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Flint Hills Resources Donates to Protect Wildlife Habitat *Waterfowl, other species to benefit again from conservation partnership*

ROSEMOUNT, Minn. –Ducks Unlimited recently received a \$75,000 donation from Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery to help protect and restore habitat for waterfowl and other wildlife in Minnesota. The gift is the latest commitment from Flint Hills in a 28-year partnership with Ducks Unlimited.

Flint Hills Resources and Ducks Unlimited (DU) have been working together since 1985 to protect and enhance Minnesota's lakes and wildlife habitat. This includes more than \$300,000 in donations to DU since 2007. Additionally, for nearly two decades, Flint Hills has supported DU's Living Lakes Initiative, which focuses on bringing life back to shallow lakes and marshes.

“Flint Hills Resources is a critical component of our grassroots fundraising organization, as well as a very meaningful contributor to our Living Lakes conservation initiative,” said Tim Roble, DU Minnesota state chairman.

Ducks Unlimited plans for wetland acquisitions, enhancements, restorations and engineering survey and design are in place for 2013. The generous gift from Flint Hills will help DU leverage nearly \$1.5 million in public grants and an additional \$500,000 in private funds provided by DU members and philanthropists. These projects will take place on a series of managed shallow lakes and wetlands from central Iowa through northern Minnesota that provide high-quality aquatic food and habitat resources for migrating and breeding waterfowl.

“Minnesota's natural habitat is part of what makes Minnesota a special place to live and work, which is why supporting the important work Ducks Unlimited does to preserve and protect these beautiful places has always been a priority for us,” said Scott Lindemann, vice president and manufacturing manager at Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery. “Ducks Unlimited is a great champion of the outdoors.”

Flint Hills Resources' support has helped Ducks Unlimited evaluate and manage more than 28,000 acres of wild rice on more than 100 lakes in northern Minnesota, restore and enhance eight large shallow lakes totaling 6,000 acres and permanently protect 1.5 miles of sensitive shoreline and 202 acres of wetlands and grasslands with voluntary conservation easements.

About Flint Hills Resources

Flint Hills Resources, LLC, through its subsidiaries, is a leading refining, chemicals and biofuels company. Its subsidiaries market products such as gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, ethanol, biodiesel, olefins, polymers and intermediate chemicals, as well as base oils and asphalt. The refining business operates refineries in Alaska (North Pole), Minnesota (Rosemount), and Texas (Corpus Christi), with a combined crude oil processing capacity of nearly 670,000 barrels per day. The petrochemical business includes production facilities in Illinois, Michigan and Texas. The renewables business operates ethanol plants in Iowa, and a biodiesel plant in Texas, and has made equity investments in bioenergy companies. The asphalt business produces and markets products in the Midwest and Alaska. A subsidiary owns an interest in a lubricants base oil facility in Louisiana.

Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend in Rosemount, Minn., has a crude oil processing capacity of about 320,000 barrels per day. Pine Bend employs about 900 people full-time; an additional 400-2,000 contractors work at the refinery daily on construction and maintenance projects. More information about the company is available at www.fhr.com.

About Ducks Unlimited

Ducks Unlimited is the world's largest non-profit organization dedicated to conserving North America's continually disappearing waterfowl habitats. Established in 1937, DU has conserved more than 13 million acres thanks to contributions from more than a million supporters across the continent. Guided by science and dedicated to program efficiency, DU works toward the vision of wetlands sufficient to fill the skies with waterfowl today, tomorrow and forever. For more information on our work, visit www.ducks.org. Connect with us on our Facebook page at facebook.com/DucksUnlimited, follow our tweets at twitter.com/DucksUnlimited and watch DU videos at youtube.com/DucksUnlimitedInc.