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FLINT HILLS RESOURCES TO BASE ALASKA OPERATIONS IN FAIRBANKS

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA – Flint Hills Resources plans to direct its Alaska-based operations from here, pending the final close of its purchase, from Williams, of a refinery in North Pole and refined petroleum products terminals in Fairbanks and Anchorage.

“With the local refinery and the Fairbanks terminal, we believe it makes good business sense to have our headquarters here,” said Allen S. Lasater, who has been selected by Flint Hills to be president of its Alaska-based business. “We’re excited about the opportunities this business offers and plan to make significant modifications to the facilities to provide cleaner air, and position them to meet future regulatory and community expectations.”

Flint Hills Resources’ Anchorage presence will include a marketing office and products terminal, Lasater said.

Lasater, who will move to Fairbanks once the purchase is finalized, is currently a vice president of Flint Hills Resources, based in Wichita, Kan. In his current role, he is responsible for environmental, health and safety excellence for the company. During more than 10 years with Koch companies, he has also been involved in the chemicals business and with international operations. Lasater earned a master’s degree in management from Houston Baptist University and a bachelor’s of chemical engineering from the University of Missouri.

The transaction, which is expected to close in the first quarter of 2004, is subject to legislative approval of a crude contract with the state of Alaska, which is expected soon.

Flint Hills Resources operates refineries in Minnesota and Texas that have earned community, government and industry recognition for environmental and safety performance and community partnerships. In 2003, Flint Hills Resources’ Corpus Christi refining complex received the National Petrochemical & Refiners Association Distinguished Safety Award, one of the industry’s highest safety commendations. In addition, both the Texas and Minnesota facilities earned Gold Awards for reducing their total OSHA recordable incident rates by more than 25 percent from the average for the previous three years, and Meritorious Achievement awards for achieving OSHA recordable rates below 1.5 incidents per 200,000 work-hours.

Flint Hills Resources is a leading producer of fuels, base oils for lubricants, and other petrochemical products. Based in Wichita, Kan., it owns refineries in Minnesota and Texas, and an interest in Excel Paralubes in Lake Charles, La. For more information, see www.fhr.com.