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PCL CONSTRUCTORS BEGIN REPLACEMENT OF CN REDDITT RAILWAY BRIDGE

Bridge Work Underway to Ensure National Rail Line Protected During a 1-in-700 Year Level

Winnipeg, MB – Today, the Manitoba Floodway Authority (MFA) announced that PCL Constructors Canada Inc. has begun work to replace the CN Redditt Railway Bridge, ensuring that the national rail line is above the 1-in-700 year flood level, as part of the Red River Floodway Expansion Project.

“To date, construction of the Trans-Canada Highway #1 East Bridges has been completed and work on the PTH 59 South Bridge and CN Sprague Railway Bridge is proceeding on schedule,” said Ernie Gilroy, CEO of the MFA. “With today’s announcement, work on the fourth floodway bridge crossing begins.” Gilroy noted that 31 kms, or approximately 64 per cent, of the 48 km long floodway channel is currently under excavation.

“PCL is pleased to have the opportunity to again contribute to this important public infrastructure project,” said Kevin Skinner, Vice President and District Manager for PCL Constructors Canada Inc.. “We look forward to working with MFA, Dillon Consulting and ND LEA, as work on the CN Redditt Bridge begins.”

As part of the contract, PCL will replace the existing railway bridge including replacement of existing piers and abutments, replacement of existing bridge girders and associated channel excavation. The contract also includes the establishment and removal of a temporary railway detour. This bridge was previously used for the construction of the CN Sprague Railway Bridge and will, subsequently, be used for the construction of the CP Keewatin Bridge.

In November, 2006, the MFA issued a tender for the replacement of the CN Redditt Railway Bridge. PCL submitted the lowest of three bids in response to the tender. The estimated contract value is approximately \$20.3 million. Construction on the Redditt Bridge is scheduled to be completed in August 2008.

As a Manitoba General Contractor, PCL set up a permanent office in Winnipeg in 1963 and over the course of 44 years, has built or are building many of the signature projects in the province including the MTS Centre and the Manitoba Hydro Downtown Office Building. PCL is a traditional builder and self performs work, directly employing a significant number of Manitobans on their projects. To date, PCL has been awarded two major floodway expansion construction contracts for the PTH 59 South Highway Bridge and the CN Sprague Railway Bridge.

The Red River Floodway Expansion Project will divert more water around Winnipeg during major floods by more than doubling the capacity of the existing floodway channel. By improving flood protection to 1-in-700 year level of protection, floodway expansion will protect more than 450,000 Manitobans, over 140,000 homes, over 8,000 businesses and could prevent more than \$12 billion in damages to the provincial economy during each major flood. To date, the floodway capacity has been increased from 1-in-90 year to 1-in-140 year flood level and, weather permitting, is scheduled to be increased to 1-in-300 year by the spring of 2007.

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