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Lafarge in Exshaw achieves major environmental milestone

Expansion to increase cement supply while reducing environmental footprint

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Calgary, AB – Today, Lafarge Canada Inc. announced its cement plant in Exshaw, Alberta has met its target to reduce emissions of dust, sulphur dioxide (SO₂) and oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) from its existing cement kiln line, and achieved zero water discharge from its operations.

As part of its expansion, which will increase manufacturing capacity by 60%, Lafarge upgraded an existing manufacturing line and is constructing a new kiln line. With the upgrade of the existing line now complete, Exshaw has reduced emissions significantly, with SO₂ reduced by 60% and as well as a 40% reduction in NO_x.

The plant has invested \$20 million in this upgrade, which has introduced additional dust mitigation and noise abatement equipment. These activities support Lafarge's Sustainability Ambitions for 2020 to provide solutions using sustainable manufacturing practices and improving the environment in and around its operations.

"When we embarked on this project, we made a promise to our customers and neighbors that we would improve our environmental footprint," says Bob Cooper, vice president Western Canada Cement, Lafarge. "We've taken the first major step to reduce SO₂, NO_x, and kiln particulate matter. And we are now recycling all of our cooling water, which means no discharge back to the Bow River and the plant is drawing less water."

Every large construction project comes with its own set of challenges, adds Cooper. Lafarge achieved this milestone while remaining injury-free. This plant expansion shows Lafarge's commitment to its customers and continuous improvement and the Company is keen to reach its next major milestone -- the completion of its new kiln line and vertical cement mill. Cement from Exshaw is helping build better cities across Canada and the northwestern U.S.

"We are grateful to all of our staff and the contractor teams who have helped us reach this milestone and to the communities near our Plant, for their support," says Heinz Knopfel, plant manager, Lafarge, Exshaw. "They have been waiting for these improvements since the notion of this expansion was first discussed and we're happy to deliver on our promise."

The construction of the new line continues and is expected to be completed in summer 2015.

The economic impact of the Plant's increased production and GDP of Alberta is estimated at \$800 million per year. Lafarge's investment of hundreds of millions of dollars in the expansion will provide long term employment opportunities in the Bow Valley.

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Lafarge Canada Inc. is Canada's largest provider of solutions to the construction and development industry. With more than 6,000 employees across Canada, our mission is to provide construction solutions that build better cities and communities. The cities where Canadians live, work, and raise their families along with the infrastructure that supports their communities such as roads, bridges, transportation links, water, and waste management benefit from the solutions provided by Lafarge.

Through our Sustainability Ambitions for 2020, Lafarge is committed to providing solutions using sustainable manufacturing practices and improving the environment in and around its operations. At locations across Canada, we have worked to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, restore wetlands for native plants and animals, and identify waste materials that can be recycled and used in our operations. For more information: www.lafarge-na.com

ABOUT THE LAFARGE GROUP

A world leader in building materials, Lafarge employs 64,000 people in 62 countries, and posted sales of €15.2 billion in 2013. As a top-ranking player in its Cement, Aggregates and Concrete businesses, it contributes to the construction of cities around the world, through its innovative solutions providing them with more housing and making them more compact, more durable, more beautiful, and better connected. With the world's leading building materials research facility, Lafarge places innovation at the heart of its priorities in order to contribute to more sustainable construction and to better serve architectural creativity.

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