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State and Industry Leaders Announce Biodiesel Mandate Achievement

Biodiesel producers, state's economy and environment benefit from mandate

Harrisburg, PA (1/15/09) – Governor Edward G. Rendell held a press conference to announce activation of a new state mandate requiring all diesel fuel pumped in Pennsylvania to contain at least 2% biodiesel. This announcement will move the Commonwealth toward replacing the one billion gallons of foreign oil that are imported to Pennsylvania each year by driving utilization of domestic, renewable fuels.

As a part of the alternative energy legislation that was passed during the summer of 2008, Pennsylvania biodiesel producers began receiving a \$0.75 per gallon production incentive that has helped them stay competitive in the marketplace. As a part of the bill, when Pennsylvania biodiesel producers reached a threshold of 40 million gallons produced, the state would institute a mandate calling for a 2% blend of biodiesel. The 40 million gallon annual benchmark has been reached and by the beginning of 2010 the mandate will be in full effect. As a part of the legislation, additional benchmarks exist that would raise mandate levels to: 5% when production levels reach 100 million gallons; 10% when production levels reach 200 million gallons; and 20% when production levels reach 400 million gallons.

As a cornerstone of Governor Rendell's Energy Independence Strategy, the Biodiesel Development and In-State Production Incentive Act is a first step toward helping Pennsylvania reduce its dependency on foreign petroleum, shift from fossil fuels to renewable fuels, retain some of the \$30 billion spent by in-state consumers on gas and provide additional markets for commodities produced by Pennsylvania farmers. The Governor was joined by leadership from the Pennsylvania Biodiesel Producers Group, the Pennsylvania General Assembly, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau in making today's announcement.

Ben Wootton of Shiremanstown-based Keystone Biofuels, Inc. addressed the audience on the benefits that this legislation has provided to Pennsylvania's biodiesel industry. "Quite frankly," Wootton said,

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“Pennsylvania’s in-state biodiesel companies weren’t sure if we could survive in the face of unfair out-of-state competition, out-of-control fluctuations in the commodity markets, and rapid political shifts in national energy policy”. He thanked the Governor, key state agencies and the Pennsylvania General Assembly for their leadership and for taking proactive role in investing in Pennsylvania’s renewable energy future.

“As the nation looks to move past this time of economic challenge and re-engineer our domestic policies to become more innovative and more efficient,” Wooton added, “the fact is that investing in green technologies and committing to renewable fuels is one of the most effective ways to prepare America for the future. And I am proud that Pennsylvania’s biodiesel producers are demonstrating how America can make that happen. We’re showing the nation that when it comes to our energy future, Pennsylvania is indeed the Keystone State.”

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About the PABPG: The Pennsylvania Biodiesel Producers Group (PABPG) is the statewide association for Pennsylvania's biodiesel industry. Formed in 2007, the PABPG represents biodiesel producers, their business partners and other interested organizations and individuals who are committed to achieving an alternative energy future for Pennsylvania. Since its formation, the PABPG has committed to an aggressive and bipartisan public policy campaign to ensure that the Pennsylvania biodiesel industry remains a viable and strong partner in Pennsylvania's energy future.

About Keystone BioFuels, Inc.: Keystone BioFuels is a manufacturer of biodiesel, an alternative fuel source and renewable diesel fuel substitute. Founded in 2005 and located in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, Keystone BioFuels utilizes soybean oil provided by Pennsylvania farmers to produce ASTM certified B100. Ben Wootton and Keystone BioFuels Inc. were founding members of the Pennsylvania Biodiesel Producers Group.

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