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Global Biofuels Center foresees Brazil to stay number 1 in biofuels exports

HOUSTON, TEXAS (Nov. 5, 2008) – Brazil is expected to dominate global biofuels exports through 2015 and beyond, according to a new study released by Hart’s Global Biofuels Center (GBC). “Despite the recent economic crises that have impacted the credit markets and the global economy, we still see strong growth in demand for biofuels from Brazil, particularly for ethanol, and that demand will only be enhanced as we begin to see greenhouse gas (GHG)-driven fuel targets be implemented around the world,” said Tammy Klein, GBC Executive Director.

In *Global Ethanol and Biodiesel Outlook, 2008-2015: Projecting Market Demand by Country, Region and Globally*, an annual study on the state of the global biofuels marketplace, the GBC notes that other substantial biofuels exporters will begin emerging as well in Asia and Latin America and those countries include India, Thailand, Indonesia, Argentina, the Philippines and Thailand.

“We will begin to see many players entering the marketplace during this time; however, the ‘rules of the road’ have yet to catch up and that could have real impacts on this nascent global biofuels marketplace,” Klein said. “The next few years will be critical in this regard. What we see now are policies that are being set locally which actually have global implications, especially for producers in other countries.” She cited sustainability criteria, current disputes over tariffs and classification of biofuel types as examples.

Covering mainly ethanol and biodiesel, but also ETBE (ethyl tertiary butyl ether), cellulosic ethanol and renewable diesel (also known as non-ester biodiesel) where applicable, the *Global Ethanol and Biodiesel Outlook* captures the current and near-term biofuels picture in 30 countries in four key regions around the world, including:

- **North America:** Canada and the United States, including a detailed analysis on the state of California;
- **EU-27:** the EU, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, The Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom;
- **Latin America:** Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Mexico and Venezuela; and
- **Asia:** Australia, China, India, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, South Korea and Thailand.

The *Global Ethanol and Biodiesel Outlook, 2008-2015* reviews local and global drivers, public and fiscal policy developments, production capacity, feedstocks, and supply and demand projections for the years 2008, 2010 and 2015. More information on the study is available at www.globalbiofuelscenter.com.

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