GOV. JINDAL AND COOL PLANET ENERGY SYSTEMS CEO HOWARD JANZEN BREAK GROUND ON FIRST OF THREE BIO-REFINERIES

Cool Planet will invest more than $56 million in each of three Louisiana-based bio-refineries, beginning with Port of Alexandria site, and create 72 total direct jobs.

Today, Gov. Bobby Jindal joined Cool Planet Energy Systems President and CEO Howard Janzen at the Port of Alexandria to break ground on the company’s first commercial-scale facility, one of three bio-refineries Cool Planet will develop in Louisiana. The second and third modular biomass-to-gasoline refineries will be built in Natchitoches, La., and at a site to be determined in Louisiana.

Cool Planet is investing $56 million in the Alexandria, La.-based bio-refinery and will create 24 new direct jobs averaging $59,600 plus benefits. When combined with the other two planned Louisiana facilities, the company will invest a total of $168 million and create 72 new direct jobs. Additionally, LED estimates the three facilities will result in 422 new indirect jobs, for a total of 494 new jobs in Central Louisiana. The company estimates 350 construction jobs will be created through the building of the three bio-refineries.

Read more about the announcement.

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