

# GFET Defines Goals for Preprocessing System

HOUSTON, May 19, 2008 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Gulf Ethanol Corporation, (OTC:GFET) addresses its goals for its cellulosic biomass feedstock preprocessing system.

The success of the U.S. bio-industry depends, to a large degree, on the quantity and quality of biomass available, and on the industry's ability to cost-effectively utilize biomass for energy production. A successful bio-refinery must have access to an adequate supply of low cost biomass with desirable characteristics.

Gulf Ethanol plans to test its cellulosic biomass preprocessing system for capacity of preprocessing, throughput capabilities, and the performance parameters that will define scalability. The specific objectives of our preprocessing research will include efforts to quantify the equipment's capabilities with various biomass feedstocks, such as sorghum, switchgrass, stover, and sawdust. Furthermore, preprocessing tests will help us determine performance and cost of the preprocessing operation. We plan to structure our testing to further identify strategies to increase preprocessed feedstock bulk densities and to determine the drying capacity of the equipment, all critical elements in cellulosic ethanol production.

The US Department of Energy goal is to determine if feedstock costs can be reduced to \$35.00 per ton of biomass. To achieve this the market needs feedstock preprocessing to allow for the creation of smaller particles and for dry storage. These milestones will increase ethanol yield and extend the shelf life of feedstock.

GFET's technology is expected to address both of these challenges by processing feedstock into very small dry particles for processing.

About Gulf Ethanol Corporation

Gulf Ethanol is an alternative energy company focused on the development of the cellulosic ethanol industry with a particular emphasis on Texas and the Gulf Coast. For more information please review our disclosure documents at [www.pinksheets.com](http://www.pinksheets.com); [www.GulfEthanolCorp.com](http://www.GulfEthanolCorp.com).

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