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Madison energy firm BEST Energies receives \$275,000 grant

Madison, Wis. June 20, 2007. Madison, Wisconsin based renewable energy firm, BEST Energies Inc. has been awarded a \$275,000 (AUD) technology climate action grant by the New South Wales Department of Environment and Climate Change in Australia for their pyrolysis process technology. The grant supports the development of technologies, products and processes that minimize greenhouse gas emissions or aid climate change efforts in NSW. BEST Energies will use the grant to continue their research on black carbon's role in terrestrial carbon sequestration and agricultural greenhouse gas mitigation.

"Adoption of the technology will deliver long-term sustainability benefits of increased soil health and therefore agricultural productivity," said Adriana Downie, Technical Manager at BEST Energies Australia.

BEST Energies in collaboration with the NSW Department of Primary Industries have recognized the huge potential of black carbon char to increase the sustainability of agriculture and make a significant contribution to the sequestration of greenhouse gases in soils. BEST's slow pyrolysis technology not only generates renewable energy to displace fossil fuels, but also produces a high carbon, Agrichar™, product by heating green waste or biomass in the absence of oxygen.

The initial efforts made by BEST Energies have already yielded positive results and a growing interest in continued research efforts. Phase II of the grant, which is expected to be completed by June 2009, will conduct more in-depth work to take advantage of this developing technology, including: the ability to classify the surface characteristics of black carbons and the chemical pathways that enable them to limit GHG emissions from soil systems; quantify the reduction of GHG emissions resulting from the application of black carbon to agricultural soils; and quantify the savings versus the costs of using those pathways for reducing GHG from both an environmental and economic perspective.

Earlier this month, BEST Energies along with NSW DPI, won the United Nation Association of Australia's World Environment Day Award for 'Meeting the Greenhouse Challenge' in Melbourne, Australia for their developments on slow pyrolysis.

BEST Energies is focused on leading the development of clean energy solutions all based on renewable bio-resources. For more information visit the BEST Energies website at www.bestenergies.com.

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