



AXIOM ENERGY TO BUILD 150 MILLION LITRE BIODIESEL MANUFACTURING FACILITY AT TOLL GEELONGPORT

- **Axiom Energy progressing 150m litre per annum Biodiesel Manufacturing Facility after securing port-side land at Toll GeelongPort**
- **Plans to be the largest producer of Biodiesel in Victoria, with the Toll GeelongPort plant expected to be fully operational mid 2007**
- **Arrangements confirmed for site, storage, raw materials, technology and output**

Australian company Axiom Energy has advanced the first of its liquid fuel projects with the planned establishment of a biodiesel manufacturing facility located at Toll GeelongPort.

The manufacturing facility will have capacity to produce 150 million litres per annum of biodiesel made from renewable plant oils and animal fats with infrastructure to double production.

Axiom Energy Managing Director Mr. Danny Goldman said that on completion the Company's biodiesel manufacturing facility at Toll GeelongPort would be the largest in Victoria and with production scheduled to commence by mid 2007, it would be the first Victorian producer to market biodiesel on a commercial scale.

"Axiom Energy has entered into preliminary agreements for all lease holdings, storage, technology and production inputs and outputs, with the project scheduled for completion in mid 2007, following appropriate planning and works approvals¹," said Mr Goldman.

"Toll Holdings and Terminals Pty Ltd – have demonstrated their support for the project by providing the opportunity for Axiom Energy to secure a long term lease holding for a one-hectare site and facilities for the handling and storage of bulk liquid feedstock and product.

"The combined investment in Geelong will total approximately \$50 million and will be made up of Axiom Energy's biodiesel manufacturing facility as well as the investment in expanded storage facilities by Terminals Pty Ltd.

"Axiom Energy's biodiesel manufacturing facility with a production capacity of 150 million litres will generate up to 20 full time and 20 indirect positions, aside from construction related employment. It will also enhance revenues to the area, boosting the economic prospects of Victoria's largest regional city. The company expects approximately 16 ship visits to service this facility annually¹

"Axiom Energy will produce biodiesel from renewable plant oils and animal fats, employing proven technology. The facility will produce virtually zero atmospheric emissions complying with EPA and local regulatory requirements. This, together with the fact that biodiesel is biodegradable, will give the city of Geelong additional green credentials," he said.

^[1] Latest Economic Impact Study reveals 1 visit = 2.6 full time equivalents and \$604,000 of economic output

Axiom Energy's proposed biodiesel manufacturing facility will incorporate technology from US based company Safer Energy Group, which will provide a biodiesel production turnkey solution based on globally recognised technology.

"Axiom Energy is encouraged by the cooperation received from the at Toll GeelongPort, the Victoria Government and the City of Greater Geelong in facilitating this significant investment project in Victoria," said Mr Goldman,

"We are excited to progress plans for our first liquid fuels produced from renewable plant oils and animal fats and are set to become a major supplier in the biodiesel market," he said.

Situated alongside the specialist bulk liquid handling facility on port-designated land, the one-hectare site is ideally located to provide a streamlined ship-to-shore interface reducing trucking traffic to and from the site.

Australian Government incentives provide strong impetus for the growth of alternative fuel products. Biodiesel receives a grant, which offsets the 38c per litre excise duty until 2011, and from thereon it will be progressively increased to 19.1c per litre by 2015.

Australia consumed 14.5 billion litres of automotive diesel in 2003-04, of which Australia's seven refineries produced 12.5 billion litres for domestic requirements. International diesel consumption was more than 1,050 billion litres in 2000.

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Axiom Energy is an Australian energy business focussed on producing renewable fuels and other environmentally enhancing energy products. Headquartered in Melbourne, the company is driving alternative fuel projects, which will contribute to meet the growing demand for renewable fuel both locally and globally. Axiom Energy's first project will see the company become the largest producer of biodiesel in Victoria using renewable plant oils and animal fats. .

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