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Green Plains Renewable Energy, Inc. Announces Appointment of Chief Operating Officer

OMAHA, NE -- (MARKET WIRE) -- 11/30/2009 -- Green Plains Renewable Energy, Inc. (NASDAQ: GPRE) announced the appointment of Jeffrey S. Briggs as Chief Operating Officer effective November 23, 2009. Mr. Briggs will be responsible for all operations across the Company, including Agribusiness and Ethanol Production. In addition, Mr. Briggs will lead the Company's strategic sourcing efforts, environmental, health and safety programs and will report to Todd Becker, President and Chief Executive Officer.

"Jeff's appointment reaffirms our focus on operational excellence. I believe Jeff's breadth and depth of experience in a manufacturing environment will allow us to realize greater efficiencies throughout our operations," stated Todd Becker, President and Chief Executive Officer. "Jeff's many years of well-rounded business knowledge adds to the strength of our management team, and we look forward to his leadership as we continue to grow our Company."

Mr. Briggs spent seven years at Valmont Industries, Inc. as President of the Coatings Division where he managed a 10 facility division with over 1,000 employees. Prior to Valmont, Mr. Briggs acquired and managed a high tech electronic manufacturing company in Los Angeles, was Director of Mergers and Acquisitions for Peter Kiewit and Sons, and worked for Goldman Sachs in their Equities Division. He has a Bachelor of Science degree, summa cum laude, in Mechanical Engineering, Thermal and Power Systems from UCLA and an MBA from the Harvard Graduate School of Business. He served 5 years as an Officer in the United States Navy on the nuclear submarine USS Whale. Most recently, Mr. Briggs owned a private investment partnership investing in small and mid-sized companies and has been in a consulting capacity with Green Plains since July 2009.

About Green Plains Renewable Energy, Inc.

Green Plains Renewable Energy, Inc. (NASDAQ: GPRE) is North America's fourth largest ethanol producer, operating six ethanol plants in Indiana, Iowa, Nebraska and Tennessee with a combined expected operating capacity of 480 million gallons of ethanol per year. Green Plains also operates an independent third-party ethanol marketing service that currently provides marketing services to its affiliated plants as well as four third-party ethanol producers with expected operating capacity of 360 million gallons per year. Green Plains owns 51% of Blendstar, LLC, a Houston-based biofuel terminal operator with six facilities in five states. Green Plains' agribusiness segment operates grain storage facilities and complementary agronomy, feed, and fuel businesses in northern Iowa and southern Minnesota.

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