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**NORTH WEST UPGRADING OPENS OFFICE IN  
ALBERTA'S INDUSTRIAL HEARTLAND**

***Redwater Office to House Project Information for  
Sturgeon and Strathcona County Residents***

**Calgary, AB, January 16, 2007** – North West Upgrading Inc. (North West), a Calgary-based, privately-owned company building an independent, heavy oil upgrader in Alberta's Industrial Heartland, today announced it will open an office in Redwater, Alberta in spring 2007. The store-front office will provide area residents the opportunity to review information about the North West Upgrader and speak to project staff about its development.

North West's Redwater office is located at 4925, 47<sup>th</sup> Street, near the Town of Redwater Offices. Along with providing residents a venue to speak to North West staff, it will provide information about potential Project business and contracting and job opportunities. It will also provide North West with an interim location for its Project staff to work with easy access to the site until office facilities are available on the site itself.

"By opening an office in Redwater, we now have a venue where local area residents can learn more about the Project and the people behind it," said Robert Pearce, President and CEO of North West Upgrading. "As diligent and informed citizens, those living in the Redwater area asked and will continue to ask questions about North West and its Upgrader. This office will make it easier for those questions to be answered in a timely manner and allow the residents to have a closer relationship with North West."

Currently, North West's Redwater office will be open on an intermittent basis. Office hours will be posted on the front door as well as North West's website ([www.northwestupgrading.com](http://www.northwestupgrading.com)) and will be extended once North West establishes full time staff. Any person who is interested in working at North West's newest office is invited to email their resume to [tillies@northwestupgrading.com](mailto:tillies@northwestupgrading.com).



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**About North West Upgrading**

North West Upgrading Inc. is a Calgary-based, privately-owned company committed to building an independent, heavy oil upgrader in Alberta's Industrial Heartland. The Upgrader will enhance the economic value of Alberta's bitumen and heavy oil production by producing light, low sulphur products and diluent. The Upgrader will have a total processing capacity of 231,000 barrels per day of blended feedstock (150,000 barrels per day of crude bitumen) over three phases. North West anticipates it will receive regulatory approval by mid-2007, with construction to begin immediately thereafter to achieve start up for the first phase in 2010. All three phase are expected to be operating by 2015. [www.northwestupgrading.com](http://www.northwestupgrading.com).