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Pictured are Kelley Dennison, GLE Chief Financial Officer and Persian Gulf War Veteran, Stuart Bell, Gordon Richard, Leland Iverson and Joe Remily, Commander of American Legion Post 69, Doland, South Dakota. The color guard participated in the Homecoming parade in Doland.



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GLCP Announces Repayment to Shareholders Mark J. Schmidt, Chairman of the Board

Last August, the Glacial Lakes Corn Processors ("GLCP") Board of Directors authorized repayment, during fiscal year 2011, of the \$0.06 per share non-qualified unit retain which was assessed to shareholders two years ago. This means GLCP will return the more than \$11 million borrowed from our shareholders in one or more installments sometime before September 1, 2011.

It's a pleasure to make that announcement. First, it is satisfying to be able to repay our membership who had faith in this company to answer the call during our time of need. During 2008, when GLCP and others in the ethanol industry encountered serious financial difficulties, the board had a choice, neither of which was palatable: file bankruptcy or go to our members and ask for their help. We chose the latter and we had an outstanding response rate of 99% from approximately 4,200 GLCP investors. That speaks volumes for the confidence the membership had in this company and we owe a debt of gratitude.

Second, the fact that we are in a position to repay the membership reflects well on the concerted commitment of the board, management, and employees and their efforts to restore the financial health and viability of the company. While we cannot underplay the role a favorable market has played in our recovery, our ability to repay our investors should provide reassurance that our strategic initiatives are working.

We know there are challenges to face during the next fiscal year. Our forecast projects tight ethanol margins and, due to the short corn supply in the immediate Mina area, we will need to procure corn from further distances to keep that facility operating at full capacity. However, we are confident that we are in a financial position that enables us to get these dollars back into the hands of our members, an action that takes priority over a dividend distribution. Please be assured, your board and management will aggressively continue our efforts to complete strategic plan goals and objectives while remaining careful and cautious as we move forward.

I wish you a safe and prosperous harvest.



We've had a Good Year Jim Seurer, Chief Executive Officer

This past year tested the patience and endurance of all and, at the same time, was a successful year here at GLE. Please allow us the opportunity to take you back to reflect on the GLE team accomplishments of the past twelve months or so. Since we begin our fiscal year with the fall harvest, we'll begin right there.

No one will soon forget the harvest of 2009 with its wet and immature crop and the lower quality corn that was the norm rather than the exception. Combines were just beginning to roll at this time and many challenges were looming. GLE's corn dryer in Watertown proved invaluable for this type of year and we had already initiated construction of a similar project in Mina. Once Watertown's covered storage facilities were full, for the first time ever, we piled several hundred thousand bushels of corn on the ground to help keep the harvest rolling. To address potential mold and toxin issues, we initiated an aggressive testing plan to ensure our high quality distillers' products remained that way. The corn quality from 2009 has proven to challenge our patience countless times in numerous ways throughout the year. Nonetheless, we've preserved.

A "real" South Dakota winter gave way to spring and new issues arose. The excessive spring moisture prevented the acres from being planted in the Mina draw area and then the acres in western areas that did get planted dried out in the later summer months. The GLE management team has proactively addressed this threat and will continue to do so until the harvest of 2011.

Early in the year, the Board and management worked together to develop and implement our first ever strategic plan that will chart our strategic direction over the next 3-5 years. The cornerstone of this plan is restoring our financial health and rebuilding our shareholder/investor confidence. Given where we've been, it's our most important objective and we are succeeding. We've been fortunate to generate some of the highest performance returns in our industry. This has enabled us to reduce our debt, build working capital, and make a commitment to repay the capital call during fiscal 2011. In addition, we have worked hard to get information out to all stakeholders through our communications as well as our shareholder meetings, town hall meetings, and user group meetings.

Our strategic plan has us focused on many other areas including increasing our employee performance through training and evaluation processes that instill accountability. We believe our high levels of production and financial performance speak to our successes thus far.

We know that delivering a high level of customer service is critical to our business and it has been made a key objective of the plan. As a result, we have implemented a number of customer service centered low-cost investments and initiatives to increase our awareness and provide valuable feedback about our service. Our early efforts are encouraging as the feedback has been positive.

