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POET-DSM hiring team to run first commercial cellulosic ethanol plant

Project LIBERTY to eventually fill about 40 full time jobs in Emmetsburg, Iowa

EMMETSBURG, IOWA (August, 23 2013) – POET-DSM Advanced Biofuels, which is building an advanced bio-refinery in Emmetsburg to produce environmentally renewable cellulosic ethanol, is now hiring full-time, quality team members to operate its 20 million-gallon-per-year cellulosic ethanol plant, which is set to open in early 2014.

The plant is currently filling 12 positions, including:
- Environmental Health and Safety Specialist
- Plant Engineer
- Accountant
- Plant Technician

“This is a phenomenal opportunity to get involved in cellulosic ethanol production on the ground floor,” General Manager Daron Wilson said. “This industry is now the newest growth area for energy in the United States, and it’s happening right here in Emmetsburg, Iowa.”

For a full list of open positions, visit poetdsm.com/employment.
At full operation, Project LIBERTY will have a significant economic impact on the surrounding Emmetsburg community. The bio-refinery will benefit the area by providing:
- Approximately 40 full-time jobs at the plant.
- Another 65 jobs in the local community for feedstock supply, logistics, equipment support and more.
- Jobs for more than 200 construction workers, who currently are building the plant
- Nearly $4 million in direct, indirect and induced earnings annually once operational.
- More than $1 million annual tax revenue for local taxing entities.
- Approximately $20 million in biomass purchases annually for farmers in a 30-mile radius.

Project LIBERTY, which will use bales of corn cobs, leaves, husk and some stalk to produce biofuel, is under construction today. For more information and photos of construction progress, visit poetdsm.com.

**About POET-DSM Advanced Biofuels, LLC**

POET-DSM Advanced Biofuels, LLC, is a 50/50 joint venture between Royal DSM and POET, LLC. Based in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the company is a cooperative effort of two innovators that provides a key to unlocking the opportunity of converting corn crop residue into cellulosic bio-ethanol. Built on the strengths of both companies, the joint venture has a critical mission: to make cellulosic bio-ethanol competitive with corn bio-ethanol, the most competitive renewable liquid transportation fuel on the US market today. Drawing on the deep expertise and experience of POET and DSM in different areas of converting cellulosic biomass into bio-ethanol, POET-DSM Advanced Biofuels will have its first commercial-scale plant co-located with POET Biorefining – Emmetsburg in Emmetsburg, Iowa. Based on this plant, the JV plans to globally license an integrated technology package for the conversion of corn crop residue to cellulosic bio-ethanol. More information: [www.poetdsm.com](http://www.poetdsm.com).

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