BIOFINE TECHNOLOGY, LLC

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THE BIOFINE PROCESS

A proprietary, continuous, fast chemical refining process that enables the production of high value renewable chemicals and biofuels from cellulosic residues.

- Initial funding: Private funds, US DOE and NYSERDA
- Semi-works demonstration plant (presently UMO owned)
- 1999 Presidential Green Chemistry Challenge award
- Strong intellectual property portfolio (in-house/licensed)
- Key primary product: levulinic acid;
- Key derivative: ethyl levulinate (EL)
- Focus on biofuels heating and jet fuel (NORA, Texaco, others)
- Longer term sustainable derivative chemicals

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PROCESS FLOW: BIOFINE PLANT





THE VALUE CHAIN



Cellulosic Feedstock Wood Wood pulp Cellulosic Sludge Waste Paper/OCC Crops

MSW





Downstream Conversion 3-HPA Acrylic Acid Succinic Acid Ethyl Levulinate TDO Hydrocarbons (UMO) DALA Diphenolic Acid



Drop-In Product Demand Heating Fuels Jet Fuels Plastics/Plasticizers Agriculture Cosmetics Flavor & Fragrance Resins & Coatings Carbon Fiber



FUEL DEVELOPMENT



- Compatible with both light and heavy fuels
- High flash point
- Very high octane numbers (gasoline)
- Route for ethanol into heavy fuels
- High lubricity (hydro-treated low sulfur fuel)
- Oxygen content 33%
- Reduces diesel smoke (soot) significantly
- Excellent cold flow properties
- Suitable as a blendstock for FAME esters
- Projected production cost \$0.50/lit. (\$17/GJ)

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TECHNICAL BENEFITS AS A HEATING FUEL

- NEGATIVE CARBON DIOXIDE LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT AS A FUEL (DUE TO BYPRODUCTS)
- INCREASES COMBUSTION EFFICIENCY OF FUEL BLENDS: EL = 33% OXYGEN
- REDUCES COMBUSTION PARTICULATE (SOOT) AND CARBON OXIDES
- REDUCTION IN BLEND SULFUR EMISSIONS (zero sulfur in EL)
- GIVES HEATING OIL A LOWER GHG FOOTPRINT THAN NATURAL GAS @ 10% BLEND
- BIGGER REDUCTION IN GHG FOOTPRINT THAN SOY BIO-DIESEL
- ALLOWS ZERO <u>OR NEGATIVE</u> CARBON EMMISSIONS FOR HOME AND COMMERC'L FUELS
- IMPROVES LOW TEMPERATURE HANDLING (GELL PT. CLOUD PT., CFPP)
- INCREASES LUBRICITY AND LOWERS VISCOSITY OF FUEL OIL BLENDS
- EASILY BLENDS WITH BASE FUELS AND BIODIESELS

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• GREATLY INCREASES OXIDATIVE STABILITY OF BIODIESEL (RANCIMAT DATA)

POTENTIAL CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSION REDUCTION USING EL IN HEATING FUEL (LB/HOUSE/YEAR)



Ethyl Levulinate Production Efficiency 100 Year Atmospheric Lifetime

lb CO_{2e}/Year

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TIMELINE TEST MARKET - COMMERCIALIZATION

2017 - 2018 Residential Field Test of EL blends = 10 - 20 homes for full season

- Location: Maine
- Partners: Oil Company, NORA Production, Operations, Logistics, Monitoring, Evaluation
- 2018 Commercial Field Test of EL 100% = 2-3 month test
 - Location: Maine
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2018 – 2020 Expected Commencement of Full Scale Plant Design and Construction in Maine

2021 First Plant Operational - Manufacturing EL from waste biomass

- 3 Million gallons/year EL + limited specialty chemicals
- Fuel priced at par with #2 heating fuel
- EL is potentially eligible for D7 cellulosic RINS
- Feedstocks MSW-derived and waste forest biomass

<u>2021 – 2023</u> Construction of Larger Plant in Maine

- Approximately 10 Million gallons per year EL for heating fuel
- Larger scale eliminates dependency on RINS
- Potential Blending with UMO TDO-derived hydrocarbons



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