



THIRD ANNUAL BIOFUELS AMERICAS CONFERENCE & EXPO TO HOST COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT AND MINISTERS

January 22, 2007 – Cartagena, Colombia – The Third Annual Biofuels Americas Conference & Expo will be held in Cartagena, Colombia from March 12-14, 2007 at the Hilton Cartagena. Over 600 delegates and 35 confirmed speakers from 30 countries are expected to attend the conference. Presentation topics will include the latest developments in technology, feedstocks, export markets, carbon trading (CDM) and JI, government policies, and financing of ethanol, biodiesel and biomass projects. The future expansion of biofuels production is taking on a new priority in Central America, South America, the Caribbean and Mexico. The leadership for energy independence and economic development is coming from the highest levels of government.

“We are thrilled to announce the participation of Colombian President Alvaro Uribe to inaugurate the conference. Chematur Engineering of Sweden and Petrobras of Brazil and Colombia are the Title Sponsors for the event. In addition, Minister of Energy, Mr. Hernan Martinez and Minister of Agriculture, Felipe Arias, and Inter-American Development Bank Chief of Finance Ms. Silvia Sagari will address the conference”, said Randy R. Stratton, Biofuels Americas Conference Chairman and Publisher of Biofuelsmarketplace.com. “The focus of the conference will be project finance, carbon trading (CDM) as the key areas in connecting the investment dollars to the projects. The International Finance Corporation (World Bank Group) will moderate the Project Finance Workshop on the first day. With our focus on finance, carbon trading and policy, will provide delegates with a better understanding of the potential for carbon credits with major biofuels and bioenergy projects (ie. co-generation) and will provide investors and governments with more assurance for returns on investments.”

Colombian President Alvaro Uribe supports a very ambitious implementation of biofuels for domestic consumption and exports. The Colombian government sees this evolution as a major step towards adding value to the agricultural sector while producing renewable fuels for domestic and export markets. The new Colombian biofuels law will also have a positive impact on job creation and improvement to air quality in many of the larger cities in South America.

“The conference will offer a new program never before offered at any biofuels conference. Producers and project developers will be offered a mini-stand at the conference to showcase their projects to potential investors, banks and venture capital firms. This important project finance program will offer a new opportunity to connect the investment community directly with projects and producers,” said Stratton

The abundance of sun in Central and South America is a primary factor in the production of competitively priced biofuels based on sugarcane, tropical sugar beets, cassava, palm and other feedstocks. Biofuels need to be produced at the lowest possible cost to be competitive in the global marketplace and there is no better place than next to the equator with abundant sun and two growing seasons.

“The idea is to launch the Andean countries, Central America, Mexico and the Caribbean area as the next major player as producers of competitively priced biofuels. We expect a large number of delegates from South America, Central America, Caribbean and North America for many possibilities for developing a new energy sector in this region,” said Jan Ohrvall, Latin America representative of Chematur Engineering.

The Andean region of South America, Central America, The Caribbean and Mexico, with land ideally suited for feedstock, will be the global leaders for future bioenergy products and are preparing to enter the export market for biofuels. With oil demand increasing and the uncertainty of supply, many countries are establishing alternative energy programs to address future demands for energy while protecting the ecosystem.

The conference information can be found at www.biofuelsamericas.com.

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