



Press Release (19 July 2011 – for immediate release)

RSB recognized by the European Union as proof of compliance with the Renewable Energy Directive!

Lausanne, 19 July 2011 – Today the European Union recognized the standard and certification system of the Roundtable on Sustainable Biofuels (RSB) as a way to demonstrate and document compliance with the EU biofuels mandate. Biofuels entering the EU market must demonstrate environmental benefits compared to fossil fuels in order to count toward the mandate established under the Renewable Energy Directive (2009/28/EC). Qualifying biofuels feedstocks must avoid harm to land with high biodiversity value or high carbon stock. In addition, biofuels must demonstrate a 35% saving in GHG emissions compared to fossil fuels.

The implementing rules of the Renewable Energy Directive (RED) include certification under voluntary standards which are recognised by the European Commission (EC), as proof of compliance, in order to facilitate access into the EU market.

“The standard developed and promulgated by the Roundtable on Sustainable Biofuels (RSB) is implemented by way of our global certification scheme, which ensures that biofuels are produced in an environmentally and socially responsible manner,” said RSB Chair Barbara Bramble, Senior Advisor for the International Climate and Energy Program at the National Wildlife Federation. *“The RSB certification system also provides for biofuel and biomass traceability.”*

As a result, the RSB applied for and successfully obtained the recognition of the EC, as announced today by Commissioner for Energy Günther Oettinger. As of today, RSB certified biofuels have open access to the EU market without further verification of sustainability aspects.

The Roundtable on Sustainable Biofuels is a multi-stakeholder initiative hosted by the Energy Center of Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), that has developed a global sustainability standard and certification system for biofuel production. The RSB sustainability standard, which defines the requirements to receive certification, represents a global consensus of over 120 organizations including farmers and refiners, regulators and NGOs, and was intentionally designed to ensure the sustainability of biofuels production while streamlining compliance for industry. The list of RSB members is available in annex of this press release.

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ANNEX: List of RSB Members (as of July 2011)

Chamber 1: Farmers and growers of biofuel feedstocks:

Organization	Country
Argentine No-till Farmers' Association (Aapresid)	Argentina
Bio Partners Limited	UK
Biofuels Asia	Singapore
Biogreen Oil BV	UK
Canola Council of Canada Canada	Canada
Colombian National Federation of Oil Palm Growers (Fedepalma)	Colombia
Cosmo Biofuels Group (represented by Cosmo Biofuels Sdn Bhd)	Malaysia
D1 Fuel Crops Limited	UK
Grupo Kuo	Mexico
Jatoil Limited	Australia
Jatropha Sustainable Biofuels Alliance	Germany
JOil	Singapore
Kulim Berhad	Malaysia
LiveFuels	USA
Nandan Biomatrix Limited	India
National Corn Growers Association	USA
Solazyme	USA
Sun Biofuels	UK
Sustainable BioBrazil - CO2 Star	USA
United Soybean Board	USA

Chamber 2: Industrial biofuel producers:

Organization	Country
Abundant Biofuels Corporation	USA
Addax Bioenergy Management SA	Switzerland
Biocombustibles Sustentables Argentina S.A.	Argentina
Bio Energy Resources Ltd	Malawi
BioJet Corporation	USA
BP Biofuels UK Ltd	UK

Organization	Country
Brazilian Sugarcane Industry Association (UNICA)	Brazil
Bundesverband der deutschen Bioethanolwirtschaft BDBe (German Bioethanol Industry Association)	Germany
Canadian Renewable Fuels Association (CRFA)	Canada
DSM Innovation Center	The Netherlands
Genencor/Danisco	Belgium
Gevo	USA
Great Plains	USA
Guatemala Renewable Fuels Association	Guatemala
Imperium Renewables, Inc	USA
Malaysian Biodiesel Association	Malaysia
National Biodiesel Board	USA
Neste Oil Oyj	Finland
Novozymes	Denmark
Partners for Euro-African Green Energy	Belgium
Petrobras SA	Brazil
POET	USA
StatOil	Norway
Wilmar Oleo Pte Ltd.	USA

