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**Suntec Singapore Inks Partnership to Convert
Vegetable Oil to Biodiesel
Bringing its Green Efforts One Step Further in Singapore's MICE Industry**

Singapore, 22 June 2009 - Suntec Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Centre (Suntec Singapore), Asia's leading convention centre is taking its green movement a notch further with a new programme – to recycle its waste vegetable oil into biodiesel - where its used cooking oil is being collected and converted into green bio diesel.

Suntec Singapore, Asia's leading convention centre, has launched and signed a recycling initiative to give its kitchen staff the opportunity to dispose of their used cooking oil in an environmentally-friendly way.

The green scheme involves a partnership with locally based Alpha Biofuels, a company that provides innovative solutions to give urban waste a new lease of life as a sustainable form of energy. It collects the oil and converts it into top quality biodiesel that can be used to power many different types of diesel machinery including cars.

Pieter Idenburg, CEO of Suntec Singapore said, "As Asia's leading convention centre, we are pleased to be involved in making a difference by recycling our used cooking oil into bio diesel, an environmentally friendly alternative to petroleum diesel. The goal of our partnership is to convert the spent cooking oil and grease so that it ends up as a product that is friendlier to the environment, thereby pulling the oil out of the waste stream."

"The use of bio diesel is becoming more and more popular as a greener renewable alternative fuel. The majority of consumers use some form of cooking oil in their homes as well as many F&B establishments. The aim of Alpha Biofuels is to provide an environmentally and friendly way to dispose of these used oil and we are glad to partner with Suntec Singapore on this environmentally-friendly initiative," said Jack Ling, COO of Alpha Biofuels.

Suntec Singapore operates one of the country's largest commercial kitchens. Its massive kitchen, which comprises eight other separate kitchens, and spans almost 3,000 square metres, is capable of preparing up to 20,000 meals at any one time. The partnership calls for recycling of 2,100 gallons of cooking oil annually.

The conversion of used cooking oil into biodiesel is a cleaner-burning alternative to fossil-based diesel. Biodiesel is a renewable fuel that is non-toxic and, when burned, produces no sulfur emissions, less carbon monoxide and fewer particulates and hydrocarbons compared to traditional petroleum diesel. Biodiesel can be used to fuel diesel vehicles, construction equipment, generate heat for the home, used as a lubrication additive, used as asphalt and paint removal and for electricity generation. It can also be used as a solvent to clean parts and tools and to heat a motor-pool building.

With this initiative, Suntec Singapore is taking its green programme one-step further. Last year, the venue embarked on a comprehensive recycling programme with Sembcorp Environmental Management (Sembcorp) to boost its recycling efforts and to increase energy conservation. It has also started working closely with event organisers to introduce recycling into the business plan of each event.

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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 adjacent to the Central Business District and just minutes from the city's entertainment and cultural attractions.

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