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**PRESS RELEASE**

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Rock Falls Community Development Corporation Office

Rock Falls, Illinois

Philip E. Tollefson, P.E., President of BioPro Rock Falls, LLC, issues the following Press Release.

BioPro Rock Falls, LLC is developing a 25 Megawatt biomass-fueled electric generation plant to be built near the Rock Falls Industrial Park. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency approved and issued an air quality permit for the selected plant site in October. The plant uses innovative green technology to generate power and will be fueled by biomass, primarily corn stover. BioPro Power will conduct all aspects of the harvest and delivery of the corn stover to fuel the plant. The farmer will not be required to provide any corn stover harvest steps.

Keith Zoeller, of Zoeller Ag Services, Inc., has been engaged as BioPro's Fuel Supply Manager. Keith will be working with selected agents and farmers to secure the corn stover fuel supply.

Farmers interested in providing access to corn stover may contact Keith Zoeller at 815-622-1598.

Subject to completion of project financing, the project will begin construction summer 2010 with a planned start-up date in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2011. The plant could bring 100 to 200 construction jobs to Rock Falls and the plant will hire several operators, technicians and managers. The Company, the Whiteside Community Economic Development office and the Rock Falls Community Development Corporation believe the project will have a significant economic benefit to the community. BioPro Rock Falls, LLC has engaged Pacific Construction Management, Lake Oswego, Oregon to assist with the construction management and startup of this project.

BioPro Power, a privately held energy company, is committed to creating better energy through better ideas. This biomass combustion technology for corn stover is a new, proprietary technology created by the founders that is cleaner and more efficient for power generation than fossil fueled and other technologies.

BioPro Rock Falls, LLC appreciates and is grateful for the help and assistance provided by Betty Steinert, administrator, Whiteside County Economic Development and Sandy Henrekin, Executive Director, Rock Falls Community Development Corporation in bringing this project to the Rock Falls Community.

Inquiries can be directed to either: Betty Steinert, Administrator, Whiteside County Economic Development, 815-772-5175, or, Sandy Henrekin, Executive Director, Rock Falls Community Development Corporation, 815-626-8053.

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