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PINE BEND REFINERY RECEIVES SAFETY AWARDS

ROSEMOUNT, Minn. — Flint Hills Resources' Pine Bend Refinery received the Gold and Merit awards from the National Petrochemical & Refiners Association for safe work achievements. In addition, the refinery earned two Safety Achievement awards.

“The health and safety of employees, contractors, and the communities in which refiners and petrochemical manufacturers operate are, and have always been, the highest priority for NPRA members. NPRA is proud to honor our members' hard work and dedication to safe, secure operations,” NPRA Executive Vice President Charles T. Drevna said.

The NPRA awards are part of the association's comprehensive safety program developed to promote accident prevention in the petroleum refining and petrochemical manufacturing industries. NPRA is a national trade association with more than 450 member companies, including virtually all U.S. refiners and petrochemical manufacturers.

“I applaud each employee's efforts to achieve continuous improvement in safety. They exemplify our company's guiding principles, and they are to be commended for the outstanding results,” said Brad Razook, FHR president and chief executive officer.

The Pine Bend Refinery also received the Outstanding Achievement Award in Occupational Safety from the Minnesota Safety Council. The company has earned the Thoroughbred Chemical Safety Award from Norfolk Southern Corporation for 2006.

The refinery, located near Rosemount, has also been designated as a MNSTAR worksite by the Minnesota Department of Labor & Industry for its safety and health management systems that go beyond basic compliance with OSHA standards.

Flint Hills Resources, LP, a wholly owned subsidiary of Koch Industries, Inc., is a leading producer of fuels and other petrochemical products. Flint Hills Resources, which celebrated 50 years of operation in Minnesota, employs about 800 at the refinery. The refinery has a crude oil processing capacity of about 280,000 barrels and completed one of its largest projects ever in May 2006. This \$350 million project allowed the refinery to produce ultra low-sulfur diesel fuels and convert diesel fuel to gasoline to meet market demand. A crude oil expansion project is also underway to increase crude oil refining capacity by 50,000 barrels per day. It is scheduled to be complete in the fall of 2007. More information at www.fhr.com.

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