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Imperium Renewables Receives BQ-9000 Status, Excellent OSHA Safety Rating

Ratings reflect company's commitment to high quality fuel, safe workplace

(January 26, 2009) SEATTLE – Imperium Renewables, a leading national provider of biodiesel, today announced it has achieved BQ-9000 certification for its Imperium Grays Harbor Biodiesel production plant, a 100 million gallon per year facility. Imperium Grays Harbor is now the nation's largest BQ-9000 certified facility. In addition, the facility recorded a 0.0 OSHA RCR (Occupational Safety & Health Administration Recordable Case Rate) for 2008, the lowest possible rating for industrial accidents at a facility.

The BQ-9000 program is a unique combination of the ASTM (American Society for Testing Materials) standard for biodiesel fuel production and one set by the National Biodiesel Accreditation Program, a cooperative and voluntary program for the accreditation of producers and marketers of biodiesel fuel, which focuses on overall quality management systems.

“Our goal with Imperium Grays Harbor has always been to produce the highest quality fuel that meets or exceeds industry standards in a safe and supportive workplace,” said John Plaza, founder and CEO of Imperium Renewables. “To achieve BQ-9000 certification and our RCR rating of zero in our first full year of operations is evidence that we have achieved those goals.”

The BQ-9000 certification program builds on the ASTM D-6751 fuel quality standard by requiring companies to have approved quality management systems, including storage, sampling, testing, blending, shipping, distribution, and fuel management practices. Accreditation is awarded following a successful formal review and audit of the facility and the commitment of the applicant to produce biodiesel fuel that meets the ASTM D-6751 specification for Biodiesel Fuel. The accreditation process is comprehensive and includes a detailed review of the applicant's Quality System documentation, followed by a formal audit of the applicant's conformance to its System. More can be found about the BQ-9000 program by going to <http://www.bq-9000.org>.

About Imperium Renewables

Imperium Renewables is a producer of biodiesel. Its flagship facility in Grays Harbor, has an operating capacity of 100 million gallons per year, and is the largest BQ-9000 certified facility in the United States. Biodiesel is a clean burning alternative fuel made from oils derived from farm crops, and can be used in any conventional diesel engine. It can be used in pure form (100 percent biodiesel) or in a “blended” form, in which it replaces a percentage of petroleum diesel.

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