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US companies dominate; “drop-in” biofuels, cellulosic ethanol and algae-based technologies prominent among honorees.

MIAMI, FL – Renewable oils developer Solzyme took the #1 spot in the 2009-10 “50 Hottest Companies in Bioenergy” rankings, published today in Biofuels Digest, the online daily bioenergy news service.

The list recognizes innovation and achievement in bioenergy development. The rankings were based 50 percent on votes from a 75-member panel of international selectors, and 50 percent on votes from subscribers of Biofuels Digest, the world’s most widely-read biofuels daily.

POET (#2), Amyris Biotechnologies (#3), BP Biofuels (#4), Sapphire Energy (#5), Coskata (#6), DuPont Danisco Cellulosic Ethanol (#7), LS9 (#8), Verenum (#9) and Mascoma (#10) round out the top 10.

Ranked #11 through #20 are, respectively, Novozymes, UOP, Gevo, Range Fuels, Abengoa Bioenergy, PetroAlgae, Synthetic Genomics, Petrobras, Bluefire Ethanol and Zea Chem.

Among the Hot 50, 34 were US-based companies and 16 were from other countries, 19 are active in cellulosic ethanol development, seven are developing algae-to-energy systems, and 15 are producing “drop-in” renewable biofuels such as biobutanol, renewable diesel, green gasoline and renewable jet fuel.

Overall, more than 1,000 companies were eligible in the rankings and 311 companies received votes. Amyris Biotechnologies ranked #1 in the international Selector panel, while DuPont Danisco Cellulosic Ethanol ranked #1 in the subscriber poll.

New companies in the list this year include:

BP Biofuels (#4), PetroAlgae (#16), Enerkem (#25), Genencor (#26), Royal Dutch Shell (#27), ExxonMobil (#29), Joule Biotechnologies (#32), Codexis (#35), Renewable Energy Group

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(#37), Rentech (#38), Praj Industries (#39), Neste Oil (#40), LanzaTech (#41), Solix (#44), Chemrec (#45), Terrabon (#47), Fulcrum Bioenergy (#48), SG Biofuels (#49), and Inbicon (#50).

“These companies are the hottest of the hot,” said Jim Lane, editor and publisher of Biofuels Digest. “Innovation in renewable energy is gaining velocity, and a slew of advanced bioenergy systems are coming to market from some of the brightest biologists, chemists, agronomists and engineers in the world.”

The 50 Hottest Companies in Bioenergy for 2009-10 are:

	Last year's rank (2008-09)
1. Solazyme	6
2. POET	4
3. Amyris Biotechnologies	7
4. BP Biofuels	NR
5. Sapphire Energy	2
6. Coskata	1
7. DuPont Danisco	9
8. LS9	25
9. Verenum	36
10. Mascoma	8
11. Novozymes	14
12. UOP	10
13. Gevo	27
14. Range Fuels	5
15. Abengoa Bioenergy	20
16. PetroAlgae	NR
17. Synthetic Genomics	19
18. Petrobras	16
19. Bluefire Ethanol	13
20. ZeaChem	11
21. Qteros	15
22. Virent	3
23. Iogen	18
24. Algenol	35
25. Enerkem	NR
26. Genencor	25
27. Royal Dutch Shell	27
28. Ceres	31
29. ExxonMobil	NR
30. Cobalt Biofuels	17
31. Aurora Biofuels	33
32. Joule Biotechnologies	NR
33. Syngenta	32
34. KL Energy	21
35. Codexis	NR
36. IneosBIO	22
37. Renewable Energy Group	NR
38. Rentech	NR
39. Praj Industries	NR
40. Neste Oil	NR
41. LanzaTech	NR
42. OriginOil	45
43. Choren	44

44. Solix Biofuels	NR
45. Chemrec	NR
46. Dynamotive	41
47. Terrabon	NR
48. Fulcrum Bioenergy	NR
49. SG Biofuels	NR
50. Inbicon	NR

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