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## ***Proposed Hazelton BioEnergy Ltd. Pellet Plant***

Hazelton, BC. The proposed Hazelton BioEnergy Ltd. (“HBE”) torrefied pellet plant continues to take steps forward and announces a community engagement forum that will showcase the torrefied pellet plant, its technology and job opportunities that will be provided once completed at the Gitxsan Forest Inc. commercial complex in South Hazelton.

“Our project would manufacture 100,000 tonnes of pellets a year and create over 46 direct jobs to the site with an additional 44 indirect jobs reinvigorating the regional economy with a long term employer committed to providing local jobs,” says Rick Connors of Gitxsan Forest Inc. (GFI).

CarbonFX is a proprietary Canadian technology for biomass torrefaction developed by Airex Energy Inc., who would be a partner in the proposed plant. The technology is based on a unique patented cyclonic bed reactor, CarbonFX enables large scale production of torrefied wood pellets from a variety of feedstock including sawmill by-products, forestland biomass and other woody residues available in the area. “It is about a \$50 million project, and we are moving forward with potential international customers and with financing partners,” adds Connors.

Hazelton BioEnergy Ltd. in partnership with Gitxsan Development Corporation and Airex Energy Inc. have been working hard to develop this project and are ready to start formally engaging the community members with two community engagement sessions. Our goal in these community engagement sessions is to inform and answer questions the community may have about torrefied pellets, opportunities available in addition to uses and benefits. We would love to see anyone and everyone at our community engagement sessions next week:

Wednesday, September 11 at the Kitwanga Band Office from 4PM - 7PM

Thursday, September 12 at the Upper Skeena Recreation Centre from 4PM - 7PM

Please join us for a time of informing, discussion and community. We look forward to seeing you!

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