

**1. Why did you pick Regina as the site for your proposed facility? Did you consider other sites?**

The site is ideally located in the heart of southern Saskatchewan canola production, where we have a proud history going back over 100 years. Through this project, we will be able to further leverage our strong relationships with farm customers and support Saskatchewan's growth plan for expanded value-added processing capacity.

Strong access to labour, power, gas, and water sources, as well as the existing road and rail infrastructure, also made this an ideal site for our facility.

The land parcel is located in an industrial area next to other longstanding, large industrial facilities. The parcel size is appropriate given the scale and scope of the project.

Strong support for our project at the municipal and provincial levels also factored in our decision to choose Regina as the site for our facility.

**2. What will this new facility cost to build?**

We will not be disclosing the cost of the project, however it is the single largest site investment in our company's history, one that we expect will create benefits for our customers, as well as the city and the province.

**3. You say that once this project is completed, it will be the world's largest integrated crush facility. What do you mean when you say 'integrated'?**

This facility will not only be able to crush canola seed into crude oil, but will be able to refine it into consumable canola oil, as well as feedstock for renewable diesel production.

**4. Why are you building this facility now? What are the benefits for other stakeholders outside of Viterra?**

Oilseed crush demand is expected to continue strengthening, given continued demand growth for canola oil in food, fuel, and industrial usage, as well as increases in meal consumption in animal feed markets.

Supports the Government of Saskatchewan's growth target for expanded value-added processing capacity by crushing 75% of canola grown in the province.

Creates significant new market options for farmers' canola seed, as well as additional marketing opportunities for meal domestically and globally.

Bringing new opportunities in the region - the facility is expected to generate an additional \$500 million in GDP to Regina and region, up to 1,000 jobs during construction and up to 100 permanent, full-time jobs.

**5. What do you say to those who believe that diverting crops for fuel production creates food security risks?**

Canada has historically had a large exportable surplus of canola seed, and we expect that our canola supply will continue to support a strong seed export program. Further,



this facility will support Canada's overall sustainability efforts to shift towards greener fuel alternatives through the federal government's Clean Fuel Standard. It will be vital in helping the government meet its greenhouse gas reduction targets.

**6. With other companies making crush facility investments in the Regina area, will there be enough canola to source? How will Viterra ensure that it has steady and reliable access to canola seed for the facility?**

Today, our farmers grow about 20 MMT of canola on the Prairies, double the amount grown 20 years ago. According to the Canola Council, this will grow to 26 MMT by 2025 which be supportive of increased demand.

Further, Canada has historically had a large exportable surplus of canola seed and we expect that our canola supply will continue to support a strong seed export program even after these new facilities come online. We also anticipate additional marketing opportunities for meal domestically and globally, including China, Japan, Thailand, Vietnam, South Korea, and the US.

Finally, we're confident that Viterra's industry leading asset network and the expertise of our staff will enable us to offer competitive bids to farm customers to secure the supply our facility will require.

**7. How will the facility support renewable fuel production?**

In terms of renewable fuel, canola oil is a desirable ingredient, or feed stock, as it is a low carbon intensity product. As more countries create new regulations to cut greenhouse gas emissions from transportation, and move away from fossil fuels, we expect demand for canola oil to grow.

In Canada, the federal government is developing the Clean Fuel Standard (CFS), which will encourage the use of lower carbon fuels like renewable diesel fuel. The implementation of the CFS is expected to increase oilseed crush demand by 3-4.2 million metric tonnes per year.

**8. How will the canola get to the facility? How will the refined product leave the facility?**

Canola seed will arrive at the facility by truck and rail via CP and CN. Truck access to the facility will be through Inland Drive. Winnipeg Street will not be used by trucks servicing the site. Truck access to the facility will be through Inland Drive.

The majority of refined product will leave the facility by rail car.

**9. What kind of a traffic impact will we see as a result of the facility?**

As part of the permitting process, Viterra has completed a traffic impact study. We expect truck traffic to be minor, and plan to pre-schedule truck deliveries to ensure a steady and efficient traffic flow to the facility. We will work with trucking companies to ensure they adhere to designated truck routes.

**10. What about rail impact?**



The facility's rail configuration will support efficient movement of product by full unit trains. Viterra's planned configuration will limit road blockages on neighbouring roadways, and will limit additional new train traffic to existing rail infrastructure adjacent to residential neighbourhoods. Further, receiving seed by rail will remove over 30,000 trucks from the road per year, creating less congestion on roads and highways. We have been working closely with the City of Regina to ensure our rail plans are aligned with their long-term rail investment plans.

**11. Where are you at in the environmental permitting process?**

The technical proposal which incorporates environmental, wildlife, heritage and human health assessments has been submitted to the Ministry of Environment and is currently under their review.

**12. What noise impact will the facility have on residents living near the facility?**

The facility will be more than 1.4KM away from the closest neighbouring community and most of the equipment will be located inside the facility. Noise studies and associated dispersion models completed as part of the provincial permitting process show that the design of the facility results in limiting ambient levels to within a short distance of the source and ensuring levels at the residential areas are below the applicable regulatory levels.

**13. What air quality impacts can we expect?**

Viterra recognizes that air quality is a top priority for surrounding landowners and in response, we have included stringent odour and dust management systems into the facility's design and operation.

**14. How will you protect the aquifer that the land is situated on?**

We have finalized an Aquifer Protection Plan to guide our processes throughout the project, from construction to full operation.

**15. How are you sourcing the water you need for the facility?**

The City of Regina and the Rural Municipality of Sherwood will provide potable water utilities for the facility. Process water will be provided by Sask Water, which will be sourced from Buffalo Pound Lake.

With regard to wastewater, we will utilize the City's sanitary system for septic – an on-site water treatment plant will clean the process water which will then be directed to the City sanitary system.

**16. How are you managing your procurement process?**

Procurement for the project will be conducted through a tendering process. Our criteria for selecting companies will include their EH&S safety record, technical criteria, schedule requirements and costing. If you are interested in being a part of the tendering process, please fill out our [Vendor Registration Form](#).

**17. What steps have you completed to date?**



Since we originally announced the project, we have been working on the facility's design, working through the environmental and development permitting process, and engaging with our stakeholders.

**18. When will you be recruiting positions for the facility?**

We will begin our recruitment efforts for the facility in the next 1-2 years. Please visit the [Careers Section](#) of our website regularly for updates.

**19. What efforts are you making with respect to Indigenous outreach?**

We have been engaging with Indigenous partners within the community throughout the planning process, working collaboratively to discuss opportunities, including the areas of procurement and employment.

**20. What are the next steps for this project?**

Once we complete the permitting process, we will start construction by moving ahead with the earthwork process, as well as finalizing the facility design.

