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Green Plains Renewable Energy Named to NASDAQ(R) Clean Edge(R) Green Energy Index

OMAHA, Neb., Mar 22, 2010 (GlobeNewswire via COMTEX News Network) -- Green Plains Renewable Energy, Inc. (Nasdaq:GPRE) announced effective today that it has been added to the NASDAQ(R) Clean Edge(R) Green Energy Index.

The index includes companies engaged in the manufacturing, development, distribution, and installation of emerging clean-energy technologies such as biofuels, solar photovoltaics and advanced batteries. The five major sub-sectors that the index covers are renewable fuels, renewable electricity generation, energy storage & conversion, energy intelligence and advanced energy-related materials. The securities must also meet other eligibility criteria which include: minimum requirements for market value, average daily share volume, and price. For more information about the NASDAQ Clean Edge Green Energy Index, including detailed eligibility criteria, visit <https://indexes.nasdaqomx.com/>.

About Green Plains Renewable Energy, Inc.

Green Plains Renewable Energy, Inc. (Nasdaq:GPRE) is North America's fourth largest ethanol producer, operating a total of six ethanol plants in Indiana, Iowa, Nebraska and Tennessee with annual expected operating capacity totaling approximately 480 million gallons. Green Plains also markets and distributes ethanol for four third-party ethanol producers with annual expected operating capacity totaling approximately 360 million gallons. Green Plains owns 51% of Blendstar, LLC, a biofuel terminal operator which operates nine blending or terminaling facilities with approximately 495 million gallons per year of total throughput capacity in seven states in the south central United States. Green Plains operates grain storage facilities and complementary agronomy and petroleum businesses in northern Iowa and southern Minnesota.

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