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**BIOENERGY INTERNATIONAL CLOSES \$10 MILLION FINANCING
WITH ITERA INTERNATIONAL ENERGY**
Proceeds to fund working capital and ethanol plant foundations

Norwell, Massachusetts – May 16, 2006 – BioEnergy International, LLC (“BioEnergy”), a company developing proprietary technologies to produce ethanol and specialty chemicals from traditional feedstocks as well as lignocellulosics, announced today that it has closed a \$10 million financing facility with Itera International Energy Corporation. The proceeds of the financing facility will be used to fund working capital and piling and foundation work for BioEnergy’s 108 million gallon per year ethanol plant, located on land leased from the Lake Providence Port Authority in East Carroll Parish, Louisiana.

“This financing facility provides BioEnergy with the opportunity to accelerate our construction schedule for the Lake Providence Project while we finalize negotiations with contractors,” said Stephen J. Gatto, BioEnergy’s chief executive officer. “We expect to begin full-scale construction and close the balance of the equity and debt financing for the project in the fourth quarter of 2006.”

“Itera is looking forward to partnering with BioEnergy on its first biorefinery project”, stated Steven Sisselman, vice president of Itera. “We believe that the Lake Providence Project will be a tremendous success and the future platform for demonstrating the commercial viability of BioEnergy’s plan to develop, own and operate multi-product biorefineries using its proprietary technologies.”

BioEnergy International, LLC, headquartered in Norwell, Massachusetts, is a privately held, biotechnology company focused on developing biorefineries and proprietary technologies to produce specialty chemicals and renewable fuels from both traditional feedstocks and cellulose. BioEnergy currently has under development a pipeline of novel biocatalysts and two 108 million gallon per year ethanol plants which, over time, will utilize its proprietary technologies to produce high value specialty chemicals and renewable fuels.

Itera International Energy Corporation headquartered in Jacksonville, Florida, is a diversified energy and natural resource investment company. Itera’s investments include, the building and supply of drilling rigs to the oil and gas industry, the extraction and processing of coalmine methane gas, as well as timber and real estate holdings.