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Highlands EnviroFuels, LLC Completes Economic Impact Study for Sugar – Based Advanced Biofuel Ethanol Plant

Economic Impact Study Demonstrates Creation of up to 60 Full-Time High – Paying Permanent Jobs and Nearly 700 Indirect and Induced Jobs

LAKE PLACID, FL, October 4, 2011 — Highlands EnviroFuels, LLC has completed a comprehensive economic impact study for construction and operation of its sugar – based 36 million gallon per year Advanced Biofuel ethanol production plant in Highlands County, Florida. The economic impact study was conducted by John M. Urbanchuk at Cardno ENTRIX, a global environmental and natural resources management consulting firm.

The study concludes that the permanent impact of the Advanced Biofuel ethanol plant, provided by the ongoing annual operations, will provide \$51 million of GDP for the Highlands County economy and nearly \$44 million in household income annually. In addition, the economic activity generated by the plant will support up to 60 full-time, high paying permanent jobs, and nearly 700 indirect and induced jobs in all sectors of the county. The study also concludes that the most significant beneficiary from ongoing ethanol production will be the agriculture sector of Highlands County. The purchase of Sweet Sorghum and Biofuel Sugar Cane – most of which will be provided by local growers – will provide a significant stimulus to farm income.

The study also demonstrates that the one – time construction impact will account for \$47 million of GDP for Highlands County, generate more than \$39 million in household income, and support hundreds of jobs in all sectors of the Highlands County economy.

“The economic impact study demonstrates that building this Advanced Biofuel production facility will generate a tremendous ripple effect throughout the local economy,” said company principal and manager Bradley Krohn. “We are committed to producing clean renewable, sugar – based Advanced Biofuel in an environmentally sustainable manner that also pays off to local growers and agricultural – related businesses.”

According to the study author, “The Highlands EnviroFuels ethanol plant is an excellent example of the development of the second generation Advanced Biofuel feedstocks that are needed to meet the Renewable Fuel Standard mandate of 36 billion gallons by 2022. Moreover, this facility will promote the diversification of agriculture and provide a significant stimulus for Florida farmers.”

The biorefinery will process both Biofuel Sugar Cane and Sweet Sorghum produced from local growers, and will also cogenerate up to 30 megawatts of renewable power from residual cane and sorghum stalk fiber and leaves, known as “bagasse”. Highlands EnviroFuels intends to construct the biorefinery at the southwest corner of the intersection of U.S. Highway 27 and State Road 70, with construction groundbreaking targeted for early second quarter of 2011.

George Woerner, a major grower investor among nine grower investors in the project, states, "The construction and operation of our Advanced Biofuel ethanol plant will generate new revenue streams to local growers and land owners who are committed to the production of Biofuel Sugar Cane and Sweet Sorghum for the facility. This plant will help keep farms in operation and farmers in business, as opposed to selling farms for commercial and residential development and other government – acquired land uses."

Ethanol is a premium liquid renewable fuel derived from grain, sugar, and biomass crops. In Brazil, where ethanol is also made from sugar cane, cars fuel up on 100% ethanol, or with gasoline blends that contain 20% - 25% ethanol. Ethanol makes up approximately 50% of Brazil's motor fuel supply, and has eliminated Brazil's dependence on imported oil. In the U.S., ethanol is currently blended at the 10% level (E10) in virtually 100% of the U.S. gasoline supply. In 2007, Congress mandated 36 billion gallons of ethanol use (approximately 25% of our gasoline supply) by 2022 in order to reduce the country's dependence on imported foreign oil.