

Media Release

AMEC Paragon keeps US\$5 billion alternative fuels project moving

Baard Energy signs contract to proceed with second phase of work

Houston, Texas, USA (October 2, 2007) - AMEC, the international engineering and project management company, today announced that Houston-based subsidiary AMEC Paragon has been awarded a contract by Beard Energy to provide engineering and project management services for the front-end engineering and design (FEED) phase of the US\$5 billion Ohio River Clean Fuels project in Wellsville, Ohio. The value of the contract has not been announced.

This contract follows AMEC Paragon's initial work as owner's engineer and project management services provider for feasibility studies concerning the integration of various processes at the plant.

The FEED phase is scheduled to commence in November 2007.

The project is being undertaken in response to growing demand for more environmentally-friendly fuels. The facility is expected to produce approximately 50,000 barrels per day of jet and diesel fuel and other liquid products from biomass, coal and other feedstocks. The new facilities will capture at least 80 percent of the carbon dioxide produced during refining. Much of the captured carbon dioxide will be used for enhanced oil recovery in the nearby Appalachian oil fields, with the remainder to be stored in underground caverns.

"With this project, AMEC is taking a leading role in the energy industry's efforts to develop facilities that address global environmental concerns," said Simon Naylor, President of AMEC's Natural Resources Americas business. "We are excited to progress this innovative and important work and to continue to help Beard Energy achieve its goals."

Baard Energy President and Chief Executive Officer John Baardson said, "Phase I of this project went smoothly and according to schedule. We are especially impressed with AMEC's intrinsic expertise in all of the diverse components of this project, and we view our work with AMEC Paragon as a solid model for future alternative fuel projects in the United States."

In addition to continuing in its role as owner's engineer and project management services provider, AMEC Paragon will provide FEED for the facility's site infrastructure, utilities, storage sections and feedstock handling. The company also will support engineering for the plant's liquid fuel production and upgrading facilities.

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AMEC plc is a focused supplier of high-value consultancy, engineering, and project management services to the world's energy, power and process industries. With annual revenues of over US\$4.4 billion, AMEC designs, delivers and maintains strategic and complex assets for its customers. AMEC's Natural Resources, Power and Process and Earth and Environmental businesses employ approximately 18,000 people in more than 25 countries globally. AMEC shares are traded on the London Stock Exchange, where the company is listed in the Support Services Sector (LSE: AMEC:L). www.amec.com

AMEC's Natural Resources business is a leading provider of total life-of-asset services to customers in the upstream and downstream oil and gas sectors, petrochemicals, pipelines and mining industries, with a strong reputation for balancing global excellence with local delivery.

AMEC Paragon is AMEC's hub for oil and gas production, midstream/gas processing, and pipeline operations based in Houston, Texas, providing engineering, design/drafting, mapping, materials management, and construction management services. Specialties include onshore and offshore production facilities, onshore and offshore pipelines, floating production and subsea systems, LPG and LNG facilities, alternative fuels facilities, stranded gas applications and heavy oil treatment facilities. AMEC Paragon has completed more than 4,000 projects in 30 countries for over 260 clients. www.amecparagon.com

Baard Energy L.L.C. is a privately held limited liability company, headquartered in Vancouver, WA, that develops alternative energy projects in North America. The company has more than 20 years of experience in the alternative energy and fuels businesses. Within that period, Beard and its affiliates have developed a variety of energy projects, including ethanol production and power generation from biomass and natural gas. www.baardenergy.com.

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AMEC and Beard Energy representatives meet to finalize a front-end engineering design (FEED) contract for the Ohio River Clean Fuels project. Clockwise from bottom left: Beard Energy President and CEO John Beardson, Beard Energy Business Development Vice President Steve Dopuch, AMEC Paragon President Terrance Ivers, AMEC Paragon Midstream Director Richard Rankin, and AMEC plc CEO Samir Brikho.