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Green Plains Renewable Energy, Inc. Announces Addition to Board of Directors

OMAHA, NE -- (MARKET WIRE) -- 03/12/2009 -- Green Plains Renewable Energy, Inc. (NASDAQ: GPRE) announces that Todd Becker, President and Chief Executive Officer, was appointed to the Board of Directors on March 10, 2009. Mr. Becker fills a newly-created seat on the board.

"Under Todd Becker's leadership, Green Plains is in very capable hands," said Wayne Hoovestol, Chairman of the Board of Directors. "Becker's position, perspective and expertise make him a critical addition to the Board of Directors."

About Green Plains

Green Plains, based in Omaha, Nebraska, is a vertically-integrated, low-cost ethanol producer. Green Plains' ethanol segment operates four ethanol plants in Iowa, Indiana and Tennessee with a combined expected operating capacity of 330 million gallons of ethanol per year. Green Plains also operates an independent third-party ethanol marketing service, with marketing capacity of 305 million gallons of ethanol per year. Green Plains' agribusiness segment operates grain storage facilities and complementary agronomy, feed, and fuel businesses. Green Plains has grain storage capacity of approximately 22 million bushels.

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