



GTL Resources PLC ("GTL")

### USEPA Ethanol Blending Update

GTL Resources PLC (AIM: GTL), the US based bio-refining company, with a 110 million gallon per annum ethanol plant in Illinois, is pleased to comment on the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) 21 January 2011 announcement allowing 15% ethanol blending (E15), an increase from 10%, in vehicles manufactured between 2001 and 2006.

This follows the October 2010 announcement allowing E15 blending in vehicles manufactured since 2007. Now, vehicles that account for approximately two-thirds of gasoline consumed in the US are approved for E15 blending.

USEPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson said, "Recently completed testing and data analysis show that E15 does not harm emissions control equipment in newer cars and light trucks. Wherever sound science and the law support steps to allow more home-grown fuels in America's vehicles, this administration takes those steps."

Richard Ruebe, GTL's CEO, commented, "We are delighted with the USEPA formally announcing approval for up to 15% ethanol blends in vehicles representing a significant majority of the miles driven in the US. The US Department of Energy has now completed long term durability and emissions testing on vehicles manufactured since 2001. The USEPA has reviewed these extensive tests, and has determined

that E15 blending does not negatively impact tailpipe emissions, engine performance, or engine durability in newer cars and light trucks.

The USEPA's announcement is clearly good news for US based ethanol producers as it will now allow 50% more ethanol to be consumed in vehicles manufactured since 2001. These recent rulings will have a positive impact on the supply/demand dynamics of our industry and will eventually lead to increased future ethanol demand as gas station retailers gradually make the required changes in their tank and dispensing infrastructure to accommodate 15% ethanol blending.

We commend the USEPA for their continued, fact based support of the ethanol industry and take today's announcement as further endorsement of the significant long term benefits ethanol will have in the US transportation fuels market. GTL produces 110 million gallons of ethanol per year and the GTL management team feels confident that we will be well placed to benefit over the long term from increasing demand in the ethanol industry.”

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