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# True North Renewable Energy, LLC, The Weitz Company and DRANCO, Inc. announce partnership

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TNRE rendering of a 600,000tpy organics renewable energy facility

**PHOENIX** — Wednesday, April 20, 2022 – True North Renewable Energy, LLC (TNRE) is pleased to announce a partnership with The Weitz Company (Weitz) and DRANCO, Inc. (DRANCO) as the Engineering-Procurement-Construction (EPC) Technology supplier for their organic waste to renewable energy development projects in the Western United States. Weitz-DRANCO has agreed to assist TNRE on an established basis to provide the necessary technology expertise required for TNRE’s state-of-the-art anaerobic digestion/advanced composting facilities.

TNRE develops, owns, and operates state-of-the-art organics-to-renewable energy facilities, including large scale, regional high-solids anaerobic digestion (AD) infrastructure. These facilities reuse and repurpose organic resources diverted from landfills to create beneficial, sustainable products, including biomethane and soil-amending compost.

Weitz is a full-service construction company, general contractor, design-builder and construction manager with office locations throughout the United States. Weitz is known for managing Industrial projects on time and within budget. DRANCO (formerly OWS) is a world leading company in the construction and operation of anaerobic digestion plants for solid waste organics and in organic waste management consultancy.

TNRE is currently developing three facilities in Imperial County and Kern County, CA and Yuma County, AZ. Each facility will be capable of processing up to 600,000 tons per year of organic material, producing up to 1,000,000 MMBtu/y (8MM DGE/y) of Renewable Natural Gas and reducing pollutants by 160,000 MT of CO<sub>2</sub>e/y (35,000 passenger vehicles per year equivalent). Each of these facilities requires an investment of over \$250MM and will make a significant contribution toward providing the infrastructure needed for California to meet its climate goals. TNRE is already well advanced in the permitting process of these sites and expects the first plant to be under construction by the end of this year and fully operational by the beginning of 2025.

Gary Aguinaga, President of TNRE, said *“It is my pleasure to announce this partnership between TNRE and Weitz-DRANCO. TNRE’s goal is to provide state-of-the-art, large-scale, regional organics processing facilities and we must utilize world-class partners like Weitz-DRANCO to help deliver these projects.”*

*“The partnership between TNRE and Weitz-DRANCO will allow Jurisdictions throughout California to take advantage of advanced organics recycling capabilities. The patented DRANCO technology has been utilized in 35 full-scale reference plants in 14 different countries, with a combined capacity of over one million tons per year, with two more*

*under construction. Weitz has worked on 90+ projects throughout California over the past 30 years. Weitz' experienced resume combined with DRANCO's design will ensure TNRE accelerates proven digestion technology throughout the State."* said Luc De Baere, President of DRANCO, Inc.

Given the urgency of climate change and the need to quickly reduce short lived climate pollutant (SLCP) emissions, project developers like TNRE are ready to provide the infrastructure needed to meet California's organics diversion targets and climate goals. Developing a solution that handles commingled organic streams, with high levels of food and green material, from both residential and commercial sources, will require stand-alone facilities that integrate anaerobic digestion and advanced composting. Highly technical infrastructure solutions like this will require world-class expertise.

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## **About**

To learn more about TNRE, please visit [www.tnrenewableenergy.com](http://www.tnrenewableenergy.com). To learn more about The Weitz Company, please visit [www.weitz.com](http://www.weitz.com). To learn more about DRANCO, Inc., please visit [www.dranco.be](http://www.dranco.be)

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DRANCO Bourg-en-Bresse installation

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