



Northern Plains Nitrogen to Construct \$1.5 Billion Nitrogen Fertilizer Production Facility Northwest of Grand Forks

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Northern Plains Nitrogen to Invest Over \$1B in Agri-Business in Grand Forks, N.D.

(Grand Forks, ND -- May 9, 2013) Northern Plains Nitrogen (NPN) leaders announced their plans today to build and operate a \$1.5 billion nitrogen fertilizer production facility near Grand Forks, N.D. The world-scale production facility will include a 2,200 ton per day ammonia plant plus urea and Urea-Ammonium-Nitrate (UAN) production facilities.

The facility will be located on land adjacent to the Grand Forks wastewater treatment plant. There are currently discussions underway for NPN to utilize the wastewater effluent from the Grand Forks wastewater treatment process for the plant's water supply. NPN CEO Don Pottinger notes, "this green-field world-scale production facility will be among the safest, most efficient and environmentally compliant ever constructed. By using modern technology which, among other benefits, reduces our carbon footprint, the NPN facility is taking shape to be a very exciting and worthwhile undertaking."

It is expected that the plant will be completed and ready to provide the area growers with fertilizer in time for the 2017 growing season. The plant will employ a peak construction workforce of approximately 2,000 workers and will provide approximately 135 full time employees in operations, maintenance, engineering, administration, and marketing when operational.

About NPN:

NPN was formed by area growers as a result of a study conducted by North Dakota State University which found that there were favorable conditions for the construction and operation of a nitrogen fertilizer facility in the northern plains. The study, which was funded by the Corn Grower's Organizations of North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota, the Manitoba Canola

Growers Association, and the North Dakota Soybean Council, identified key market conditions such as the abundance of natural gas reserves in the area, along with other amenities, that would provide a reliable regional supply of fertilizer and reduce the dependence on imports.

NPN is concluding a founders round of financing and has added Consolidated Sourcing Solutions, Dakota Dunes, SD and their respective companies as founding members.

NPN Executives and Board of Directors

- Don Pottinger, NPN Chief Executive Officer
- Larry Mackie, NPN Chief Operations Officer
- Eugene Setka, Energy Advisor
- Darin Anderson, NPN Board President and President of the ND Corn Growers Association
- Larry Hoffmann, NPN Board Secretary and Grower from Wheatland, ND
- Duane Dows, NPN Board Treasurer and Grower from Page, ND
- Bill Whipple, NPN Board Member and Grower from Wilmot, SD
- Admiral Bill Owens, NPN Board Member & Former Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Global Businessman
- David Bednar, NPN Board Member and President of Continental Nitrogen and Resource Group, Edina, MN
- Doug Stone, NPN Board Member & CEO of Consolidated Sourcing Solutions

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