Chamber 3: Retailers/blenders, the transportation industry, banks/investors

Organization	Country
Airbus	France
Boeing	USA
Greenergy	UK
IATA	Switzerland
Inter-American Development Bank	USA
International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association (IPIECA)	UK
Lane & Associates	USA
Royal Dutch Shell (Shell International Petroleum Limited)	UK
SkyNRG	The Netherlands

Organization	Country
Sustainable Aviation Fuel Users Group	The Netherlands
Verno Systems	USA

Chamber 4: Rights-based NGOs (including land, water, human, and labour rights) & Trade Unions

Organization	Country
Associated Labor Unions-Trade Union Congress of the Philippines (ALU-TUCP)	Philippines
Commission for the Verification of Codes of Conduct	Guatemala
National Union of Plantation and Agricultural Workers of Uganda (NUPAWU)	Uganda
Sucre Ethique	France

Chamber 5: Rural development or food security organisations & Smallholder farmer organizations or indigenous peoples' organizations or community-based civil society organizations

Organization	Country
Fundación Solar	Guatemala
German NGO Forum Environment & Development	Germany
Mali FolkCentre	Mali
My Village Organization (MVI)	Cambodia
National African Farmers Union	South Africa
Philippine Network of Rural Development Institutes, Inc. (PhilNet-RDI)	Philippines
Rural Amazonian Promotion and Development Center (CEPODRA)	Peru
Rural Development Institute of Sultan Kudarat	Philippines
Technoserve	USA
Trowel Development Foundation	Philippines

Chamber 6 Environment or conservation organisations & Climate change or policy organisations

Organization	Country
Amigos da Terra - Amazônia Brasileira	Brazil
Applied Environmental Research Foundation	India
Conservation International	USA
East African Wildlife Society	Kenya
The Energy and Resources Institute India (TERI)	India
The Gold Standard Foundation	Switzerland
Innovation Center for Energy and Transportation	China
Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)	Japan
National Wildlife Federation	USA
Natural Resources Defense Council	USA
Okavango Research, University of Botswana, Maun	Botswana
Pinchot Institute for Conservation	USA
Sierra Club	USA
The International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)	Global
United Nations Foundation	USA
Wetlands International	The Netherlands
WWF International	Switzerland

Chamber 7: Intergovernmental organizations (IGOs), governments, standard-setters, specialist advisory agencies, certification agencies, and consultant experts

Organization	Country
Business for Social Responsibility (BSR)	USA
California Energy Commission	USA
City Planning and Development Office, Cebu City Government	Philippines
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Australia
Energy Biosciences Institute	USA
Exports and Investments Network, Ministry of Industry and Commerce (REDIEX)	Paraguay
Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University/StateWide Small Farm Programs	USA
Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	Global
Government of South Australia	Australia
ICONTEC	Colombia

Organization	Country
Instituto de Energía (Energy Institute)	Argentina
Instituto Nacional de Tecnología Agropecuaria (INTA)	Argentina
International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)	USA
International Maritime Organization (IMO)	UK
Kenya Forestry Research Institute	Kenya
Life Cycle Associates	USA
National Center for Appropriate Technology	USA
National Centre for Biorenewable Energy, Fuels and Materials (NNFCC)	UK
National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)	USA
Netherlands Development Organisation (SNV)	The Netherlands
Office of Biofuels, Department of Lands, Government of New South Wales	Australia
Öko-Institut e.V.	Germany
Pace Energy and Climate Center	USA
Peru Ministry of the Environment (MINAM)	Peru
ProForest	UK
Sustainable Development Advisors (SDA)	Argentina
Stanford University - Sustainable Bioenergy Project, Woods Institute for the Environment	USA
Sustainable Biodiesel Alliance (SBA)	USA
Sustainable Forestry Initiative	USA
Swiss Alcohol Board / Alcosuisse	Switzerland
Swiss Federal Office of Energy	Switzerland
Swiss Federal Office of Environment (FOEN)	Switzerland
The Institute for Emerging Issues (IEI), N.C. State University	USA
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)	Global
United Nations Environment Programme	Global
University of California, Berkeley	USA
U.S. Commercial Service Liaison to African Development Bank	USA/Tunisia