We are committed to strengthening our operational performance by lowering costs, making prudent capital investments, and implementing proven process improvements. We are constantly looking to do more with less as our operations crews continue to find ways to squeeze more gallons out of the process and our ethanol production volume continues to rise.

We are determined to find ways to return value and offer additional marketing opportunities to our loyal corn producers and, at the same time, lower the cost of our most significant input: corn. Although we are making progress, we still have work to do in this area.

The GLE team is proud to have successfully completed one of the most challenging years in the history of the organization and we look forward to setting new expectations and meeting new challenges in the upcoming year. I would like to thank the GLE employees and board members for their role in our success this past year.

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Harvest Grain Market Rises

Rising corn prices from late summer and into the fall are directly connected to the lower than expected yields in the US and the drought in Russia. The October USDA report took the average yield from the US harvest down by 7 bushels an acre from the September report says Grain Commodities Manager Tami Schaefer. The trade is also suggesting that the average yield is going to decrease in the next USDA report. The dry weather in Russia has impacted that country's small grain production, consequently driving livestock producers to turn to corn for feed.

"This year's corn production is anticipated to be shorter than predicted in the corn belt", states Tami Schaefer, Grain Commodities Manager. Some areas have seen tremendous yields however it is likely that the majority will be disappointing. We can be thankful, however for excellent weather conditions for harvest and a smooth transition from beans to corn.

Schaefer says Mina is also a little short on yield due to wet conditions in the spring and dry conditions later in the summer. In the Watertown area, the crop was kind of all over the board from some very happy with yields and others disappointed in yields, she says.

GLCP to Invoice 2010 Pool Fees

If you did not deliver your full corn commitment during fiscal year 2010, you will be automatically invoiced for the undelivered committed bushels in November. Please do not mail your payment until you are invoiced. Thank you!

Time To Consider Running For GLCP Board of Directors

Each year, one-third of GLCP's 13 board seats are up for election. Members interested in running for these seats are encouraged to do so. This year, GLCP has one board seat up for election in District 1, and two board seats up for election in both District 2 and District 3. Unless a board member is termed out, the incumbent can choose to run for re-election. Seats up for election in 2011 and the names of incumbents are:

- District 1; Seat 1: Terry Mudget, Clark (Termed—open seat)
- District 2; Seat 2: Terry Schmidt, Willow Lake
- District 2; Seat 1: Vacant
- District 3; Seat 1: Harlan Schott, Vermillion
- District 3; Seat 2: Richard Wiarda, Castlewood

GLCP will mail out the notice of the upcoming election and call for petitions in the next couple weeks. Those interested in running for a board seat must come into the GLCP office and take out a petition. After obtaining 10 valid signatures of members within their district, they must return the petition by November 26, 2010 to GLCP, at which time they must specify the seat for which they are running. Once names on the petition are verified, the nominee's name is put on the ballot. If there are more than two people running for a seat there will be a runoff. The top two vote-getters go into the general election. Final board candidates are announced in December.

A notice of the annual meeting and ballots will be mailed to the membership in late-December. The general election is conducted by mail and members vote according to their district. The last day membership can cast ballots will be January 20, 2011. Results of the election will be announced at the Annual Meeting in January.

To see a map of the district breakout for GLCP go to www.glaciallakesenergy.com.

Growing Local and Export DDG Markets

As the world's demand for protein continues to grow, so does the global demand for dry distillers grain ("DDG"). From June through September, GLE projects to export approximately 115,000 tons of DDG to numerous countries, including China, South Korea, Turkey, Morocco, Ireland, Canada, and Mexico. "The U.S. cannot use all of the distillers grain that the U.S. ethanol industry produces," says Rich Zeller, Distillers Sales Manager. "Our growth in exports helps relieve some of the pressure of product built up during the summer."

In addition to supplying area livestock and poultry producers with direct sales of distillers grain, GLE is pleased to announce that an agreement commenced October 1, 2010 with the Huron, SD-based Dakotaland Feeds to provide a significant portion of their needs from the Mina plant. "We would like to welcome Dakotaland Feeds as a new customer," says Zeller. "We're pleased they trust GLE to provide a high quality and consistent product. It's also a win-win for area livestock producers who can continue to utilize our quality distillers products while adding the services of ration balancing and feeder finance provided by Dakotaland Feeds."



