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**"A New Technology Will Help Quebec's Cattle Industry Become More Competitive!" : Jean-Pierre Blackburn**

**The Harper Government Contributing to a More Competitive Cattle Industry**

**LÉVIS, QUEBEC--(Marketwire - Feb. 23, 2011)** - The Honourable Jean-Pierre Blackburn, Minister of Veterans Affairs and Minister of State (Agriculture) today announced an investment of up to \$7,742,954 in the Sanimax ACI Inc. This repayable contribution will allow the company to purchase and implement, in its rendering facilities located in Lévis (Quebec), an innovative process allowing the removal of specified risk materials (SRM) in a sustainable development perspective.

The proposed project involves the acquisition and installation of an ultra-modern biomass boiler designed to dispose of specified risk materials while producing energy in the form of steam.

"Through this investment, Sanimax will now be able to adopt a new combustion technology for the disposal of SRM, at the same time enabling the production of renewable energy that will replace petroleum fuels" stated Minister Blackburn. "This is another concrete example of the Canadian Government's efforts to help the cattle industry remain competitive."

This process could replace nearly 30% of the fossil fuel needs of the plant located in Lévis. It would also enable Sanimax to generate a new source of income by marketing the ashes, due to the product's value-added as a fertilizer.

"We are proud to be recognized by the Government of Canada. By exceeding the standards, Sanimax continues to help the Canadian agri-food industry become even more competitive while contributing to a better environment for all", said Martin Couture, president and CEO of Sanimax.

This investment is delivered under the Slaughter Waste Innovation Program announced in last year's federal budget. Through this program, the Government of Canada invests up to \$40 million to support the study, development and adoption of innovative technologies or processes that help reduce processing costs or generate profits through the use or elimination of specified risk materials. For the complete details about this program, please visit [www.agr.gc.ca/swip](http://www.agr.gc.ca/swip).

Agriculture is a vital economic driver in Canada, which is why the Canadian Government also invests in the agriculture sector through Canada's Economic Action Plan. To find out more, visit [www.actionplan.gc.ca](http://www.actionplan.gc.ca).

The funding is subject to the signing of a contribution agreement relative to the project.

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