% biodiesel in the provincial diesel supply by November 1, 2009.

"Today is a good day for homegrown biofuels in Manitoba and Canada," said Gordon Quaiattini, President of the Canadian Renewable Fuels Association. "With today's decision, Manitoba will become the first province in Canada to realize the many benefits of blending biodiesel in its fuel supply. Biodiesel is good for the environment, good for farmers, and good for the economy."

The Manitoba 2% biodiesel mandate alone is equal to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 56,000 tonnes a year, or taking 11,000 cars off the road.

Western provinces are leading the nation in blending biodiesel in their diesel supply. British Columbia has a biodiesel mandate of 5% coming in by January 1, 2010 and Alberta has a 2% biodiesel mandate by July 1, 2010.