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Cameco Invests In Healthier Communities

Saskatoon (Wednesday, May 28, 2008) – This morning Jerry Grandey, President and CEO of Cameco announced a \$1.5M donation to St. Paul’s Hospital Foundation in support of the *Embracing the Future* campaign.

These funds will purchase a Nuclear Medicine Gamma Camera and a Radio Pharmacy Satellite, furthering the vision of establishing a Nuclear Medicine Department at St. Paul’s Hospital, one of the three pillars of the campaign. In recognition of this significant contribution the SPH Community Renal Health Centre was renamed in honour of Cameco. This brings the *Embracing the Future* campaign total to \$7.1 million dollars or 89% of the \$8M dollar goal.

“When the foundation first approached us about supporting the campaign and the Nuclear Medicine Department, we knew it would be a great fit for Cameco,” said Jerry Grandey. “This equipment will allow physicians to supply safer, faster diagnosis and treatment for a variety of life-threatening or life altering diseases, and help bring peace of mind to both patients and their concerned families.”

Dr. Kappel, Head of Nephrology for the Saskatoon Health Region said “The gamma camera is important for the patients at St. Paul’s Hospital. It aids in assessment of kidney function in transplant and non-transplant patients. The camera is also important for diagnosis of bone infections and cancer. Having this camera at St. Paul’s Hospital improves access to this technology and is very important for the health and well being of so many of our patients.”

Nuclear medicine is a branch of medical imaging that uses the nuclear properties of matter in diagnosis and therapy. Nuclear Medicine produces images that reflect biological processes taking place at the cellular and subcellular level within the human body. Nuclear medicine uses very small amounts of radioactive materials (radio-pharmaceuticals) to diagnose and treat disease. In diagnosis, radioactive substances are administered to patients and the radiation emitted is detected using a gamma camera to form images and help doctors determine how the body is functioning.

The Nuclear Medicine gamma camera and renovations required to install and implement the service at St. Paul’s Hospital cost \$1.1M while equipment and renovations for the Radio Pharmacy Satellite cost \$400,000. \$50,000 of the \$1.5M Cameco donation will go to Prince Albert’s Victoria Hospital Foundation to improve patient services and purchase dialysis machines at the Prince Albert Dialysis Satellite.

The newly renamed Cameco Community Renal Health Centre has the capacity to provide 324 dialysis treatments each week, with 18 stations operating Monday through Saturday, 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 pm. Two treatments are available per day to accommodate transient patients visiting Saskatoon. There are currently 102 people receiving hemodialysis treatments at the centre.

The St. Paul's Hospital *Embracing the Future* campaign focuses on three priority areas: a Urology Centre of Health, which will offer advanced detection and treatment of urological diseases; nuclear medicine equipment; and the new MRI and accessory equipment.

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