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More Than \$270,000 To Be Awarded for Seven New Coal Transition Projects

Coronach, Sask. – Today, South Saskatchewan Ready announced it will award more than \$270,000 toward seven new projects to support community priorities, help local businesses thrive, and showcase opportunities in the south central part of the province.

Funding to these organizations will help mitigate the federally-mandated coal transition by maintaining important municipal property tax bases to fund local services and creating jobs to maintain a customer base for local businesses.

RECIPIENT	LOCATION	PROJECT	INVESTMENT
Goose Creek Industries	RM of Poplar Valley	Equipment to help this organic farming implements manufacturer expand its business	\$100,000
Rockglen Childcare Services	Town of Rockglen	Maintain an important service needed in the region, which helps attract families to the area	\$41,258
Southern Comfort Spray Foam	Hamlet of Fife Lake	Equipment to offer other services to expand market opportunities	\$23,000
Marv's Tire	Town of Coronach	Equipment for expansion into other sectors and markets	\$31,000
Willow Bunch Greenhouse	Town of Willow Bunch	New greenhouse and expansion of product offerings in a new location to attract more customers	\$39,000
Jean Louis Legare Regional Park	RM of Willow Bunch	New wheelchair campground service centre to help make the park more accessible	\$20,000
Rockin Beach Campground & Park	RM of Poplar Valley	New washroom facilities to improve the park experience for visitors	\$20,000
TOTAL:			\$274,258

“Attracting new investment and supporting local business will contribute greatly to the survival of our regional communities and local economies. We are grateful the Government of Saskatchewan has provided funding to help us mitigate the negative economic effects of coal transition and their support has been indispensable,” said Sharon Adam, Chair of South Saskatchewan Ready.

“These projects illustrate the perseverance, entrepreneurship and community collaboration of south-central Saskatchewan people,” Saskatchewan’s Government Relations Minister Don McMorris said. “Our government is proud to play a role by investing \$2 million towards the projects lead by South Saskatchewan Ready to keep our great province strong.”

“We are very fortunate for the community support through the South Saskatchewan Ready project. We can access the technology needed to keep jobs right here, in our small community. Without the support, these jobs would have been outsourced to larger centres. We are excited to be a part of this endeavour and keeping our community an amazing place to call home,” said Tyler Remoué, President of Goose Creek Industries.

"Many young families that call Rockglen and surrounding area home, want to continue raising their families here. The lack of daycare services has proven to be a challenge for families simply because they don't have full-time childcare arrangements. Having adequate daycare services provides an important economic facet for allowing parents to maintain employment but to also attract new residents with families. Rockglen is a wonderful place to live and work; we're thankful for all of the support we've received from the community, including South Saskatchewan Ready, to make our town that much more desirable and self-sufficient with the addition of a childcare centre!" said Chapin Sleightholm, President of Rockglen Daycare Services.

This is the third and final round of projects approved by South Saskatchewan Ready.

South Saskatchewan Ready is an economic alliance of nine municipalities in the south-central region of the province working to mitigate the negative economic effects 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. Visit www.southsaskready.ca for details.

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