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Water crisis talk to be simulcast statewide Feb. 16

Valmont Industries' executives Mogens C. Bay and E. Robert Meaney will discuss the global supply and quality of water for agriculture on Feb. 16 in a presentation titled "Is a Global Water Crisis Avoidable?," the third program in the 2011-12 E.N. Thompson Forum on World Issues series on water and global security.

The 7 p.m. lecture will originate from the Lied Center for Performing Arts at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and be simulcast to audiences gathered in Columbus, Hastings, Kearney, McCook, North Platte, Omaha and Scottsbluff.

Bay and Meaney will frame the issues in a discussion of population growth, required food and fiber production and total water and land available. They will provide examples of how the crisis in fresh water is manifested in various locations and in issues such as food security, water quality and soil health. They will also discuss solutions ranging from scientific advances to governance and economic development.

Valmont Industries Inc. is an Omaha-based company that manufactures irrigation equipment and other metal structures and components for agriculture.

Simulcasts of the presentation followed by community conversation are available at:

- Columbus at Central Community College, Room 205, West Education Center
- Hastings College at the Wilson Center
- Kearney at UNK's Communications Center Building, Room 101
- McCook Community College at McMillen Hall, Room 213
- North Platte at 601 West State Farm Road on the South Campus of North Platte Community College
- Omaha at UNO's College of Public Affairs and Community Service (CPACS 132), the Collaborating Commons
- Scottsbluff at Western Nebraska Community College's Harms Advanced Technology Center, Room B132

The program begins at 7 p.m. (CST); 6 p.m. (MST) in Scottsbluff; and is free and open to the public.

A cooperative project of the Cooper Foundation, the Lied Center for Performing Arts and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the E.N. Thompson Forum on World Issues has a mission of promoting better understanding of world events and issues to all Nebraskans.

The simulcasts, sponsored by the Nebraska Humanities Council and the local college or university, allow more Nebraskans to have the opportunity to benefit from outstanding speakers and community discussion. Details about the E.N. Thompson Forum are available at <http://enthompson.unl.edu>.