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Flint Hills Resources Fledges Record Number of Bluebirds in 2012

Rosemount, Minn. – A company record 89 young bluebirds left their nests at Flint Hills Resources this summer. Prior to this year, Flint Hills averaged about 50 fledglings per year over the last 10 years. Volunteers and staff members at Flint Hills carefully monitor the 20 artificial nesting structures located on a prairie ecosystem near the facility and report annual data to the Minnesota Bluebird Recovery Program.

“All 89 of the bluebirds that hatched at Flint Hills this summer ended up leaving their nests, and that’s good for their population, said Joel Mielke, process engineer and Pine Bend Bluffs volunteer. “Our 500 acres of restored native habitat on the Mississippi River have proven to be excellent sites for bluebirds.”

Bluebirds typically fledge anywhere from 16 to 21 days after hatching. Fledgling – the first flight away from the nest box – is an important step toward becoming an adult.

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 more than 800,000 barrels per day. The petrochemical business includes production facilities in Illinois, Michigan and Texas. The renewables business operates ethanol plants in Iowa, 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 325,000 barrels per day. Pine Bend employs about 900 people full-time; an

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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.

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