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Texas Oil Refinery Becomes First to Offer Biodiesel Blend in U.S. *AGE Refining to Sell B20 at the Rack, Enhancing Availability Nationwide*

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Today marks the first time petroleum distributors will be able to purchase a blend of biodiesel directly from an oil refinery. AGE Refining, Inc, an independent refinery based in San Antonio, Tex., announced today it will offer B20, a mixture of 20% biodiesel and 80% diesel fuel.

Biodiesel is a renewable alternative to petroleum diesel and can be used by itself or blended with petroleum diesel at any blend percentage. It substantially reduces air pollution and is nontoxic and biodegradable. The fuel runs in diesel engines with few or no modifications, but offers premium fuel characteristics like increased lubricity, adding to engine life by reducing wear and tear. Biodiesel is a designated alternative fuel under federal law and is fully registered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The AGE Refining product will be a blend of two premium products – sulfur free, soybean based biodiesel, provided by Houston-based Gulf Hydrocarbon Inc., a member of the National Biodiesel Board (NBB), and AGE's premium diesel. The company says it wants to fill petroleum distributors' increased demand for biodiesel, generated partly by the federal tax incentive recently enacted for biodiesel. In addition, Texas has reduced its state fuel excise tax on B20 from 20 cents/gallon to 16 cents/gallon to encourage use of B20.

“A refinery offering a biodiesel blend demonstrates the highest upstream possibility for acquiring a biodiesel blend, and this is a landmark in biodiesel availability,” said Joe Jobe, executive director of NBB. “The AGE Refining refinery is a one stop shop of sorts for distributors, highlighting the ever-increasing ease of availability of biodiesel in the U.S.”

AGE's introduction of B20 is the first time in the United States that this environmentally friendly fuel will be available at the refinery rack. Typically distributors have had to load fleet fuel tanks with 2500-7500 gallons and transport it to wholesale petroleum distributors (known as jobbers) across the state. Now jobbers can purchase B20 straight from this AGE rack, reducing transportation costs and increasing productivity. The B20 fuel will be available from respected petroleum distributors throughout the South Texas area including:

Dixie Oil Company (San Antonio), Johnson Oil Company (Gonzales, Tex.), Tetco, Inc. (San Antonio) and World Fuel Services, Inc. (Houston).

Glen Gonzalez, Executive Vice President, AGE Refining, Inc., said “We are committed to providing a competitively priced, environmentally friendly biodiesel that is convenient and easy to transport. AGE Refining’s ability to offer B20 underscores our mission: a commitment to the environment that equals our commitment to producing high quality fuels.”

“The availability of biodiesel at a refinery demonstrates that the petroleum industry has recognized biodiesel as a valuable addition to their business and to our nation’s energy supply,” Jobe said.

More than 500 fleets like NASA, the U.S. Military, L.L.Bean and the City of Denton, Tex., use the fuel. It is available at more than 400 retail fueling sites and from more than 1,400 distributors nationwide.

AGE Refining is the only refinery operating in San Antonio. Since 1992, AGE has been producing jet fuel, diesel and specialty solvents for customers such as the federal government, San Antonio’s public transportation system, large local truck fleets and commercial airlines. AGE Refining was recognized by the San Antonio Business Journal in 2004 as one of the fastest growing companies as well as #15 in the Top 50 Private Business Awards. The company is the only Hispanic-owned refinery in the United States. For more information visit www.agerefining.com

Gulf Hydrocarbon Inc. provides for the biodiesel market all aspects of services, products, and strategies. They offer biodiesel production, biodiesel blending, plant operation, tolling, marketing, hedging, consulting, and biodiesel plant development and financing. Gulf Hydrocarbon was incorporated in Texas in 1997. For more information visit www.GulfHydrocarbon.com.

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