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ChemPro Group designs and fabricates modular ethanol plant

Boonton, New Jersey—The ChemPro Group, LLC, a full-service design-build company specializing in modular process solutions, prefabricated assemblies, and project management, announced that the company has contracted with Golden Triangle Energy of Craig, MO, to design and build a modular distillation dehydration plant for the production of high-quality ethanol from corn-based fermentation feedstock. According to Steve Lavorerio, President of ChemPro, the project is in progress, with equipment fabrication and site preparation underway.

The multi-million dollar expansion will use KATZEN International's leading-edge process technology. "After evaluating our options, we decided on KATZEN because of its highly efficient, low-energy-use process," said Golden Triangle General Manager Roger Hill. "And KATZEN recommended ChemPro for its depth of understanding of the bio-ethanol process and extensive expertise in distillation and modular system design and fabrication."

The facility will be a multi-tower distillation plant consisting of free-standing distillation columns, seven process modules, and a stair module to connect them. Modular construction made sense considering the remote Midwest plant location with a corresponding high cost for a field-constructed plant, as well as fast-track design, construction, and installation. ChemPro's particular expertise in mass transfer and separations added value to the detailing of the process design.

Plant assembly will begin in Fall, 2007, at ChemPro's fabrication partner, McAbee Construction of Tuscaloosa, AL, with startup scheduled for first quarter of 2008.

The ChemPro Group, LLC's core business is prefabricated modular process equipment and systems, including skid-mounted equipment, stand-alone modular process units, and multi-unit complete modular process plants. ChemPro's expertise integrates pre-project planning, process conceptualization and design, equipment engineering, detailed design, modular fabrication, and technical support. The company's specialty is state-of-the-art techniques and project controls to design and deliver complete modular process packages quickly and cost-effectively, with minimal effect on existing plant operations.

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