Production Levels Continue On Track

Ethanol production rates for the Watertown and Mina plants continue to climb and are currently running in the 112 to 113 million-gallon-per-year and the 110 to 112 million-gallon-per-year rates respectively. Watertown Plant Manager Chad Brenden says their numbers are up from the beginning of August, when the Watertown plant was producing at the 108-million-gallon-per-year rate. "The first phase of our cooling tower project went online August 5," says Brenden. "That helped us maintain a higher level of production during the hot August temperatures." Brenden says changing to a different yeast strain also had a positive impact on production. Mina Plant Manager Terry Fleming attributes their higher numbers to a successful shutdown and a blended mixture of new crop corn. "The plant runs much better after a shutdown and we began seeing improvement in our production immediately after the introduction of the new crop corn," according to Fleming. Over the past 10-12 months, the Mina plant has been particularly fraught with corn quality issues.

Projects at both facilities over the past several months have kept maintenance and operations crews busy and preparing for harvest demands, says Paul Calkins, Director of Project Management. At Mina, aeration and fans were added to the two large steel bins and work is nearing completion on two ground bunkers that will add approximately 1.5-million-bushels of storage. In Watertown, a dry storage building was erected on the south end of the DDG storage building. Dirt work was also completed to expand the area previously used for temporary corn storage. In addition, Calkins said the dirt berm was built up on the north side of the property for improved flood control, and an expansion was added to one of the employee break rooms to accommodate lockers.



Supplying Mina with Corn

It's no surprise that there is a short corn crop in the immediate Mina area this harvest as the acres simply did not get planted due to a wet spring. With more than 36 million bushels to procure, Glacial Lakes Energy ("GLE") management has been proactively working to find solutions to the challenge of procuring adequate bushels of corn for operation of the Mina facility over the next 12 months. "Fortunately," says Roger Hansen, Director of Grain Commodities, "there is ample corn within a 150-mile radius of Mina—in southern North Dakota, in central and eastern South Dakota, and in western Minnesota. Since April, our teams have been addressing this issue by taking a number of proactive measures." Those steps to obtain access to that corn include the following:

Trucking Contracts - GLE has entered into contracts with a number of local truckers to haul a portion Mina's daily corn needs that is not expected to come from the immediate local area. These trucking firms are contracted thru Fall 2011. Hansen says corn producers and suppliers who have transportation needs or wish to move corn to the Mina facilities will be able to take advantage of these trucking contracts simply by contacting one of the GLE offices.

Corn Handling Capabilities - Although this year's harvest conditions have been shaping up to be much different than last year's, both GLE plants now have corn drying equipment and the ability to take wet corn directly from the field. Watertown has had a corn dryer capable of drying 7,000 bushels per hour since 2007. However, with the completion of a corn dryer project last winter (2010), Mina also now has the capability to dry 6,000 bushels of corn per hour.

Over the past year, corn storage in Mina has also been nearly tripled from the original 1.0 million bushels. The addition of the corn dryer brought a 325,000 bushel bin and completion of ground bunker storage of 1.5 million bushels was just recently accomplished.

Unit Trains of Corn - The Mina grain receiving area is suited to accept unit trains of corn. This year, it may be necessary to bring corn from other delivery points back to the Mina plant. Given that GLE's empty distiller grain hopper cars pass through several areas in Minnesota where bushels are plentiful provides numerous opportunities to refill these empty cars and return them into the Mina plant full of corn. In fact, just recently, the GLE commodity teams were successful in purchasing and unloading the first of what could be many more unit trains loaded with corn into the Mina plant.

