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Tennessee's First Soybean Processing Plant Includes Renewable Racing Fuels

May 24, 2007— Northington Energy LLC announced today the creation of its new ultra refined biofuels research and development facility in Morgan County. Located within the company's new 15,000-square-foot biodiesel plant in Wartburg Tennessee, about 50 miles outside Knoxville. It is the first soybean oil processing plant in Tennessee, as well as the first research and development facility in the United States to focus entirely on renewable racing fuels and related engine testing.

The new plant, situated on 6 acres in the Flat Fork Business Park, will transform soybean oil to biodiesel. The facility will generate more than three million gallons of biodiesel fuel each year and create up to 20 new technical jobs. It will also give area farmers another much-needed avenue for marketing their soybeans.

In addition, the Wartburg plant will enable Northington Energy to expand its manufacturing operation to include highly refined biofuels for use in the racing industry. The East Tennessee facility will house the Wyoming-based company's new research and development arm NorthingtonSport™, which will include leading-edge renewable fuel processing systems, as well as engine management and dynamometer testing cells. This newest division of Northington will work closely with automotive and motorcycle racing engine manufacturers—whose competition programs are increasing their use of renewable biofuels.

"We are excited about the new facility and the positive impact it will have on the industry," said Lisa Horn New Business Development Manager for Northington Energy, which is based in Cheyenne, Wyo. "It will help the community produce new quality fuels that are good for the environment, farmers and consumers."

Northington Energy will be collaborating with the Tennessee Technology Center in Harriman for the highly skilled personnel required to test and develop the company's next-generation of competition biofuels. The data derived from the research center will solidify Northington's dominance in renewable energy. The forthcoming new racing fuels—Research 3 Biodiesel (R3b)™ and Research 3 Ethanol (R3e)™ will be distributed by select racing fuel suppliers across the United States.

The opening of the new Wartburg biofuels research and development facility in early 2008 comes at a time when American consumers and companies are gravitating forward to alternative fuel sources like biodiesel. Because biodiesel originates from organic sources, it is better for the environment. It's biodegradable, nontoxic, and produces less air pollution than traditional diesel fuel. In the United States, biodiesel is typically blended with fossil-based diesel fuels and is suitable for almost any light- or heavy-duty diesel engine.

In recent years, the use of biodiesel has grown dramatically in the United States and Tennessee. In East Tennessee, for example, there are more than 70 private and government fleets using biodiesel blends around East Tennessee, according to the ETCFC. Morgan County's biofuel plant will help support those and other efforts to capitalize on the benefits of biodiesel.

For additional information about Northington's new Tennessee biofuels plant and its research and development efforts to produce renewable racing fuels, visit www.northingtonenergy.com.