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Green Power

Singapore, 18 April 2011 – In less than one and a half years since embarking on a new and green initiative to convert used cooking oil to biodiesel, Suntec Singapore has recycled more than 15,200 litres of cooking oil, which if not properly disposed of, could contaminate up to 304 million litres of water.* This is up an impressive 90% increase since June 2009.

As part of Suntec Singapore's corporate social responsibility (CSR) efforts, its kitchen hands pitched in their part for the environment when it reduced its net carbon footprint by 13, 879.07 kg of carbon dioxide last year.**

Suntec Singapore partners with Alpha Biofuels to work out a solution to give urban waste a second lease of life as a sustainable form of energy. The mutual supporting partnership enables Alpha Biofuels to tap on one of the largest commercial kitchens in Singapore to collect used cooking oil weekly and transform them into top quality biodiesel that can be used to power a multitude of machinery, including cars.

Biodiesel is a renewable fuel that is non-toxic and, when burned, produces no sulphur emissions, less carbon monoxide and fewer particulates and hydrocarbons compared to traditional petroleum diesel. The conversion of used cooking oil into biodiesel is a cleaner-burning alternative to fossil-based diesel and is becoming more and more popular as a greener renewable alternative fuel.

Biodiesel can be used (but not limited to) the following ways:

- To fuel diesel vehicles,
- To fuel construction equipment,
- To generate heat for the home,
- As a lubrication additive,
- As asphalt and paint removal,
- For electricity generation,
- As a solvent to clean parts and tools,
- To heat a motor-pool building

Ms Anjna Nihalani, Director of Brands and Communications of Suntec Singapore who oversees the venue's CSR efforts said, "As one of Singapore largest commercial kitchens, we produce a substantial amount of used cooking oil. These oils if not disposed of correctly will end up polluting our waste steam. As an organisation steeped in corporate values, Suntec Singapore has a steadfast commitment to the community. As a responsible business entity, we are continually integrating social values and considerations into our corporate strategies, decisions and day to day operations to ensure a sustainable future."

A leading venue in the MICE industry, Suntec Singapore has always taken pride in pioneering green initiatives. Even before establishing its business, the venue has already taken steps in working towards a green and sustainable future. The building was raised from the ground with a thought for the environment by integrating environmentally friendly elements into its architectural design. A water-saving irrigation system was incorporated into the design of the building that collects more than 38 million litres of rain water from the roof.

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*Source taken from

http://www.bnamericas.com/news/waterandwaste/NGO: Cooking_oil_contaminates_20Bl_m_of_water_in_Sao_Paulo

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About Suntec Singapore

Suntec Singapore is a world-class venue located at the heart of Asia's most integrated meetings, conventions and exhibitions hub. With 100,000sqm of versatile floor space over six levels, this award-winning facility can cater to events from 10 to 20,000 persons. In addition, Suntec Singapore - Asia's Convention City - offers direct access to 5,200 hotel rooms, 1,000 retail outlets, 300 restaurants, 6 museums and the region's newest centre for the performing arts, Esplanade - Theatres on the Bay. While only 20 minutes from Changi International Airport, Suntec Singapore is conveniently located in the Central Business District and just minutes from the city's entertainment and cultural attractions.

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