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Greenergy sustainability programme for Brazilian bioethanol becomes first voluntary scheme to gain approval under the EU Renewable Energy Directive

- **Pan-European recognition allows Greenergy to supply sustainable bioethanol across Europe**

Greenergy, one of the largest fuel suppliers in the UK, announced today that its gold standard sustainability criteria for Brazilian bioethanol has become one of the first voluntary sustainability schemes to gain formal approval by the European Commission under the Renewable Energy Directive (RED). Approval grants Greenergy the ability to supply sustainable bioethanol from its unique supply chain into all 27 EU countries.

The Renewable Energy Directive sets mandatory sustainability requirements for biofuels to be sold in the EU. However individual EU Member States are interpreting the Directive in varying ways, creating different biofuel sustainability rules in specific markets and making it difficult for companies to supply across borders or procure on the basis of common standards.

European Commission approval of Greenergy's sustainability criteria as a common European standard means that Greenergy can now supply a certified bioethanol product offering very high greenhouse gas savings and automatically satisfying the sustainability rules of all 27 EU countries.

Andrew Owens, Greenergy Chief Executive, commented:

"Ours is one of the first voluntary sustainability schemes to be approved at EU level and we are proud to be first mover again, setting higher standards for the biofuel sector. We now have a product that guarantees compliance with all national sustainability requirements. This puts us in the position to supply sustainable bioethanol to customers across Europe and to seek supply partnerships in new markets."

Commissioner for Energy Günther Oettinger said:

"We need to make sure that the entire biofuels' production and supply chain is sustainable. This is why we have set the highest sustainability standards in the world. The schemes recognised on the EU level today are a good example of a transparent and reliable system which ensures that these high standards are met."

Greenergy has been sourcing ethanol from Brazil for more than five years and, with the creation of Greenergy Brazil in January 2010, has a permanent buying and sustainability team in Brazil. The team has long-term commercial relationships with Brazilian mills, all of which have demonstrated significant ongoing commitment to meeting Greenergy's gold standard criteria. Since 2010, 100% of the bioethanol supplied from Greenergy Brazil to Europe has complied with Greenergy's gold standard sustainability criteria.

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Greenergy is a leading national provider of road fuel and managed fuel services with significant infrastructure and service capability. Today it supplies 10 billion litres of petrol, diesel and biofuel annually – about one fifth of all the road fuel sold in Britain. It is a significant supplier of biofuel, both bioethanol and biodiesel, into the UK and Europe. For more information see www.greenergy.com

Greenergy's sustainability programme for Brazilian bioethanol

Greenergy started its sustainability audit programme in Brazil in 2007, having drawn up criteria to demonstrate compliance with the meta-standard sustainability principles of the UK Government's Renewable Transport Fuels Obligation (RTFO) – described by the UK's Renewable Fuels Agency as the "gold standard for sustainable biofuel". Since then Greenergy has been working with selected suppliers to provide advice on the implications of the sustainability criteria for their business and to help them implement change where required. This informal support process is then followed by independent third-party audits to formally measure compliance against the meta-standard principles.

Greenergy's sustainability criteria are available to download at www.greenergy.com/Safety_environment/sustainability_auditing.html