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CORPORATE OVERVIEW

Belmont Bio-Ag is a first of its kind, environmentally inspired agricultural campus that integrates horticultural greenhouses, ethanol production, cattle finishing, and electricity generation in one system called Symbiosys™. The idea for the campus began in 2002 with a group of local business people looking at the challenges facing large scale agriculture and desiring something better. Three years and hundreds of hours of engineering later, Belmont Bio-Ag will be the first campus to use Symbiosys™ to produce food and energy with far less impact on the environment than would be the case in traditional, stand-alone installations.

The campus will have a significant impact on the economy of the Belmont community and surrounding region. When it is fully operational, the facility will be home to 67-72 new full-time jobs with an average salary that will be higher than the average salary in Lafayette County. Additional jobs will be generated through contracted services to manage and operate the greenhouse. The combined payroll of the facility will be in excess of $3.6 million annually. There is expected to be over $120 million investment in construction and equipment, and the project is expected to generate approximately $600,000 in new property taxes. The campus will also create opportunities for local family farms to become suppliers, which will in turn amplify the economic impact of the facility on the region. A complete independent analysis of the economic impact of the project has been completed and is being finalized.

SYMBIOSYS™

Symbiosys™ is an integrated system designed to take the waste streams from system components and turn them into either inputs for other components or value-added products. Using state-of-the-art technologies and management practices, Symbiosys™ takes feed, corn, biomass, 700-lb steers, seeds, enzymes, bacteria, natural gas, sand, and water, and turns them into finished cattle, bedding plants, ethanol, distillers grain, food-grade carbon dioxide (CO_2), electricity, ammonia products, and mineralized nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium (N, P, & K) for fertilizer. The only wastes expected to be leaving the facility are some flue gases and a small amount of particulates from the high temperature combustion system, a minimal amount of dust and odor from the cattle feedlot and, depending on final design, only minor emissions from the ethanol plant. Through its integration, Symbiosys™ generates far less waste than would be the case for stand-alone system components. Symbiosys™ is also a net generator of energy, meaning it takes in less energy than it generates.

PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

Belmont Bio-Ag will be selling ethanol, electricity, ammonia products, fertilizer (N, P, K), and finished steers, many of which are likely to be custom raised for existing beef marketers.

LOCALLY SOURCED INPUTS

Belmont Bio-Ag will be purchasing a range of products raised locally including corn, switch grass and other biomass, and livestock. The economic impact of these purchases on the local agricultural economy is an important component of this company's overall commitment to its community.

MANAGEMENT

Belmont Bio-Ag is led by a small group of highly capable individuals from the region including Robert Brodbeck as President. Bob brings many years of executive leadership experience to this company. The core group of investors in Belmont Bio-Ag are residents of the communities in and around Belmont. These are individuals with strong ties to southwest Wisconsin who see this project as a way to bring prosperity to the region.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information about Belmont Bio-Ag can be found at http://www.belmontbioag.com