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GORDON QUAIATTINI ANNOUNCES DEPARTURE FROM CRFA

OTTAWA: After nine successful years – the last four at the helm of the Canadian Renewable Fuels Association (CRFA), Mr. Gordon Quaiattini today announced he would be stepping down as President to pursue new public policy challenges. During his tenure, Mr. Quaiattini oversaw the introduction of Canada's milestone renewable fuels mandates for both ethanol and biodiesel.

"It has been a pleasure and honour to serve the pioneers, entrepreneurs and innovators that make up the renewable fuels industry in Canada," said Mr. Quaiattini in making the announcement. "Renewable ethanol and biodiesel are now part of Canada's national energy supply. It is an ideal time for me to seek out new opportunities and challenges. I want to thank the Board of Directors and the members of the CRFA for their effort and leadership. Thanks to their tireless dedication, renewable fuels in Canada are now a reality. That is good news for the price at the pump, good news for the environment and good news for emerging advanced biofuels technologies."

In June, the federal government announced its final regulatory decision setting the promised start date of July 1, 2011 for the national 2 per cent biodiesel mandate in Canada. "The federal government and numerous provinces have demonstrated through their policy, program and regulatory actions their strong support for ensuring a robust and dynamic renewable fuels sector in Canada is realized – for this leadership, the industry is very appreciative," stated Quaiattini.

On an interim basis, Tim Haig, Vice-Chair of the CRFA, will serve as acting President.

"Gordon has been a leader within the renewable fuels industry in Canada. He played an instrumental role in developing the policy, regulatory and program framework across federal and provincial governments that has resulted in the significant build-out of Canada's ethanol and biodiesel sectors," stated Mr. Haig. "We thank Gordon for all his service and dedication to the renewable fuels sector in Canada."

Founded in 1984, the Canadian Renewable Fuels Association (CRFA) is a non-profit organization with a mission to promote the use of renewable fuels for transportation through consumer awareness and government liaison activities.

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