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DESTINY USA'S BIODIESEL USAGE EXCEEDS 200,000 GALLONS

Reduced Emission Results from 100% Biodiesel Program Could Become a Paradigm Bending Catalyst for U.S. Renewable Energy Markets

Syracuse, New York – Destiny USA officials announced that as of today, they have pumped 201,100 gallons of Biodiesel fuel since switching over all of their non-road diesel construction vehicles and equipment in June 2007.

“We raised lots of eyebrows across the construction industry when we announced last year that we would be using 100% Biodiesel instead of Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel as part of our commitment to build and operate Destiny USA as a green destination, without the use of fossil fuels. Now, one year later, Destiny USA is the showpiece for the construction industry, giving attestation that it is possible to use environmentally friendly approaches to build sustainable communities,” said Robert Congel, Destiny USA Founder and CEO. “Our Biodiesel program will become a paradigm bending catalyst for U.S. renewable energy markets.”

Diesel engines can be highly energy efficient and durable, yet emission from them have historically contributed to a number of serious air pollution problems. The Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) released a report that identified construction equipment as one of the largest sources of diesel pollution in California. The report found that in 2005, pollution from construction equipment in California was responsible for an estimated 1,132 premature deaths, 182,940 lost work days, 331,040 school absences, and 1,086 hospitalizations, resulting in an annual cost of \$9.1 billion.

In March of this year, a report prepared by Southern Research Institute in the course of performing work contracted for and sponsored by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and Destiny USA stated that Destiny USA's B100 emissions of Particulate Matter were 68% lower than those found in standard diesel; and carbon monoxide emissions were 59% lower than those found in conventional diesel. Particulate matter refers to the small particles that deposit in the respiratory tract, triggering asthma and other health related issues. Carbon monoxide is a poisonous gas which can be difficult to detect because it is colorless, odorless, and tasteless.

Here are some additional benefits of using Biodiesel:

- Biodiesel degrades four times faster than petroleum. When tested, biodiesel biodegraded as fast as dextrose (sugar).
- Biodiesel is free of sulfur and aromatics which eliminates the odor created by burning diesel.
- Biodiesel has the highest “energy balance” of any transportation fuel. The DOE/USDA life cycle analysis shows for every unit of fossil energy it takes to make biodiesel, 3.2 units of energy are gained.
- Biodiesel has a higher flash point than conventional diesel (200 degrees Fahrenheit, versus 125 degrees Fahrenheit), making it safer to ship, store, and handle.
- Biodiesel is nontoxic. By comparison, table salt is nearly 10 times more toxic.
- In a 24 hour human patch test, biodiesel caused less irritation than a soap and water solution.
- Because Biodiesel is domestically produced, it can greatly contribute to domestic energy security.

Destiny USA receives its Biodiesel from Ascent Aviation Group, of Parish, New York; which helps it to earn points towards a LEED (Leadership in Environmental Design) Platinum Certification rating, which is the highest rating awarded by the U.S. Green Building Council; for reducing transportation related environmental impacts by supporting the indigenous resources that are available within a 500 mile radius of Syracuse, New York.

On February 27, 2007, Destiny USA closed on \$540 million in financing, secured through municipal underwriters Lehman Brothers and Citigroup with the sale of \$345 million in municipal bonds, along with a construction loan from Citigroup to advance the first phase of the project, including the first ever issued “Green Bonds”. On the same day, Destiny USA delivered \$65.4 million to the City of Syracuse and Onondaga County to advance other economic development initiatives in the region.

Under direction from Destiny USA, Cianbro Corporation, the projects’ construction manager, is interweaving technology while driving innovation, to construct the “greenest destination” in the USA. The 1.3 million square foot First Phase has a 10 acre footprint.

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