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Cognis' QTA® and Biodiesel Analytical Solutions Partner to Better Serve the Quality Analysis Needs of the Growing U.S. Biodiesel Industry.

Cincinnati, OH (PRWEB), December 10, 2008 – Cognis Corporation, through its QTA® System business, recently announced that it has teamed up with Biodiesel Analytical Solutions (BAS) to support the growing list of U.S. biodiesel plants that rely on QTA's rapid quality and process control technology. BAS is the leading authority on biodiesel quality testing and offers biodiesel plants a "One Stop Shop" to fully equip each plant's quality testing laboratory using the best available technology. QTA has led the industry in the development of infrared based process and quality control analytics that are highly accurate across varied feedstocks with consistent results between various facilities.

"We pride ourselves on finding the very best biodiesel quality testing components to offer our clients and the QTA System has become the standard in the biodiesel industry for rapid FT-IR analysis", said Mark Fashion, BAS President. "QTA technology has provided the industry with the means to quickly and easily test quality parameters, even during plant start up. When we saw the QTA System take an unprepared B100 sample and immediately produce detailed reduced specification analyses without the need for a long calibration process, we knew it must become part of the lab solutions we provide our customers."

Barbara Stefl, Cognis' Global Business Director, said, "We are looking forward to working with BAS to become part of an integrated laboratory solution for their clients. BAS not only brings their extensive quality testing expertise to the relationship but they also provide a nationwide network that can support our current and future customers".

Cognis QTA's patented Biodiesel Analysis starts by digitizing the light spectra of the biodiesel sample using proven infrared technology. Those spectra are then sent, via the internet, to Cognis' central database where algorithms—called Chingometrics™-- converts the spectra, in real-time, into industry standard quality measurements that are then viewed online. All this occurs in less than two minutes without the time and expense of building and testing calibrations.

BAS will sell and support the QTA System to the Biodiesel industry throughout the U.S. QTA will continue to maintain its online 24/7 support and will continue its work with NBB, ASTM and AOCS to ensure that its system calibrations meet and exceed both current and future industry standards.

About QTA®

QTA® is a service business of Cognis Corporation –a worldwide supplier of innovative specialty chemicals and nutritional ingredients, with a particular focus on the areas of wellness and sustainability. The company employs about 7,700 people, and it operates production sites and service centers in 30 countries. Cognis' QTA® business provides on-site, ready-to-use analytical capabilities without additional investment in equipment or personnel. Patented, centralized calibration technology enhances accuracy. For more information on the QTA® system, visit www.qta.com

Cognis is owned by private equity funds advised by Permira, GS Capital Partners, and SV Life Sciences. In 2006, Cognis recorded sales of 3.37 billion euros and an Adjusted EBITDA (operating result) of 394 million euros.

About Biodiesel Analytical Solutions

Only BAS can sell or rent 100% of the required ASTM D6751-08 and/or EN14214 specified analyzers for your B100 biodiesel quality laboratory. BAS capturing 20% of the U.S. market in less than 2 years is proof positive of the overwhelming market response of its "One Stop Shop" approach for biodiesel laboratories. BAS is with you every step of the way, from installation, calibration - writing your Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) – guaranteeing every application - to service contracts for each analyzer in your laboratory. BAS is proud of its preferred vendor relationships with only the premium analytical instrument companies in the business, such as Agilent Technologies, Inc., Cannon Instrument Company and now our newest partner QTA.

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