

Press Release
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Taurus Energy signs Letter of Intent with SEKAB on development of more efficient ethanol production

Taurus Energy AB has signed a Letter of Intent regarding a collaboration with SEKAB, one of Europe's leading producers of ethanol. The collaboration focuses on developing pentose-fermenting yeast strains, an area in which Taurus Energy already has several patents and patent applications. Pentose-fermenting yeasts can rationalise the extraction of ethanol from sources such as straw, wheat bran, processed sugar cane and forest raw materials, thus producing cheaper, more environmentally friendly fuel.

"Taurus is now facing a commercial breakthrough after developing a raft of groundbreaking inventions. This co-operation is an important step in continuing developments in our primary area – pentose-fermenting yeasts. SEKAB's focus on bioethanol is ideally suited to our research," says Lars Welin, Managing Director of Taurus Energy AB.

The co-operation will focus primarily on further development of Taurus's yeast strains. Industrial adaptation will be carried out, among other places, in the test centre at the Lund University Department of Chemical Engineering, and at SEKAB's pilot plants in Örnsköldsvik, northern Sweden.

The development of pentose-fermenting yeasts is an important milestone in improving efficiency in sourcing ethanol from forest and agricultural waste. Lignocellulose-based ethanol is regarded by many as the fuel of the future, and as the most efficient fuel today for reducing impact on our heavily burdened environment.

"We look forward to completing negotiations swiftly so our collaboration can begin in earnest. Initially it is a four-year development project. The idea is to take the knowledge from the academic environment to industrial application. Taurus is without a doubt a world-leading company in this area, which could be crucial in improving ethanol production," says Jan Lindstedt, CEO of SEKAB Industrial Development AB.

About Taurus Energy AB

Taurus Energy AB is a research and development company with the aim of commercialising far-reaching research and development into ethanol production.



Since 2006 its mission has been to transfer the rights to use developed methods to energy producers on a global market via licensing agreements. Taurus has around a dozen world-leading patents, and 20 or so internationally recognised scientists work for the company. The company is based at Ideon Science Park in Lund, southern Sweden. Taurus is listed on AktieTorget – the Equities Market Place. For further information go to www.taurusenergy.eu

About SEKAB

SEKAB is a world leader in the development of cellulose-based ethanol and the leading ethanol producer in Europe, with the widest range of ethanol fuels and ethanol-based chemicals. The SEKAB Group has a turnover of approximately SEK 2 billion and employs 130 people. The Group comprises four subsidiaries: SEKAB E-Technology, SEKAB Industrial Development, SEKAB Biofuels & Chemicals and SEKAB International. For further information go to www.sekab.com

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