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PROVINCE REWARDS "GREEN" VEHICLE OWNERS

The provincial government is once again rewarding vehicle owners who "go green" on Saskatchewan roads.

Owners of hybrid and qualifying fuel-efficient vehicles will receive a 20 per cent rebate from SGI on their 2009 insurance and registration costs.

Approximately 10,750 vehicle owners, an almost 44 per cent increase from 2008 are being rewarded with an average rebate of about \$195 this year, and will receive their rebate cheques in February.

Originally launched in 2008, the rebate is part of the provincial government's "go green" plan, which encourages Saskatchewan residents to be more environmentally friendly in all aspects of their lives.

"Our government is focused on providing proactive, environmentally friendly programs that benefit Saskatchewan residents," Minister responsible for SGI June Draude said. "We are dedicated to helping people, communities and businesses take action to 'go green' at home, at work and on the road."

The Green Rebate program is a tangible incentive for vehicle owners and applies to all hybrid vehicles, as well as vehicles meeting Transport Canada's ecoAUTO thresholds for fuel efficiency, for model years 2006 and newer.

"For the second consecutive year, there is an increase in the number of vehicle owners who qualified for the 'go green' rebate," Draude said. "This incentive helps create a cleaner, healthier environment that benefits everyone in Saskatchewan."

For more information about the green rebate, visit SGI's website at www.sgi.sk.ca. For information on the ecoAUTO program, visit Transport Canada's website at www.tc.gc.ca.

About SGI

Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI) is the province's self-sustaining auto insurance fund. SGI operates 21 claims centres and five salvage centres across Saskatchewan with a head office in Regina. SGI also works with a network of more than 400 motor licence issuers across the province.

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