

'The 50 Hottest Companies in Bioenergy': 2008-09 Rankings Published by Biofuels Digest

US companies dominate; genomics, cellulosic ethanol and algae-based technologies prominent among honorees

MIAMI, Dec. 22 /PRNewswire/ -- Cellulosic ethanol pioneer Coskata took the #1 spot in the "50 Hottest Companies in Bioenergy" rankings for 2008-09, published today in Biofuels Digest, the online daily bioenergy news service. The list recognizes innovation and achievement in bioenergy development.

Sapphire Energy, Virent Energy Systems, POET, Range Fuels, Solazyme, Amyris Technologies, Mascoma, DuPont Danisco and UOP also were ranked in the top ten.

Among the top 50, 17 are active in cellulosic ethanol development, nine are developing algae-to-energy systems, and nine are producing other advanced biofuels or waste-to-energy technologies. The companies range from start-ups, funded by venture capital and corporate investors, to new divisions of established companies such as DuPont, Genencor, and Honeywell.

Rankings were established by a Biofuels Digest panel, and reflected the importance of research or production achievements recorded by each company in 2008. Votes were weighted by industry and region to ensure a fair and broad representation of companies and technologies.

"Innovation in renewable energy is gaining speed," said Jim Lane, editor and publisher of Biofuels Digest. "A slew of advanced bioenergy systems are coming to market from some of the brightest biologists, chemists, agronomists and engineers in the world. These companies are the hottest of the hot."

Biofuels Digest is the world's most widely read biofuels daily. The Miami, FL-based free online magazine and email newsletter published more than 3,000 news stories on bioenergy in 2008, and serves more than 15,000 daily readers in 195 countries with bioenergy production, research, policy and financial news.

The Hottest 50 Companies in Bioenergy:

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| 1. Coskata | 14. Novozymes | 27. Gevo | 40. Osage Bioenergy |
| 2. Sapphire Energy | 15. Qteros | 28. St.1 Biofuels Oy | 41. Dynamotive |
| 3. Virent Energy Systems | 16. Petrobras | 29. Primafuel | 42. Sustainable Power |
| 4. POET | 17. Cobalt Biofuels | 30. Taurus Energy | 43. ETH Bioenergia |
| 5. Range Fuels | 18. Iogen | 31. Ceres | 44. Choren |
| 6. Solazyme | 19. Synthetic Genomics | 32. Syngenta | 45. Origin Oil |
| 7. Amyris Biotechnologies | 20. Abengoa Energy | 33. Aurora Biofuels | 46. Propel Fuels |
| 8. Mascoma | 21. KL Energy | 34. Bionavitas | 47. GEM Biofuels |
| 9. DuPont Danisco | 22. INEOS | 35. Algenol | 48. Lake Erie Biofuels Technologies |
| 10. UOP | 23. GreenFuel | 36. Verenum | 49. Cavitation |
| 11. ZeaChem | 24. Vital Renewable Energy | 37. Simply Green | 50. Lotus/Jaguar - Omnivore |
| 12. Aquaflow Bionomic | 25. LS9 | 38. Carbon Green | |
| 13. Bluefire Ethanol | 26. Raven Biofuels | 39. SEKAB | |

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