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SIAS Palliser celebrates expansion

Faculty, staff and students benefit from improvements

September 24, 2007 – SIAS faculty, staff, students and government officials were on hand to celebrate completion of recent upgrades to SIAS Palliser Campus in Moose Jaw valued at \$3.9 million. The project involved expansion of the lab and shop space for the Instrumentation Engineering Technology program, new and flexible classroom space and improved fitness centre and health nurse area.

“SIAS is highly responsive to industry’s needs,” Moose Jaw MLA Glenn Hagel said. “Capital improvements like this one enhance the solid foundation for quality training on which the future Saskatchewan is being built.”

“We take pride in our ability to provide students with modern training areas, equipment and technology that is comparable to what they will use in the workplace,” SIAS president and CEO Dr. Bob McCulloch said. “In this case, faculty and staff also benefit through improvements made to the fitness centre and health nurse area.”

Construction started in April 2007 and is now essentially complete.

SIAS is Saskatchewan’s primary public institution for post-secondary technical education and skills training, recognized nationally and internationally for its expertise and innovation. More than 11,000 students are registered in SIAS programs, which touch every sector of the economy; additionally, the organization draws more than 29,000 individual course registrations. It operates campuses in Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon, and provides a number of courses and programs through distance education.

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A backgrounder is attached. For more information, contact:

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BACKGROUND

SIAS Palliser Campus Redevelopment Project

- Funding details for the project were announced February 8, 2007. Cost of project is \$3.9 million.
- Construction started in April 2007 and is essentially complete.
- The project involves:
 - Construction of an electronics lab and machine shop and associated classrooms in support of the delivery of the Instrumentation Engineering Technology (IET) program
 - Upgrades and relocation of the fitness centre
 - Upgrades to the campus health area
- For the IET program:
 - No more core-funded seats will be added to the program; however, improvements will enhance SIAS's ability to accommodate programs delivered through brokerage arrangements with other training institutions and through custom training arrangements with employers.
 - Space will be used for diploma programming, apprenticeship training and continuing education courses.
 - At any given time, 60-70 students will use the renovated program space.
- The IET program prepares grads to work in the manufacturing, chemical, mining and energy sectors.