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Siemens Canada hosts open house to welcome employees and customers of Prairie West Technical Services

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Siemens officially welcomed Prairie West Technical Services into the family today, hosting an open house at the newly acquired company's Regina head office. More than 50 guests including customers and employees were in attendance to learn about Siemens' current offerings, as well as be introduced to the expanded portfolio Siemens is now able to provide through Prairie West.

Jim Mayhew, Director of Operations at Prairie West Technical Services acted as emcee for the day which began with remarks from Siemens Canada CEO Robert Hardt. Hardt reaffirmed Siemens' commitment to its customers and to the province of Saskatchewan.

"We are here to grow, and to bring our entire portfolio of solutions to our customers in the west," said Hardt. "Saskatchewan and the west in general, is growing as a result of demand for its resources. The use of technology can help companies meet these demands - ensuring Canadian companies can keep a competitive advantage."

Michael Gross, SVP of Siemens Canada's Industry sector also addressed the crowd, along with special guest, CEO of Enterprise Saskatchewan, Chris Dekker. Dekker remarked on the Saskatchewan Advantage, confirming a strong partnership and plans for continued growth.

"Siemens' investment represents a second wave of economic development for the province – companies taking advantage of the supply-chain and value-added opportunities afforded by our rapidly growing resource economy. We welcome one of the world's most well-known and respected corporate citizens to Saskatchewan."

Guests also enjoyed lunch and took part in tours of the plant facility, demonstrations and a showcase of additional product offerings to support the Saskatchewan market.

The acquisition of Prairie West Technical Services was officially announced by Siemens Canada in November 2011 to support Siemens' existing mining and oil & gas customers in Saskatchewan and advances the company's technical capabilities in the region. Prairie West is a major electrical service organizations in Canada, specializing in engineering solutions for the utility, industrial, commercial and institutional electrical markets.

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For 100 years the innovative ideas from Siemens have helped make Canada a better place. From the Atlantic to Pacific oceans, more than 4,400 employees in Canada work together to provide answers that last in the fields of industry, energy and healthcare, as well as deliver infrastructure solutions for cities. Since it was federally chartered in August of 1912, Siemens has stood for technical achievements, innovation, quality and reliability. Sales for Siemens in Canada in fiscal 2011 (ended September 30), were $3.0 billion CAD. The company has 61 offices and 13 manufacturing/assembly facilities across Canada.

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