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Flint Hills Resources' Pine Bend Refinery Names Saint Paul-based Gagnon Inc. "Contractor of the Year"

Gagnon employees among hundreds of contractors working at Pine Bend, the largest continuous construction site in Minnesota

Rosemount, Minn. – The Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery announced today that its "Contractor of the Year" honor has been awarded to Gagnon Inc., a specialized industrial contractor based in Saint Paul, with locations in Iowa, North Dakota and Wisconsin. Gagnon provides refractory, insulation, scaffolding and fireproofing services, and was selected based on its strong focus on safety, innovative practices, quality work, customer service, and environmental considerations.

"We are proud to call Gagnon a longtime partner," said Geoff Glasrud, vice president and manufacturing manager at Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery. "Their quality work, customer focus and innovative thinking brings incredible value to our work at Pine Bend."

The Pine Bend-Gagnon partnership dates back to the 1980s, and Gagnon has been a core contractor for Flint Hills Resources since 2002. In 2017, Gagnon led the implementation of new, rapid arc welding technology to enhance safety while increasing productivity for workers.

[Click here](#) to see a photo of Flint Hills Resources presenting the award to Gagnon. (L to R) Joe Peterson, construction services manager (FHR), Hardy Kemp, projects and turnaround, director (FHR), Lance Pickerign, general manager – insulation (Gagnon), Burke Hancock, site manager (Gagnon).

About Flint Hills Resources

Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery produces transportation fuels used throughout the Midwest, including most of Minnesota's gasoline, diesel fuel, jet fuel, as well as other products people rely on such as propane and asphalt. Located 17 miles southeast of Minneapolis, Pine Bend has a capacity of 339,000 barrels per day and is among the cleanest, most efficient, and safest oil refineries in the country. Flint Hills Resources directly and indirectly supports more

than 4,000 Minnesota jobs and has invested nearly \$1.7 billion on upgrades and improvements to its Minnesota facilities since 2010. With 1,000 full-time employees, the Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery is one of the largest employers in Dakota County. More information about the company is available at pinebendrefinery.com.

About Gagnon

Gagnon Inc.'s foundation was laid in the early 1890's by Mark Gagnon, a Minnesota bricklayer. His sons, Flavian and Leonard, followed in their father's tradition, and in 1949, Gagnon Inc. was formed. What began as a small company serving the Minneapolis area has grown into a company that each year provides refractory and insulation solutions to clients across the country and internationally. More information is available at Gagnon-inc.com.

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