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Press Release

# Louis Dreyfus Commodities Inaugurates World's Largest Integrated Soybean-Based Biodiesel Plant in Claypool, Indiana

## State-of-the-Art Integrated Facility to Produce Biodiesel and Soybean Meal, Supporting Both Sustainable Energy and Food Supply for the Future

CLAYPOOL, INDIANA – August 21 – America's biodiesel future took a giant step forward today with the inauguration of the Louis Dreyfus Soybean Processing and Biofuel Plant, the largest integrated soybean-based production facility in the world.

"Claypool is a strategic centerpiece for our company's future," said Robert Louis-Dreyfus, chairman of Louis Dreyfus Commodities. "This plant affirms our century-old practice as a market innovator. We are grateful to be a partner with the State of Indiana and the local community in this new venture."

"The sky's the limit for biofuels," said Governor Mitch Daniels. "Everything we know about traditional petroleum tells us we're going to need new and more varied sources of fuel. Clean-burning homegrown fuels, like biodiesel, really have to be part of our nation's long-term solution. Indiana is very well positioned to participate, especially with Louis Dreyfus here leading this surge."

"Biofuels are the renaissance of our rural communities and one of the economic pillars revitalizing rural America and the entire ag industry," said Kip Tom, president of Tom Farms and board member of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation. "Louis Dreyfus' commitment in Claypool is proof of this. In a single year they will purchase over $450 million worth of Hoosier soybeans. Having LDCommodities a part of Kosciusko County means new family-wage jobs for employees and important new markets for our farmers."

### Claypool's Biodiesel Capacity Will Lead the Country

When the facility is fully online, production quantities will be impressive:

> The plant can crush 50 million bushels of soybeans, more than 17 percent of all the soybeans grown in Indiana.
> It can produce over 1 million tons of soybean meal to be used in feedstock.
> The plant can produce over 88 million gallons of soybean-based biodiesel.

### Biodiesel: the Right Direction for National Energy Security and the Environment

Aside from the major economic benefits to the region's entire agricultural supply chain, biodiesel is the only alternative fuel to have successfully completed the health effects testing requirements of the Clean Air Act. These independent tests conclusively demonstrate biodiesel's significant reduction of virtually all regulated emissions, and that it does not pose a threat to human health.

Moreover, as a product based on a renewable, domestic crop, soybean-based biodiesel is contributing to America's national energy independence and can immediately begin to address the country's energy security issues.

**State-of-the-Art Plant Minimizes Environmental Impact**

The LD Claypool Plant sets a new standard for cleaner emissions and overall efficient processing. The facility has an aggressive system of dust and noise controls as well as maximum energy efficiency throughout. Additionally, the latest generation crushing processes optimize the entire soybean, resulting in considerably less waste.

**About Louis Dreyfus Commodities**

Louis Dreyfus has over 150 years' experience trading and processing agricultural products, which now includes corn for ethanol and soybeans for animal feedstock and biodiesel. The company has a global track record of adding value to every link of the agricultural supply chain, from production to logistics to minimizing risk through hedge trading. On top of that, Louis Dreyfus Commodities has earned a solid reputation for working with local farmers and communities in building sustainable long-term partnerships. In the U.S., the company is headquartered in Wilton, Connecticut, and has facilities and offices in Seattle; Houston; Beaumont, Texas; Kansas City; Minneapolis; Memphis, and now Claypool, Indiana. For more information, visit www.ldcommodities.com or www.ldclaypool.com.

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