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Independence Energy partners with Detroit Diesel for experimental biodiesel fuel test

Test could prove B20 diesel safe for engines

TAMPA - Independence Energy Group (IEG) and Detroit Diesel Corporation (Detroit Diesel) recently announced that they have entered into a partnership to begin a two-year test of the use of B20 biodiesel fuel for large truck engines. Currently, engine manufacturers only warranty engines for use of B5 biodiesel fuel. Independence Energy and Detroit Diesel hope to change this industry standard.

Biodiesel is a clean-burning alternative fuel produced from domestic, renewable resources. It contains no petroleum, but can be blended at any level with petroleum diesel to create a biodiesel blend. For example, B20 is 20% biodiesel and 80% petroleum diesel. The more biodiesel in the blend, the less petroleum diesel is necessary to create a viable fuel for diesel engine use – less petroleum, less pollution and less dependence on foreign oil.

The two-year test will be conducted in 12 regions of the United States to study the effect of B20 on Detroit Diesel engines in several different climates. The test will include:

- § Ongoing field testing
- § An oil sampling program to validate oil drain interval and contamination
- § Regular inspection of seals and hoses
- § Study of fuel economy and power loss
- § Study of reduced soot emissions
- § Contaminants study
- § Use of special filters for biodiesel

“The significance of this effort is that at the conclusion of the testing, Detroit Diesel may warranty B20 in their engines. Other manufacturers could follow suit and the demand for biodiesel could quadruple,” says Kim Seigler, chief systems and distribution office of IEG.

About IEG: Independence Energy Group is a Florida company engaged in all aspects of the alternative energy industry. The daily process of making the United States less dependent on foreign crude oil is the corner stone of our name and our mandate. IEG has positioned itself to be an active investor, manufacturer, wholesaler and marketer of effective alternative energy products and services in the State of Florida and across the United States.

- § Making \$1 million to \$5 million investments in alternative energy ventures, i.e. our partnership with U.S. Envirofuels (USEF) to build the first ethanol plant in Tampa, Fla.
- § Production and distribution of biodiesel fuel in the State of Florida.
- § Research and development of future energy sources and alternative fuels.
- § Active participant on all local and national political fronts that are relative to the alternative energy industry.

For more information on Independence Energy Group, please visit our website at www.independenceenergy.com.

About Detroit Diesel: Detroit Diesel Corporation (Detroit Diesel) is a leading manufacturer of on-highway, heavy-duty diesel engines for the commercial truck market. The company offers a complete line of engines from 170 to 515 horsepower for the on-highway and vocational markets. Through its corporate headquarters in Detroit, Mich., Detroit Diesel is engaged in the design, manufacture, sale and service of these products, in addition to supporting alternative and hybrid engine strategies for the commercial truck marketplace. Detroit Diesel is a subsidiary of DaimlerChrysler and part of the Freightliner group of companies.