

Press Release

D1 Oils Q1 2007 Business Update

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D1 Oils plc (D1), the UK-based global producer of biodiesel, today announces its quarterly business update for the first quarter ended 31 March 2007.

Agronomy

Planting

Up to 31 March 2007, D1 has planted or obtained rights to offtake from a total of 156,741 hectares of jatropha worldwide. This represents an increase of over 10,000 hectares on the total of 145,625 hectares as at 16 March 2007, as announced in our preliminary results on 28 March 2007. The increase in planting over the last two weeks of the quarter is accounted for predominantly by planting in Africa, with planting under contract farming arrangements in Zambia continuing to make particularly good progress.

The cumulative position at 31 March 2007 is summarised in the table below:

		Managed plantations	Contract farming	Seed purchase and oil supply agreements	Total hectares
India	South	-	7,984	-	7,984
	North East	-	8,300	2,000	10,300
	Rest	-	5,093	22,924	28,017
		-	21,377	24,924	46,301
Africa	Swaziland	1,227	-	8,017	9,244
	Zambia	2,411	20,760	-	23,171
	Rest	-	-	8,629	8,629
		3,638	20,760	16,646	41,044
South East Asia	China	-	-	28,000	28,000
	Indonesia	-	31,640	-	31,640
	Rest	-	4,780	4,976	9,756
		-	36,420	32,976	69,396
Total		3,638	78,557	74,546	156,741

The level of investment costs and security of future oil supply from planting are proportional to the degree of direct involvement by D1 and its partners. Managed plantations are those farms where land and labour is controlled by D1, either through its subsidiaries or joint venture partners. Under contract farming, the farmer plants his own trees on his own land. D1 and its partners assist with the provision of seedlings and the arrangement of bank finance for planting, and offer a buyback of harvested seeds with an offtake agreement. We provide support and advice during cultivation, and monitor the condition of the crops. Seed and oil supply agreements are arms-length supply contracts with third parties whereby D1, either directly or through joint venture partners, has offtake arrangements in place over future output from jatropha plantations which the third party is developing. D1 has limited involvement in this planting and relies on third parties to measure and manage the crop effectively.

Plant science

Our plant science programme has gathered a sufficiently wide range of jatropha material to support the first ever commercial breeding and product placement trials for this crop. We have now collected more than 200 accessions of jatropha from three different continents and over twenty countries. Using field and laboratory data from this material, we have established a breeding process and global trials network to identify which individual jatropha cultivars are best adapted to the different cultivation zones. The first commercial outcome of the plant science programme is our 'E1' elite seed material, selected for higher yield and good biodiesel profile. We expect this seed will deliver oil yields of 2.7 tonnes per hectare under properly managed conditions when the trees attain maturity. E1 seed multiplication is continuing in all three regions. We expect to be able to plant 50,000 hectares with this material in 2008.

Refining and trading

We delivered our fifth D1 20 refinery unit to our Teesside site on 23 April. This is the first of our upgraded D1 20 units and has an enhanced capacity of 10,000 tonnes per year. The commissioning of the unit will increase the production capacity of our Teesside site to 42,000 tonnes.

Work on the first phase of operations at our Bromborough site to convert the existing facilities for production of biodiesel continues on track. The Environment Agency has now confirmed that biodiesel processing can be undertaken within our existing permit.

Elliott Mannis, Chief Executive Officer of D1 Oils, commented:

“We made strong progress in planting in this first quarter, with a cumulative total of over 156,000 hectares planted by 31 March. We are very pleased with the progress in Zambia, where operations are now gaining momentum. Our plant science programme continues to develop very promisingly. The delivery of our fifth D1 20 refinery to Teesside and the expansion of capacity at Bromborough reaffirm our commitment to expand prudently our UK refining capacity in advance of the implementation of the UK RTFO in April 2008.”

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Notes to Editors

D1 Oils plc is a UK-based global producer of biodiesel. We are building a global supply chain and network that is sustainable and delivers value from 'earth-to-engine'. Our operations cover agronomy, refining and trading. We are pioneering the science, planting and production of inedible vegetable oils; we design, build, own, operate and market biodiesel refineries; and we source, transport and trade seeds and seedlings, seedcake, crude vegetable oils and biodiesel.