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### **MP KRAMP MAKES FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SPRAGUE FOODS LTD**

*Southern Ontario Development Program committed to  
supporting economic recovery of Prince Edward-Hastings*

**Belleville, ON** — Sprague Foods Ltd will benefit from a repayable contribution of up to \$287,500 under the Southern Ontario Development Program to upgrade existing production line for improved reliability, biosecurity, error-proofing and intelligent process control. The announcement was made by Daryl Kramp, MP for Prince Edward-Hastings, on behalf of the Honourable Gary Goodyear, Minister of State for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario.

“Our government understands the importance of supporting people, manufacturers, processors, communities and non-profit organizations in southern Ontario, and the critical role they play in our economy”, said Mr. Kramp. “I am delighted to be here today to announce this repayable contribution to Sprague Foods”.

The Government of Canada understands the important role the food and beverage sector plays in Canada’s economy. That is why \$20 million in funds was set aside to assist the food and beverage processing sector in southern Ontario. These projects will create job opportunities and foster business growth throughout southern Ontario in the food and beverage processing sector, which is the second largest manufacturing sector in the province.

The Southern Ontario Development Program was established to promote economic development, economic diversification, job creation and sustainable communities in Southern Ontario. The program is just one in a series of initiatives introduced in the Government of Canada’s Economic Action Plan, which was designed to address the short-term effects of the economic decline on communities across Canada, while preparing our communities for long-term growth. For more information on the program, please visit [www.southernontario.gc.ca](http://www.southernontario.gc.ca). For more information on Canada’s Economic Action Plan, please visit [www.actionplan.gc.ca](http://www.actionplan.gc.ca).