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Air Products to extend proposed hydrogen pipeline

New hydrogen source for upgraders and other industry north of Edmonton

Calgary, Alberta (July 15, 2008) – Air Products today announced plans for an approximately nine kilometre extension to the hydrogen pipeline it proposes to build to serve the Alberta Industrial Heartland industrial area north of Edmonton. Hydrogen is a major feedstock for bitumen upgrading and refining and enables the production of cleaner burning transportation fuels. The pipeline will help to create the infrastructure needed to accommodate current and future demand for hydrogen in the area.

The proposed pipeline will now span approximately 43 kilometres, running about nine kilometres north and west of the original end location announced in January 2008. Most of the proposed route, which commences at its existing facilities in Strathcona County, will follow existing pipeline and utility corridors to reduce land use and environmental impacts. A final route will be further refined and determined through public consultation, information obtained from field studies and the regulatory approval process.

The pipeline will be designed with wall thickness that exceeds requirements and incorporate measures to reduce the chance of third party damage to the pipeline as well as a number of other safety features. Extensive ongoing monitoring, inspections and maintenance procedures will be conducted once the pipeline is operational.

Air Products plans to submit its application to the ERCB this September. If granted approval, the company would begin construction in mid-2009 and bring the pipeline into service in the spring of 2010.

“The extended pipeline will allow greater capacity to meet both current and future hydrogen supply needs in the area, providing much-needed hydrogen to support oil sands upgrader facility expansion and growth”, said Steve Losby, General Manager for Air Products. “Processing oil sands crude in Alberta also helps create more jobs, tax revenues and value-added products here”.

Air Products is a world leader in the manufacture of industrial gases, equipment and materials technology, with 22,000 employees in more than 40 countries. The company operates two hydrogen plants located in the refinery row area of Strathcona County just outside Edmonton. For more information about this project, visit www.airproducts.com/H2pipelinealberta.

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