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American Crystal hosts event announcing pipeline completion and availability of natural gas

HILLSBORO, N.D. – State and local officials gathered for a ribbon cutting ceremony at the American Crystal Sugar Company factory located in Hillsboro, North Dakota. The event celebrated the installation of a 70-mile Dakota Natural Gas pipeline reaching its completion and bringing a fuel alternative to the region.

The \$8.5 million pipeline would not have been possible without commitments from key public agencies, including the Hillsboro School Board, Mayville State University, and American Crystal. Adding a natural gas alternative offers the region economic, efficiency, and environmental benefits. Traill County Economic Development has experienced new business development interest in the county since the announcement of natural gas availability.

David Mueller, Board Chairman for American Crystal, shared the enthusiasm for local business opportunity, acknowledging new burn efficiencies for the factory's pulp drier can mean increased dry pellet production and growth for the company. And with environmental standards at the forefront of policy discussions, Mueller was pleased to share the Hillsboro factory has taken another step forward in meeting future expectations.

With the completion of this pipeline, both business owners and residents in Mayville and Hillsboro, North Dakota are eligible for natural gas service. In 2022, these services are planned to extend to Portland, North Dakota.

About American Crystal Sugar Company

American Crystal Sugar Company is an agricultural cooperative owned by 2,650 shareholder-entities in the Red River Valley involved in the growing and processing of sugarbeets. American Crystal is the largest beet sugar producer in the United States. American Crystal operates sugar factories at East Grand Forks, Crookston and Moorhead, Minnesota, and Drayton and Hillsboro, North Dakota. Its corporate headquarters and technical services center are located in Moorhead.