

Emami Agrotech facilitates India's first retail sale of biodiesel from Haldia and New Delhi

<u>Haldia/ Kolkata, 10th August, 2015</u>: Emami Agrotech Limited (formerly Emami Biotech Ltd), the biodiesel and edible oil arm of the diversified Rs 10,000 cr Emami Group of Companies and the largest manufacturer of biodiesel in Eastern India took pride in announcing today about the commencement of India's first retail sale of its biodiesel from Haldia and New Delhi through retail oil outlets.

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of State, Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India today inaugurated four biodiesel retail outlets in India beginning from the industrial town of Haldia along with New Delhi, Vijayawada and Vishakhapatnam via videoconferencing from Delhi promoting usage of biodiesel fuel for a pollution-free environment. As per the Government policy, Oil Marketing Companies (OMCS) will supply 5% of biodiesel through pumps blending it with 95% of diesel. Emami Agrotech Ltd which is producing biodiesel of BIS standard will be supplying biodiesel to the pumps in Haldia and New Delhi. As per the distribution plans of the OMCs in the State, efforts are on to make blended bio-diesel fuel available in around 20 pumping stations across various locations of West Bengal.

"We are proud to share today that Emami Agrotech Ltd is all set to create a new place in India's green energy map. With the support from the Central Government for biodiesel, we are planning to up our ante with advanced R&D to maximize the manufacturing to its optimal level. With the continued support from the Government, we are hoping for an increasing adoption of biodiesel amongst allied quarters like ports, transport sector, railways and industries. It is also a cost effective and greener alternative for the farmers of India who will get highly benefitted with the increased use of biodiesel in this country" said Mr. Aditya V. Agarwal, Director, Emami Group.

Emami Agrotech supplies biodiesel to the Haldia port to run vehicles, cranes and trucks, through a biodiesel dispensing machine which commenced its operation this year. Very recently, Emami Agrotech Limited has also started supplying bio-diesel of BIS standard to Indian Railways.

Emami Agrotech Limited set up a state-of-the-art multi-feed Biodiesel plant at Haldia in technical collaboration with Desmet Ballestra, an Italian major in 2006. The plant manufactures biodiesel conforming to EN and BIS standards. It has daily production capacity of 300 tonnes of biodiesel presently. The plant is well connected with Haldia Port and state highways for easy transportation to international and domestic market.

India has a biodiesel capacity of around 1.2 MnT (Million Tonnes) / year. However, due to lack of awareness, the current operating capacity is only 0.1 MnT per year. Retail availability of biodiesel fuel will be of immense significance to create increased awareness among consumers and expand the usage penetration of this green fuel. Biodiesel is considered 'climate neutral' because of its sequestration



during consumption. This cost-effective fuel is environment-friendly, resulting in low emission of unburned chemicals which is why the Union Government is supporting its increased usage.

About Emami Agrotech Ltd (Formerly Emami Biotech Ltd):

Set up in 2006, Emami Agrotech Limited (Formerly Emami Biotech Ltd) is the Rs 4500 cr edible oil & biodiesel Company of the Rs 10,000 cr Emami Group of Companies based in Kolkata, India. Emami Agrotech Ltd. (Formerly Emami Biotech Ltd), the only biodiesel manufacturer in Eastern India, is the largest exporter of biodiesel to Europe from India. It is also the largest edible oil refinery in the Eastern India & 3rd largest in the country. Launched in 2010, Emami Healthy & Tasty, one of the most premium and popular names in the industry of edible oil is manufactured and marketed by Emami Agrotech Ltd (Formerly Emami Biotech Ltd). The Company has a daily edible oil refining capacity of 3,600 tonnes per day across its two locations at Haldia in West Bengal and Krishnapatnam in Andhra Pradesh. Planning to set up a 2,000 tonnes per day refinery on West Coast.

Emami Group is a diversified business conglomerate with over 20,000 employees. The Group is also present in sectors such as FMCG – Emami Limited, the flagship company of the Group & one of the leading FMCG companies in the country; Newsprint – Emami Paper Mills; India's largest newsprint manufacturer; Writing Instrument - CRI Tips, world's 4th largest ball point tip manufacturer; Realty - Emami Realty, a leading real estate company; Healthcare - AMRI Hospitals, Eastern India's largest chain of hospitals; Retail –Frank Ross and Starmark, largest pharmacy chain & leisure stores in the East and Contemporary Art - Emami Chisel Art. The Group plans to set up a 4 MTPA cement plant in Chhattisgarh with two split grinding units in West Bengal and Odisha of 1.5 MTPA each at a total investment of around Rs.3000 cr. Please visit www.emamibiotech.com for more information.

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