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MEDIA RELEASE

SIAS Kelsey limits on-site teaching chemicals

Community response units work together to remove unnecessary chemicals

September 4, 2009 – SIAS Kelsey Campus has identified several chemicals in its science programs that are no longer needed or for which there are “greener” alternatives. The campus has engaged the Saskatoon Police Service Explosive Disposal Unit (EDU) for removal and disposal of the unnecessary materials.

“Through a recent inventory review, the decision was made to limit quantities of chemicals used for learning purposes,” says campus director Gerry Bonsal. “We have chemicals on-site because we train students to work as technologists in biotech, chemical and medical fields.”

Bonsal said the campus is exercising the highest degree of caution possible in the removal of the chemicals and will be closing the main campus and its private roadways on Sunday, September 6, 2009. “Our top priority is the safety and well-being of students, employees, visitors and the environment,” he added. Bonsal said that Saskatchewan Environment and Saskatoon Fire and Protection Services will provide support and expertise during the removal.

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 13,000 students are registered in SIAS programs, which touch every sector of the economy; additionally, the organization draws almost 32,000 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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Media briefing:

Date: Sunday, September 6, 2009

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Location: SIAS Kelsey Campus - main visitor parking lot
Corner of Idylwyld & 33rd

Note: Removal begins at 3 p.m. with first disposal estimated to take place at 4 p.m.

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