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SITE SECURED FOR HUMBER BIOETHANOL PLANT

Bioethanol developer Green Spirit Fuels (GSF) today announced that it has signed an option with Huntsman Pigments, a leading Humberbank chemical company, to build their second bioethanol plant on land adjacent to the Grimsby titanium dioxide manufacturing site.

Humber Biofuels will join Wessex Biofuels under the Green Spirit Fuels banner as part of the ongoing Green Spirit multi-plant strategy.

The plant will use around 650,000 tonnes of wheat per annum and will generate over 200,000 tonnes of ethanol annually.

GSF are also in advanced discussions with RWE Npower Cogen about the supply of heat and power from a CHP plant to the bioethanol plant.

John Waltham, Director for Development said: "Securing this site is a significant development for GSF and for North East Lincolnshire. It is undoubtedly the most promising site on the Humberbank and there are many synergies with Huntsman that will benefit both parties and drive down production costs. This is good for local farmers, good for the local area, and good for the planet too."

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The North East Lincolnshire plant will produce bioethanol from wheat grown in the area, and Wessex Grain Ltd, Green Spirit Fuels parent company, are pleased to announce that Gleadell Agriculture Ltd have agreed to supply a substantial amount of wheat grown on set aside for industrial use from harvest 2007.

Owen Cligg, Grain Trading Director of Wessex Grain, Ltd said: "We are delighted that Gleadell have agreed to work with us to kick-start the bioethanol industry in the Humber area."

David Sheppard, Managing Director of Gleadell Agriculture Ltd said: "Gleadell are pleased to support Green Spirit Fuels' progress towards the construction of their second plant in the future and, as the leading grain merchant in the region, Gleadell will be ideally positioned to offer their farmer customers a range of supply contracts for the plant. However unlike other grain suppliers, Gleadell's contracts, such as their ground breaking min/max price wheat contract, will not be conditional."

Green Spirit Fuels will be the first company to produce bioethanol from wheat when its Henstridge plant comes on stream in autumn 2008.

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Notes to Editors

Green Spirit Fuels was founded by grain trader Wessex Grain in June 2005 to develop its interests in producing bioethanol in the UK. In September 2005 it secured development funding from the City, and in January 2006 it received

planning permission for its first site at Henstridge in Somerset. The first bioethanol will be shipped in autumn 2008.

Bioethanol Facts and Figures

- **Bioethanol is a greener, sustainable and renewable fuel which helps to reduce the greenhouse gases that contribute to global warming.**
- **The Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation (RTFO) Programme will, from April 2008, place an obligation on fuel suppliers to ensure that a certain percentage of their aggregate sales are made up of biofuels. The effect of this will be to require 5% of all UK fuel sold on UK forecourts to come from a renewable source by 2010.**
- **The RTFO expects to reduce the carbon emissions from road transport in 2010 by about 1 million tonnes, equivalent to taking 1 million cars off the road.**
- **A football pitch planted with wheat would produce enough fuel to travel 12,000 miles**
- **Powers to set up an RTFO were provided by the 2004 Energy Act subject to secondary legislation. The RTFO Administrator will be an Non-Departmental Public Body and will formally come into existence once the RTFO Regulations are approved by Parliament in late 2007**
- **Cars in the UK can use a blend of up to 5% bioethanol without affecting the manufacturer's warranty**
- **Flexi Fuel Vehicles (FFVs), using blends of up to 85% bioethanol (E85) are now available in Europe. These vehicles are in widespread use in the USA, Brazil and Sweden. They gradually being introduced into the UK**
- **Starting to be used in UK petrol. In March 2006, bioethanol sales amounted to some 8 million litres (about 0.4 per cent of total UK petrol sales).**

More information on the company and bioethanol in general is available on its website at www.greenspiritfuels.com.