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Manitoba RFS Creates Opportunity for Canola

Winnipeg, Manitoba – September 10, 2009 The Canadian Canola Growers Association applauds the Government of Manitoba for its decision to mandate the blending of 2% biodiesel in the provincial diesel supply beginning November 1, 2009.

“A recent study commissioned by BioFleet and the Canadian Canola Growers Association shows that a two per cent biodiesel mandate in Manitoba will create demand for approximately 46,000 tonnes of canola,” says Brian Chorney, President of the Canadian Canola Growers Association and farmer from East Selkirk, Manitoba. “Canola farmers look forward to the new domestic markets this mandate will create.” Due to its unique characteristics, canola makes an ideal feedstock for high-quality biodiesel.

While the Government of Manitoba will become the first province to mandate biodiesel content in fuel, British Columbia and Alberta are expected to implement previously announced renewable fuel mandates in the near future. Renewable fuels such as canola-based biodiesel reduce our dependency on fossil fuels. “They are good for farmers, good for the environment and good for the economy,” says Chorney.

The Canadian Canola Growers Association represents more than 52,000 canola farmers on national and international issues that impact farm profitability. Last year Canadian farmers produced a record canola crop of 12.6 million tonnes.

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