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### More Than \$1.2 Million Investment Approved for 16 New Coal Transition Projects

**Coronach, Sask.** – Today, South Saskatchewan Ready announced it has approved more than \$1.2 million toward 16 projects to support community priorities, help local businesses create jobs, grow tourism and highlight opportunities in the region.

The \$1,249,352 in funding has been awarded to support the following projects:

- **Videre Energy: \$250,000** – Conversion of carbon to value-added products for the agricultural and energy sectors in the RM of Hart Butte and Town of Coronach. Videre has received a second round of funding to complete Phase 2 of product identification and feasibility.
- **Dosch Organics: \$100,000** – Expansion of AgriValue food manufacturing in the Town and RM of Willow Bunch. Dosch Organics has received funding to complete Phase 2 of their project to accommodate larger distribution facilities and the creation of additional efficiencies.
- **Valley AG Co-op: \$50,000** – Equipment upgrades for seed cleaning in the Town of Bengough.
- **Gold's Custom Meats: \$50,000** – AgriValue Food equipment for meat processing in the RM of Willow Bunch.
- **Coronach Golf Course: \$40,000** – Tourism and regional recreation facilities expansion for off-season operations in the Town of Coronach.
- **Poplar River Community Park: \$80,000** – Tourism and regional recreation facilities expansions to accommodate more visitors to the region in the RM Hart Butte.
- **Regional Biomass Feasibility: \$50,000** – AgriValue biomass certification rating for business and investment attraction in the region.
- **EDY Community Cooperative: \$23,000** – Equipment for recycling agricultural plastic waste to other products in the Town of Coronach.
- **Nielsen's Welding: \$12,500** – Equipment upgrades to retain trades in the region addressing a priority need in the Town of Rockglen.
- **Hart Electric: \$50,000** – Equipment upgrades to keep trades in the region addressing a priority need in the RM of Hart Butte.
- **May B Sew: \$53,718** – Equipment upgrades to allow for a larger range of products offerings making this company in the Town of Coronach more competitive in larger and more distant markets.
- **Coronach Agencies: \$7,500** – Marketing software tools to expand markets and automation for new efficiencies in the Town of Coronach.
- **Rockglen Museum: \$25,000** – Upgrades to museum building to allow for expanded operations period and upgrades to displays in the Town of Rockglen.
- **Bengough Municipal Parks: \$50,000** – Expansion and upgrade of facilities for the Gateway Festival to allow for a better visitor experience and accommodation of higher volumes of visitors in the Town and RM of Bengough.

- **Wood River Controls: \$327,634** – Expansion and upgrade of 50/10 mbps Internet access for residents of Rural Municipalities, which will contribute to regional GDP growth of 7 to 10 per cent in the RMs of Hart Butte, Poplar Valley, Happy Valley, Bengough and Willow Bunch.
- **Jean Louis Legare Coulee Project Plan: \$80,000** – Move and restoration of the historic 112-year-old Gosselin Barn for events in the RM of Willow Bunch.

“Dosch Organics has always wanted to produce our product locally where our inputs are grown and harvested. In the past two years, our Wheat Crunch product has become extremely popular not just in Saskatchewan but also internationally, which means we need to produce more product. South Saskatchewan Ready has been instrumental in helping us achieve our goals of manufacturing locally and expanding our market,” said Dean and Darlene Dosch, Dosch Organic Acres.

“May B Sew is grateful to receive funding from South Saskatchewan Ready. The funding will help us purchase new equipment to manufacture a range of new product offerings which will help us compete in larger markets. It will also help us sustain our business, as we navigate federally-mandated coal transition,” said Shannon Martin, Owner of May B Sew Stitchery.

“The Government of Saskatchewan is proud to play a role by investing \$2 million in provincial funding toward this initiative lead by South Saskatchewan Ready. The tenacity, hard work and innovation of these entrepreneurs will help make our great province even stronger,” said Saskatchewan Government Relations Minister Don McMorris.

“We have worked closely with the Government of Saskatchewan over the past two years with great success. The number of new and existing business in the region that accessed funding provided to us by the province to mitigate the negative economic impacts of mandated coal transition have truly made a difference,” said Sharon Adam, Chair of South Saskatchewan Ready.

This is the second and last round of projects approved for funding by South Saskatchewan Ready. This first round approved five projects. Following today’s announcement, the total number of approved projects is 21.

South Saskatchewan Ready is an economic alliance of nine municipalities in the south-central region of the province working to mitigate the negative economic affects of federally-mandated coal transition. It includes the towns of Bengough, Coronach, Rockglen and Willow Bunch, along with the rural municipalities of Bengough, Happy Valley, Hart Butte, Poplar Valley and Willow Bunch.

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