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New 24/7 Biodiesel Terminal Fuels Houston Truckers

Petroleum Distributors Now Have Access to Biodiesel Via IFL Terminal

HOUSTON, TX September 08, 2006 — With daily posted prices on OPIS (Oil Price Information Service) an Intercontinental Fuels, or IFL, terminal now offers biodiesel 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in an easy to use, convenient wholesale distribution terminal located in North Houston near Bush Intercontinental Airport. Gulf Hydrocarbon, Inc. pioneered the wholesale biodiesel facility in Houston, Texas mainly for petroleum jobbers and distributors in the area.

The facility allows bobtail trucks and transport trucks to add 100 percent agri-biodiesel fuel (B100) to their diesel fuel mix. The terminal, located at 17617 Aldine-Westfield Rd. has a capacity of 6.7 million gallons of total storage, 420,000 gallons of storage for biodiesel.

At the IFL terminal, the drivers preset an Accuload meter for the requested volume, connect the Scully overfill protection system and their hoses, and flip a switch to start pumping the B100. The terminal is always open and accessed with a card key system. The truck loading rack has three bays with the ability to handle five different grades of products including biodiesel. Truck rack vapors are collected and controlled through the use of a flare system. All biodiesel at the IFL terminal meets latest ASTM D6751 standards.

“High volume biodiesel wholesalers and distributors are coming in at all hours of the night, loading up to avoid traffic,” said Jess Hewitt, president of Gulf Hydrocarbon. “Houston is without a source of biodiesel from a major petroleum terminal so our automated 24/7 infrastructure will make the difference in biodiesel being profitable for distributors.”

The terminal will also improve availability for large fleet customers. Gulf Hydrocarbon’s sales specialist, Ron Richardson, said the Houston terminal serves jobbers and distributors in Houston as well as several communities north of Houston. We are also looking for strategic partners who can utilize existing storage for sales of regular diesel fuel to our biodiesel customers.

The launch of biodiesel at this terminal means retail stations and truck stops will now have easier access to biodiesel blends, opening the door to more public pumps in the area. A map of public pumps can be seen at www.biodiesel.org/buyingbiodiesel.

“Efficient and cost effective distribution is one of the most important elements of any energy industry,” said Joe Jobe, CEO of the National Biodiesel Board (NBB). “Increasing the number of

facilities like these is important to getting biodiesel into the fuel tanks of Americans and helping to supplement our nation's energy supply.”

NBB estimates that 27 petroleum terminals have invested in equipment to make biodiesel a significant part of their business.

Biodiesel is a renewable diesel fuel that is made from domestic resources such as soybean oil or other domestic fats and vegetable oils. It can be used in any diesel engine with few or no modifications, and can be blended with petroleum diesel at any level. Biodiesel significantly cuts harmful environmental emissions, promotes greater energy independence and boosts our economy. Today, more than 600 major fleets use biodiesel commercially, and 700 retail filling stations make it available to the public.

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About Gulf Hydrocarbon, Inc.

Established in 1997, Gulf Hydrocarbon, Inc. is the premier provider of biodiesel to the petroleum industry. Offering competitively-priced biodiesel for large end-users and petroleum companies, Gulf Hydrocarbon also offers marketing strategies to producers that wish to contract for high volume off-take agreements and risk management of biodiesel or biodiesel feedstocks. Gulf Hydrocarbon pursues biodiesel project development and financing through its Renewable Fuel Research Associates (RFRA) division. Gulf Hydrocarbon holds an exclusive license to market biodiesel production technology through Petrogas, Inc. (www.petrogas.org). For more information please go to www.GulfHydrocarbon.com