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Flint Hills Resources Employee Honored as Exceptional Dakota County Businesswoman

Rosemount, Minn. – Cinda Lohmann, an 18-year employee of Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery, has been named a 2016 Dakota County Exceptional Businesswoman Honoree. The award, presented by the *Dakota County Tribune*, *Sun ThisWeek*, and ECM Publishers at a banquet on Thursday, March 3, recognizes women who have distinguished themselves in Dakota County business and community efforts.

“I’d like to congratulate my fellow honorees and express my gratitude for receiving this award,” said Lohmann. “My career at Pine Bend has afforded me many opportunities to make a difference in our community. I’m especially proud of working on a team that has helped shape Pine Bend into one of the most efficient and environmentally responsible refineries in the nation.”

Lohmann has been a Flint Hills Resources employee since 1998. She began her career with the company as an operations engineer and is now working as a compliance manager for fuels strategies. Lohmann has a degree in chemical engineering from the University of Arkansas.

“Cinda is a shining example of an employee who consistently goes above and beyond,” said Geoff Glasrud, vice president and manufacturing manager at Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery. “I cannot thank her enough for her contributions to Flint Hills. The Pine Bend refinery is better positioned for success thanks to Cinda’s hard work.”

With more than 1,300 full-time employees, the Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery is a top provider of science and engineering jobs in Dakota County. An average of 1,500 contractors work onsite on any given day, making the refinery the largest continuous construction site in Minnesota. Pine Bend celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2015.

About Flint Hills Resources

Flint Hills Resources, LLC, through its subsidiaries, is a leading refining, chemicals and biofuels company, with operations primarily in Texas and the Midwest. Its manufacturing capability is built upon six decades of refining experience, and the company has expanded its operations through capital projects and acquisitions worth more than \$13 billion since 2002. The company is based in Wichita, Kansas, and its more than 5,000 employees strive to create value for customers and society.

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 1,300 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.

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