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**Fibrominn, the nation's first poultry litter-fueled power plant,
opens in Benson, Minnesota**

*Grand opening draws Governor Pawlenty and representatives from other states
interested in Fibrominn's technology*

BENSON, Minn. – The nation's first poultry litter-fueled power plant officially opened in Benson today. Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty was among approximately 250 people who gathered for the event. Other guests included Congressman Collin Peterson, local and state elected leaders, as well as representatives from North Carolina, Mississippi, Maryland, and Texas, where similar power plants are being proposed.

This plant represents the "best thinking, best technology, and the best leadership this country has to offer, and it's right here in Benson, Minnesota," said Governor Pawlenty, who toured the plant today.

Fibrominn, a subsidiary of Fibrowatt LLC, part of the Homeland Renewable Energy Group, produces renewable energy from poultry litter and other biomass – generating enough electricity to serve 40,000 homes. The plant represents the country's first viable, year-round outlet for the removal of poultry litter, and will use more than 500,000 tons of litter annually. The majority of Fibrominn's fuel is litter supplied by local turkey growers.

The history of Fibrominn

In 1998, third generation poultry farmer Greg Langmo from Litchfield, Minn., went in search of a solution to Minnesota poultry growers' overabundance of litter. Faced with pressure from local governments on how to manage their poultry litter, farmers needed to reduce stockpiling and the over-application of litter as a fertilizer. Langmo's research led him to a company called Fibrowatt, whose management team had built three power plants in the United Kingdom fueled by poultry litter.

"Our company was virtually unknown in the United States when we met with representatives from Minnesota," said Rupert Fraser, CEO and founder of Fibrowatt. "But we had a proven

technology, and today that technology is providing a logistics solution for poultry litter management in Minnesota, the nation's leader in turkey production.”

“Fibrominn is good for poultry farmers like me and good for the community,” said Langmo, who now coordinates Fibrominn’s litter contracts with poultry growers. “I’m proud to have been a part of this project from the beginning.”

Economic impact

Fibrominn’s economic benefits to the region and state are substantial and include approximately 100 full-time jobs. Thirty of these jobs are on the power plant site, 60 are in litter transportation, and 10 are at Fibrominn’s ash fertilizer plant, which creates a nutrient-rich fertilizer using the ash derived from combusted litter. There were also several hundred jobs created during the two-and-a-half-year construction period.

“Fibrominn is a great addition to the Benson community,” said Paul Kittelson, mayor of Benson, a community of more than 3,000 people in West Central Minnesota. “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.

Interest from other states

Representatives from other major poultry-producing states were on hand at the Fibrominn grand opening to see firsthand the proven technology at work. Similar plants are being pursued in Arkansas, Maryland, Mississippi, and North Carolina. Future projects are planned for Alabama, Georgia and Texas.

About Fibrowatt

Fibrowatt LLC is a Pennsylvania-based developer, builder, owner and operator of electrical power plants fueled by poultry litter and other biomass. It was founded in 2000 by the management team that built the world’s first three poultry litter-fueled power plants in the United Kingdom in the 1990s. Fibrowatt LLC is owned by Homeland Renewable Energy LLC of New Hampshire.

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