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### **SaskPower Funds New Equipment Purchase**

In a formal presentation held at SIAST Palliser Campus in Moose Jaw, Glenn Hagel, MLA for Moose Jaw North, on behalf of the Hon. Frank Quennell, Minister Responsible for SaskPower, presented a \$10,000 cheque to Kris Nanan, program head of the Electrical Engineering Technology program at SIAST Palliser Campus.

“I am pleased that SaskPower has continued its support for the Electrical Engineering Technology program in the amount of \$10,000,” said Mr. Hagel. “As a major employer of Electrical Engineering Technology graduates, SaskPower recognizes the importance of providing students with access to the equipment and technology they will use in the world of work.”

The money contributed by SaskPower has been used to purchase five SMC-Flex controllers. These electronic starters will replace traditional motor starters, which have become outdated. Industry is now using electronic starters due to superior accuracy and multifunctional applications.

“The SaskPower contribution ensures that our students are educated about, experienced with and trained on the latest standard equipment used throughout industry,” said SIAST dean of technology, Arnold Boldt. “Not only is the faculty excited about working with the new equipment, but it has sparked the students’ enthusiasm and motivation to learn.”

The Electrical Engineering Technology diploma program trains students in the generation, distribution, transmission and utilization of electrical energy, as well as automated industrial control systems. The Canadian Technology Accreditation Board (CTAB) accredits this program at the technologist level with the Canadian Council of Technicians and Technologists (CCTT).

SIAST 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 12,000 students are registered in SIAST programs, which touch every sector of the economy; additionally, the organization draws almost 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.

SaskPower donates \$1 million annually to Saskatchewan communities in support of education, the environment and community involvement initiatives.

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