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Saskatchewan pilot plant provides unique opportunities for food industry

The POS Pilot Plant Corporation of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan is playing an innovative role in the Canadian food and agriculture industry.

During the 1970s in Canada, one of the essential links between producers of agricultural raw materials and the manufacturers of food products needed to be strengthened before the full potential of Canadian farm products could be developed. The facilities required to accomplish this were too costly for many smaller companies and larger companies were hesitant to install experimental equipment that perhaps would not give them a reasonable return on their investment.

This situation led to the formation in 1977 of an independent company, the POS Pilot Plant Corporation, which offered a processing technology capable of transforming a wide range of raw materials into commodities used in the food and industrial sectors.

A non-profit corporation, POS's main activity is to develop or to improve

methods for the processing of cereals, oilseed plants and legumes, and other food materials, if necessary.

All foods covered

The initials POS stand for proteins-oil-starch. If the word "starch" is replaced by "carbohydrates" the acronym covers all the main nutritive elements contained in raw food materials, along with gums and other components.

POS provides a wide range of experimental material for food processing and for the development of technologies to produce animal feed. Although most of its operations take place at its modern pilot plant, the company also has fully equipped peripheral laboratories and an information service. Its staff consists of scientists and technicians working in all fields related to the company's activities.

Customers can use the facilities of POS and can carry out testing programs using their own personnel. POS will also do this work for the customer or provide analy-



Outside view of POS pilot plant, which opened in 1977 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.



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