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Westport Sells 50 LNG Port Trucks to Southern Counties Express

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Initial Order From Leading Port Trucker to Improve Air Quality in Los Angeles Basin

VANCOUVER, BC – Westport Innovations Inc. (TSX:WPT), a global leader in alternative fuel, low-emissions transportation technologies, announced today that Southern Counties Express, Inc. (SCE) has placed an initial order for 50 Kenworth LNG T800 Class 8 trucks, representing a value of approximately US\$4 million for Westport's LNG heavy-duty engines and fuel systems. The trucks are being purchased with financial support from the San Pedro Bay Ports' Clean Trucks Program, an initiative led by the Port of Los Angeles, the Port of Long Beach and the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD).

"With funding beginning to flow for the San Pedro Bay Ports' Clean Trucks Program, SCE has stepped forward to be the first significant fleet adopter and can now realize the benefits of clean, cost-effective LNG trucks powered by Westport's high-efficiency, low-emission technology," stated Michael Gallagher, President and Chief Operating Officer of Westport. "LNG fuel for heavy-duty trucks offers cleaner operation with a domestically available fuel."

The LNG trucks were assembled at Inland Kenworth in California and are ready for deployment. The trucks are expected to commence container movement service at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach (the San Pedro Bay Ports) over the next few weeks.

Brian Griley, SCE CEO added, "As one of the first port operators running clean trucks using domestic LNG fuel, Southern Counties will be making a significant contribution to the San Pedro Bay Ports' goal of reducing harmful particulate matter, NOx and greenhouse gases in the Los Angeles basin."

The Green Fleet™ division of SCE has been in the making for over two years. It is a program designed to implement alternative fuel, heavy duty trucks into SCE's fleet. The Green Fleet will begin operation with LNG trucks owned by SCE and leased to owner-operator independent contractors. The 50 new LNG trucks will complement SCE's existing fleet of approximately 150 trucks.

<http://www.thegreenfleet.com/index.html>

Nine other Port trucking firms have also committed to the new LNG trucks in the initial port deployment. Westport expects to conclude purchase agreements with these fleets over the next few weeks now that funding approvals from the Ports and the City of Los Angeles are in place.

About Westport's LNG System for Heavy Duty Trucks

Westport's LNG system for heavy duty Class 8 trucks offers class-leading emissions, including lower greenhouse gas emissions than comparable diesel engines, and allows trucking fleets to move to lower-cost, domestically available natural gas and/or biogas. The Westport LNG system comprises LNG fuel tanks, proprietary Westport fuel injectors, cryogenic fuel pumps and associated electronic components to facilitate robust performance and reliable operation. The Westport LNG system is 2007 EPA and CARB certified to 0.8g/bhp-hr NOx and 0.01g/bhp-hr PM. Kenworth, Southern California dealer Inland Kenworth, Westport and Clean Energy Fuels received the prestigious Alternative Fuel Vehicle Institute's 2007 Industry Innovation Award for this truck product.

About the Kenworth T800 LNG Truck Specification

The Kenworth T800 is one of the most versatile trucks on the market today. This operational versatility, coupled with its legendary reliability and high resale value, gives the T800 unmatched levels of customer satisfaction. The Westport engine is fuelled with LNG - a safe, cost effective, low carbon, and low emissions fuel. The Westport LNG system is available with 400 and 450 horsepower ratings and up to 1,750 lb-ft torque for heavy duty port, freight and vocational applications. LNG fuel tanks can be configured to suit customer range requirements. Trucks are eligible for federal tax credits in the United States and may be eligible for other state-specific emissions credits.

About Westport

Westport, a division of Westport Fuel Systems Inc., engineers the world's most advanced natural gas engines and vehicles. We work with original equipment manufacturers worldwide from design through to production, creating products to meet the growing demand for vehicle technology that will reduce both emissions and fuel costs. To learn more about our business, visit www.westport.com, subscribe to our RSS feed, or follow us on Twitter [@WestportDotCom](https://twitter.com/WestportDotCom).

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