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### **UK BIOETHANOL ROLL-OUT ACCELERATES**

“From Field to Wheel”, a conference attracting delegates from all over Europe involved in the BEST (Bio Ethanol for Sustainable Transport) project today signalled the continued acceleration of the UK bioethanol industry.

Representing the UK was the Somerset Biofuel Project consortium whose members include the Avon and Somerset Police, Wessex Grain, Wessex Water, Green Spirit Fuels and Somerset County Council. The Project, officially launched today, will be taking delivery of 40 Ford Focus Flexi fuel cars (capable of running on E85, an 85% bioethanol blend) by April.

The number of FFV vehicles in the scheme is then expected to expand to several hundred within two years.

Green Spirit Fuels, a subsidiary of Wessex Grain, was given the role of establishing the fuel supply and five E85 fuel pumps will be accessible at Morrisons stores across Somerset. The blended fuel will be supplied by Futura Petroleum, one of the UK's leading independent fuel distributors, who have a long history of interest in renewable fuels.

Green Spirit Fuels' 100,000 tonne bioethanol plant, recently granted planning permission in Henstridge, is due to commence production by the end of 2007 and will use local grain to provide local fuel.

Managing Director of GSF, Malcolm Shepherd said,

*"We believe that the BEST conference signals a real push towards a UK bio-ethanol industry.*

*We are delighted to confirm that fuel produced by members of the Somerset Biofuel Project will be supplied to five Morrisons supermarkets in the county. This is just the beginning, and shows that local transport fuel production is here to stay."*

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