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Big Island Biodiesel Plant Construction Reaches New Heights With Storage Tanks Arrival

Hilo, HI- East Hawaii residents are in for a sight tomorrow when the massive storage tanks for the new Big Island Biodiesel refinery are transported from the Hilo docks to the Keaau construction site. The arrival of these first tanks is a benchmark for the Big Island and its future in sustainable energy resources.

The transportation will begin at 9:00 a.m. December 21, 2011 at the Matson terminal on Kuhio Street with police escorts as the first tank is maneuvered through the streets of Hilo. Due to the height of the tanks, power lines may be lifted and intersections may be blocked as the trucks move south into Keaau. The tanks will be stored at a rented lot right next to the Big Island Biodiesel construction site until early January when they will be set in place permanently.

Construction of the plant is scheduled for completion next spring. According to Plant Manager Don Caffee, hiring for the initial 10-12 plant operations positions will begin in the first quarter of 2012. More employment opportunities will be added as the facility reaches capacity.

The Big Island Biodiesel refinery is the newest addition to Pacific Biodiesel's technology installations, which extend from the U.S. East Coast to Japan. It will be Hawaii's most advanced biofuel production plant and the only commercial biodiesel production facility on the Island of Hawaii. The facility has a design capacity of 5.5 million gallons of biodiesel per year using Pacific Biodiesel Technologies' new super-efficient, state-of-the-art zero-waste technology and will divert as much as 3 million gallons of waste oils from the Hawaii's landfills while providing new agricultural opportunities for the state's farmers. In keeping with Pacific Biodiesel's community-based model, the premium quality biodiesel will be sold to customers and distributors within the State of Hawaii.

Founded in Maui in 1996 by local businessman Robert King, Pacific Biodiesel, Inc. has built 12 plants in the U.S. and Japan, and is recognized worldwide as a pioneer and advocate for the establishment of sustainable community-based biodiesel.

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