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## **Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture Awards Research Funding to Metabolix Oilseeds, Inc.**

### ***Research Funding Will Help Company's Continued Research of Oilseed Crops as a Sustainable Alternative to Petroleum***

SASKATOON, SK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- [Metabolix, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: MBLX), a bioscience company focused on developing clean, sustainable solutions for plastics, chemicals and energy, today announced its wholly owned subsidiary, Metabolix Oilseeds, Inc., has been awarded \$203,000 in research funding by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture through its Agriculture Development Fund (ADF). The company will use the funding to accelerate its ongoing research and development of oilseed crops, specifically *Camelina sativa*, as a potential source for bioplastics and other petroleum substitutes.

Metabolix Oilseeds continues to research *Camelina's* potential as a sustainable energy feedstock. *Camelina* offers several unique agricultural advantages including its ability to thrive on marginal, non-irrigated land and its limited culinary use, which separates *Camelina* from the food chain. *Camelina* is a very good candidate as a production vehicle for PHA polymers, and Metabolix Oilseeds has produced PHA polymers in the oil seed itself. This funding will help to support the company's research and development into very low cost production sources for PHA polymers.

"Saskatchewan recognizes its competitive advantage in a variety of oil seed crops," said Saskatchewan Agriculture Minister Bob Bjornerud. "This research funding will help create further opportunities for producers and advance our agriculture industry."

"The award is yet another example of the positive support that we have received from the Canadian and Saskatchewan governments for crop research and development in Saskatchewan," said Johan van Walsem, president of Metabolix Oilseeds, Inc. "We will use this generous funding for the evaluation of an advanced gene expression system in *Camelina* which has the potential to accelerate the development of commercial bioplastic production."

ADF provides funding to help institutions, companies and industry organizations conduct research, development and value-added activities that will benefit Saskatchewan farmers and ranchers. A complete list of all projects is available at [www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca/ADF](http://www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca/ADF).

This ADF funding is being provided under the federal-provincial Growing Forward framework.

### **About Metabolix Oilseeds Inc. and Metabolix**

Metabolix Oilseeds, Inc., with labs and greenhouses located in Saskatoon, SK, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Metabolix, Inc. Founded in 1992, Metabolix, Inc. is an innovation-driven bioscience company focused on providing sustainable solutions for the world's needs for plastics, chemicals and energy. The Company is taking a systems approach, from gene to end product, integrating sophisticated biotechnology with advanced industrial practice. Metabolix is now developing and commercializing Mirel™, a family of high performance bioplastics which are biobased and biodegradable alternatives to many petroleum based plastics. Metabolix is also developing a proprietary platform technology for co-producing plastics, chemicals and energy, from crops such as switchgrass, oilseeds and sugarcane.

For more information, please visit [www.metabolix.com](http://www.metabolix.com). (MBLX-G)

### **Safe Harbor for Forward-Looking Statements**

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