

Second GrainsConnect Canada site to be built near Wilkie

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A GrainsConnect inland terminal is currently under construction near Maymont. The company has announced a second terminal to be built near Wilkie.

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GrainsConnect Canada has announced the location of its second independent, high-speed train-loading terminal.

The \$30m project will be built near Wilkie in the RM of Reford.

Similar to the GrainsConnect Canada site under construction near Maymont, the site will have 35,000 tonnes of storage capacity with the ability to load 130 rail cars in 10 hours, according to a GrainsConnect press release.

“We are excited to be able to confirm our second facility in Canada,” said GrainsConnect Canada president Warren Stow.

“Our objective is to build the most efficient supply chain to the West Coast, bringing much needed choice to the region’s grain growers.”

According to the release, GrainsConnect Canada will give an economic boost to the broader region with at least 50 jobs created during construction as well as 12 to 15 full-time jobs once completed.

“After the positive response to our first site at Maymont, we are confident of a successful project in the RM of Reford,” Stow said.

“GrainsConnect’s high-throughput grain terminal and CN’s rail network will combine to deliver one of the most efficient grain networks in Western Canada.”

Saskatchewan Economy Minister Jeremy Harrison said, “Saskatchewan combines the advantages of being Canada’s leading agricultural exporter with possessing one of the most competitive business environments in North America.”

Construction on the site is expected to commence immediately, pending final development approvals with an expected completion date of July 2018.

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