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### **Bioethanol contract signed between Greenergy and British Sugar**

Following the news last month that British Sugar had begun construction of a £20 million bioethanol plant at its Wissington site, the fledgling UK bioethanol production industry has today received a further boost.

Peterborough-based British Sugar has now signed a contract for the supply of bioethanol to Greenergy Fuels Ltd, which supplies bioethanol-blended petrol to petrol retailers including Tesco.

Announcement of the supply agreement was made at a celebration event at The Brewery, Chiswell St, London on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January where British Sugar were joined by other representatives of the new UK bioethanol production industry. Guests included Stephen Ladyman, Minister of State for Transport and Jonathan Nash, Managing Director of Saab GB.

Mark Carr, British Sugar Chief Executive said, "We are delighted to take the lead in this exciting new industry. Our agreement with Greenergy is a significant step in the development of renewable fuels in the UK, and we look forward to a continuing relationship. Renewable fuels are an essential part of our future and our children's future which will contribute significant benefit to the environment".

Bioethanol can be used in any ordinary unleaded petrol at inclusion rates of up to 5%. Tesco has been leader in this kind of usage in the UK and currently sells petrol containing 5% bioethanol as standard at 185 petrol stations, currently those in the South East and North West where Tesco is supplied by Greenergy.

British Sugar's agreement with Greenergy is for a significant proportion of the plant's output over an extended period. Greenergy will blend the bioethanol bought from British Sugar into the petrol it supplies to Tesco petrol stations.

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#### Editors notes:

- Bioethanol is a biofuel - or green fuel - that can produce up to 70 per cent fewer carbon emissions than petrol.
- Nearly a quarter of all UK carbon emissions come from road transport and emissions in this sector are still growing.
- If all petrol in the UK contained 5% bioethanol, it would amount to the equivalent carbon saving of taking one million cars off the road.

- In the UK, bioethanol will be produced from sugar beet or wheat. British Sugar will produce bioethanol from sugar beet at its Wissington plant.
- The UK and European petrol standard, BS EN 228, allows for the inclusion of up to 5% bioethanol. As a result, petrol containing 5% bioethanol can be dispensed through normal petrol pumps and used as standard in all vehicles requiring unleaded petrol.
- Greenergy Fuels Ltd is an independent oil company with 50 per cent of the UK biofuels market and five per cent of the total UK road fuels market. It is 25% owned by Tesco.
- A DVD showing the lifecycle of bioethanol manufacture and use and featuring an animated drawing of our proposed plant is available on request.