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HARVEST RECEIVES NEW AIR EMISSIONS PERMIT FROM METRO VANCOUVER

*Company to initiate first phase of multi-million dollar infrastructure upgrade
at Richmond organics recycling facility*

RICHMOND, BC. (October 3rd, 2016) – Metro Vancouver has issued a new air emissions permit to Harvest Fraser Richmond Organics, Ltd. (Harvest), which operates one of the region’s largest recycling facilities for food scraps and yard trimmings. The permit will require the company to invest in significant upgrades at the facility, improve its air emissions controls and submit to stringent monitoring.

“This is a very strict permit, but one that we are pleased to finally have in hand,” said Chris Kasper, CEO of Harvest Power. “We can now proceed with infrastructure investments at the facility and expect to spend several millions of dollars – beginning now and over the next few years – to improve our operations.”

Metro Vancouver issued the permit nearly eleven months after Harvest’s initial application and following the agency’s extensive consideration of public comments.

“We heard loud and clear that the public expects us to do better,” added Kasper, “and we’re committed to address their concerns. Now that we have the permit, we can focus our efforts and investments to deal with the issues that have been raised.”

Harvest will begin work immediately to meet the terms of the new permit with a focus on actions that can address odour issues as soon as possible.

“We will be replacing our composting infrastructure in a phased approach so that we can continue to serve the local communities and not disrupt their organic recycling programs,” Kasper explained.

“However, we know the public wants to see results right away to address odour concerns. That’s why we are implementing measures such as volume limits on our inbound material and reductions in the height of our compost piles. We will take these and additional steps to improve the performance of our operations even before the new infrastructure is in place.”

He concluded by emphasizing that Harvest wants to be in Richmond – and the surrounding region – for the long term.

“Managing organic waste is an evolving societal challenge,” said Kasper. “We are proud to help the Metro Vancouver region be a leader in North America of diverting organic materials from landfills and turning it into clean renewable energy and compost: key components of thriving communities. At the same time, first and foremost, we need to do that in partnership with those who live and work around us. Harvest looks forward to working with our local Community Liaison Committee, the City of Richmond and the residents of the Metro Vancouver region to achieve these important goals.”

[Harvest Power](#) is creating a more sustainable future by turning organic materials into locally consumed products that are good for the environment. Harvest has grown rapidly since its founding in 2008, garnering awards for its business of organic recycling, energy generation and soil revitalization. The company has been named to the Global Cleantech 100 six years running, received Bloomberg’s 2013 New Energy Pioneer Award and was named one of Fast Company’s 50 Most Innovative Companies in the World.

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