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## Fibrowatt celebrates Grand Opening of nation's first power plant fueled by poultry litter

NEW PLANT IN BENSON, MINNESOTA NOW RUNNING AT FULL CAPACITY

Several representatives from North Carolina traveled to Benson, Minnesota earlier this month to celebrate the Grand Opening of Fibrowatt's first power plant in the United States. It is the first power plant in the nation fueled with poultry litter.

The 55-megawatt, \$202 million plant — called Fibrominn — will produce enough renewable energy from poultry litter and biomass materials to serve 40,000 homes a year. It will use more than 500,000 tons of turkey litter supplied by local turkey growers.

"There's gold in that there turkey manure," said Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty. "You are turning something no one wants into something that everyone needs."



Fibrowatt CEO Rupert Fraser takes Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty on a tour of the Fibrominn plant in Benson, Minnesota.

For the community of Benson, a small town of 3,500 people in West Central Minnesota, the addition of the Fibrowatt plant provides substantial economic benefits, including 100 full-time jobs; 30 on site, 60 in litter transportation, and 10 at the ash fertilizer plant.

"Fibrominn is a great addition to the Benson community," said Paul Kittelson, mayor of Benson. "The company is a natural fit with our agricultural focus, a good source for jobs, and an all-around boost to the local economy."

Fibrominn pays approximately \$150,000 in annual property taxes to Benson, \$1.7 million in annual wages and benefits to employees, and approximately \$5 million in purchases of poultry litter, local supplies, and services each year.

Fibrowatt plans to build as many as three power plants in North Carolina and is currently exploring potential sites across the state.

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