



Godavari Biorefineries Limited increases production capacity to 50 million litres per year of fuel grade ethanol up from 15 million litres currently

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Godavari Biorefineries Limited has commissioned its expanded facility for dehydrated ethanol (fuel grade) manufacturing at Sameerwadi in Karnataka. With this expansion, the company has the capacity to make 50 million litres per year of fuel grade ethanol, up from 15 million litres currently. The expansion of the fully automated plant using Molecular Sieve Dehydration Technology was completed in 5 Months . The facility will use byproducts of their sugar manufacturing process as raw material.

Godavari Biorefineries Ltd. is a biorefining company producing sugar, biofuels, chemicals, power, compost, waxes, and related products, using sugarcane as the primary feedstock. The company has manufacturing plants at Sameerwadi, Bagalkot district in Karnataka and Sakarwadi, Ahmednagar district in Maharashtra.

Samir Somaiya, Chairman and Managing Director said, "The expansion, is an extension of our strategy to create more value from our renewable stocks. The expansion will help our greater participation in the blending Programme of the Government of India that mandates target of 5 percent blending of bio fuel with petrol.

The company had recently raised private equity from Mandala Capital, a part of which was for the setting up of this plant.

About Godavari Biorefineries Limited

Godavari Biorefineries Ltd., a member of the Somaiya Group, was established in 1939 and is one of the leading companies in the Indian sugar industry. It has sugar, power and chemical plants in Karnataka and Maharashtra. Godavari Biorefineries Ltd. expects a turnover exceeding Rs. 1,200 Crores for the year ended March 2016.

The company undertakes continuous research and innovates for making new products and entering new markets in order to derive maximum value from its feedstock. The company has been pioneers in the making of ethanol based chemicals and is now working on the utilisation of biomass to make a wider variety of products.