

Press Release

RHODIA ENERGY SERVICES LAUNCHES TWO BIOGAS PROJECTS IN ASIA

Paris, France, December 9th, 2010 --- Following its entry into the biogas market in 2009 with the acquisition of the Econcern Group's participation in a number of pilot plants in China and Vietnam, Rhodia Energy Services is today announcing the launch of two biogas projects in Asia. Rhodia Energy will manage the design and the construction of both facilities, as well as the operations and the sales of the biogas produced.

"Building on our unique expertise in energy optimization and CO₂ emission reduction, we have rapidly and successfully acquired new technological expertise in the field of biogas. The learnings from these pilot projects have given us confidence in our ability to replicate the business model to additional projects", commented Philippe Rosier, President of Rhodia Energy Services. *"Our ambition, to build a network of clean technology facilities to produce energy from biogas, is perfectly in line with our strategy to develop Climate Care solutions."*

In Southern China, Rhodia Energy has partnered with the Siyuan ethanol factory to build a covered lagoon reactor, specializing in the treatment of waste water. This facility, which began operations in March 2010, will produce 150,000 m³ of biogas per day by January 2011 and reduce CO₂ emissions by 100,000 tons CO₂-equivalent per year.

The second project, based at the Nuoc Trong cassava starch factory in Vietnam, has recently started operations. In the coming months it will produce 15,000 m³ of biogas daily from the treatment of cassava starch effluents. The unit will also reduce CO₂ emissions by 12,000 tons per year at full capacity.

About biogas:

Biogas is a mix of methane and CO₂ obtained from the fermentation of biowastes. Biogas is a renewable energy that can be used to produce electricity or heat. Biogas production provides a triple benefit for the environment: by substituting energy from fossil fuels, reducing methane emissions into the atmosphere and offering clean treatment of waste.

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Rhodia Energy Services is a Global Business Unit (GBU) of the Rhodia chemical group. It is in charge of energy supply management for the Group as a whole and responsible for managing projects initiated by Rhodia with a view to reducing its greenhouse gas emissions and to combating climate change. Energy supply management includes the purchase, production and sale of energy. Rhodia Energy Services manages energy procurement activities for a total of approximately €1 billion worldwide. It is a founding member of Exeltium, a consortium set up to purchase electricity generated from nuclear energy in France.

In the area of CO2 abatement, Rhodia Energy Services registered in 2005 two of the largest Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) projects completed under the Kyoto Protocol, enabling it to obtain one of the largest portfolios of carbon credits in the world. Since 2009, Rhodia Energy has consolidated its expertise by investing in the development of Climate Care solutions, based on the transformation of biomass or organic waste to clean energy, and is developing several projects in Asia, Brazil and Europe.

Rhodia is an international chemical company resolutely committed to sustainable development. As a leader in its businesses, the Group aims to improve its customers' performance through the pursuit of operational excellence and its ability to innovate. Rhodia is the partner of major players in the automotive, electronics, flavors and fragrances, health, personal and home care markets, consumer goods and industrial markets. The Group employs around 13,600 people worldwide and generated sales of €4.03 billion in 2009. Rhodia is listed on Euronext Paris.

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