



ABIOVE publishes report on Brazilian biodiesel

Association discusses the main points of the current debate on biofuels and proposes a new approach on the subject

São Paulo, August 27, 2009 – ABIOVE, the Brazilian Vegetable Oils Industry Association, published today a report discussing the main points of the National Program for the Production and Use of Biodiesel, currently under debate.

The report **Demystification of the National Program for the Production and Use of Biodiesel – A review of the Brazilian vegetable oil industry** approaches, in a simple and direct manner, the major questions regarding this program connected to one or more of the pillars of sustainability, i.e., to the economic, social and environmental aspects.

After almost two years of compulsory mixture, and considering the various national and international studies that incorrectly analyze biofuels, the Association decided to prioritize the preparation of a report discussing these questions, based on reliable public data.

This report reiterates ABIOVE's point of view, as presented at events and in articles, using information from reference centers in Brazil and abroad as sources. The Association is thus taking part in the biofuel debate with a document that seeks to provide transparency and clear conclusions, thereby contributing to the forming of opinions in Brazil.

Currently the main raw material used for biodiesel production, soy oil has also been the object of several studies with mistaken conclusions as regards the product's three pillars of sustainability. The report was enriched with pertinent information and data to improve understanding of some of these questions because an understanding of what is happening in agribusiness is essential when discussing biodiesel.

The objective of this report is not to exhaust the debate, which is a continuous and healthy part of the development of this important program to replace fossil fuels in Brazil, but to provide greater clarity about the program's positive aspects and the points which can, and should, be improved.

In this way, ABIOVE shows that it is actively seeking ways to keep the Brazilian biodiesel program on its successful trajectory and to show the world another example of Brazil's positive policies to develop clean and renewable energy sources.