



December 8, 2021

Mr. Joe Hinz
Director, Fibre Procurement
Red Leaf Pulp
Suite 34 – 395 Park Street
Regina, Saskatchewan S4N 5B2

Re: APAS support for Red Leaf Pulp

Dear Mr. Hinz:

I am writing on behalf of the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) to express our organization's support for Red Leaf Pulp.

Red Leaf Pulp is developing a wheat straw pulping facility in Saskatchewan with production expected to begin in 2024. The project will require 290,000 tonnes of wheat straw supply annually. Confirming feedstock supply from growers in the region is critical to Red Leaf Pulp's success.

Agricultural crop residues on the Canadian prairies represent a significant resource that is underutilized in some parts of the province. Red Leaf Pulp will transform cereal crop residues from producer's fields into a renewable fibre for packaging and paper end-use. The by-products will be initially transformed into a renewable natural gas to displace the use of fossil-based energy for the thermal requirements of the process and pellets to displace coal in power generation. In addition, Red Leaf Pulp is developing a low carbon intensity biocrude that will accelerate Canada's ability to reach climate objectives such as those outlined in the Clean Fuel Standard.

Investment in the project will create jobs in clean technology and transition Canada to a more sustainable and low-carbon future. There is vast potential across Canada, but particularly in the three prairie provinces to further utilize existing agricultural biomass resources.

Following discussions with Red Leaf Pulp, many Saskatchewan producers are excited about the prospect of increasing their financial sustainability by adding another income stream to their business. The increased utilization of agricultural crop residues will help producers further implement clean technology and assist with market diversification.

APAS is supportive of Red Leaf Pulp's plan and encourages grain growers to support Canada's bio-based economy by signing letters of intent to accelerate investment in this sector.

Sincerely,

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Todd Lewis
President, APAS