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The Saskatchewan Water Corporation (SaskWater) is Saskatchewan's commercial Crown water utility, helping communities, First Nations and industry gain access to reliable and professional water and wastewater services.

SaskWater provides professional water and wastewater services to 63 communities, seven rural municipalities, 83 rural pipeline groups, 16 industrial and approximately 237 commercial and end user customers. SaskWater serves approximately 66,000 people in Saskatchewan.

The corporation owns eight water treatment plants, three wastewater facilities, 39 pump stations and approximately 876 km of pipeline. SaskWater also maintains customer-owned systems. In 2013, SaskWater provided operator training to 29 Saskatchewan First Nations communities.

SaskWater's core lines of business are: potable water supply, non-potable water supply, wastewater treatment and management, certified operation and maintenance (COM), project management, water and wastewater training, remote monitoring, and water leak detection.

In 2013, SaskWater:
- Delivered 6.8 billion litres of high quality drinking water, up 10.8% for the year compared to 2012.

- Delivered 32.3 billion litres of non-potable water, down 3.8% compared to 2012. The reduction is largely the net change from industrial customers as they adjust their requirements to market demands for their products.

- Received and treated 1.0 billion litres of wastewater, the same volume as in 2012.

Partnering with TransGas (a subsidiary of SaskEnergy), SaskWater uses a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system to remotely monitor 52 SaskWater and customer owned facilities across the province 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The number of SCADA facilities monitored increased 8.3% in 2013.

SaskWater did not pay a dividend to Crown Investments Corporation in 2013. It is reinvesting its profits into new infrastructure and refurbishment of existing assets.

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