Rogers Brothers Site - Last summer, GLE secured the services of the Rogers Brothers site approximately 14 miles north of Miller, SD in Hand County as an additional delivery point. "This site has been used for confectionery sunflower storage in the past and we have found it to be a nice fit for our purposes as well. Our shareholders appreciate our presence in the area and we have found new customers who are excited to have another market for their corn." says Roger

Summer Ethanol Markets Improved

A later than normal uptick in summer driving has translated into increased demand for gasoline and ethanol—one factor in an improved ethanol market that began in early August. "We had not seen the normal increase in summer driving early on, but that changed later in the summer," says Bert Magstadt, GLE's Director of Energy Commodities. "Many blenders were no longer anticipating an increased demand and did not have a lot of extra product in storage when it finally hit in mid-July."

Higher temperatures and a surge in exports also played a hand in increased demand and higher ethanol prices. Magstadt explains that ethanol production dropped off when the summer temperatures soared, taxing the cooling systems of the Midwest's processing facilities. Even though the decrease in production per facility can be minimal, when experienced across multiple processors it can make a noticeable impact on the market.

In terms of exports, a shortage of sugar in South America had the price of the sweet commodity rising, encouraging processors to divert sugar cane into production of raw sugar instead of ethanol. That had opened the door for increased export of U.S. ethanol into Europe, Brazil, and India.

In addition to better demand for ethanol, GLE had benefited from lower natural gas prices, says Magstadt. "The U.S. had more than an ample supply of natural gas in storage, thus the drop in prices," he explains. "When natural gas goes down, our expenses go down—improving our opportunity for profitability."

Hanson, Director of Grain Commodities. A separate bid for the Rogers Bros location has been established and freight will be paid on membership committed bushels.

Mina Delivery Incentive - To help ensure that even more bushels find their way into the Mina facility, the GLE Board has approved additional member freight rate to our Mina facility. GLCP members can receive freight on up to double their bushel commitment to the Mina facility during Fiscal Year 2011 (September 1, 2010 thru August 31, 2011). Although freight is paid on the member's committed bushels to any GLE facility (including the Rogers' Brothers site in Hand County), the "doubling" is available for deliveries to the Mina plant only. Following is a calculation of how the incentive will work:

GLCP Stock	10,000 shares
Corn Commitment	10,000 x 0.40 bushel/share = 4,000 bushels
Mina Delivery Incentive	4,000 x 2 = 8,000 bushels
Distance to Mina Facility	65 miles
Freight Incentive	\$0.12 per bushel for 61-70 miles (per table)
Freight Incentive Payment	\$960 (\$0.12 x 8,000 bushels)

If you have questions about this program please contact Watertown at **605-882-8480** or Mina at **605-225-9900**.



Check In For Harvest and Corn Receiving Updates

To better serve our customers, information concerning harvest hours and other information will be available at www.glaciallakesenergy.com, posted at the grain receiving areas, and available on our radio market reports. You can also sign up for text messages on your cell phone by going to our website and providing us with your cell phone number. Contact Katie at 882-8480 if you would like to be added to our list.

Both GLE Plants Receive Upgraded Air Permit

GLE's Mina plant received an upgraded 250-ton Air Pollution Control Permit from the SD Department of Environment and Natural Resources in September. Mina was previously operating under a 95-ton permit, which limited the operation hours of its corn dryer. "The new permit allows the Mina facility to operate its corn dryer virtually without limitation-365 days a year," says Pete Bullene, EHS Manager at GLE. Bullene says the permits were expanded under an amendment available with a 2007 EPA ruling that allowed ethanol plants to move from the previous 100 tons per year of criteria pollutant (dust) to 250 tons per year. GLE's Watertown facility received the same permit upgrade last spring.

Rogers Brothers Site Working Well

Glacial Lakes Energy's first offsite collection and storage facility is working well for its customers and the company according to Roger Hansen, Director of Grain Commodities. GLE entered into an agreement with Rogers Brothers Grain Storage earlier this summer in northern Hand County, an area where corn production has significantly increased over the past few years. In several short months, GLE had put over one-half million bushels of corn through the site. "The facility provides the service GLE seeks for its customers, which is speed and convenience," says Hansen, explaining that 35-50 producers have taken advantage of the service. The site, which is 14 miles north of Miller, SD on SD Highway 45, has a certified scale and probe and is staffed with friendly personnel experienced in handling grain. In addition to providing local producers and GLCP members with another outlet for their corn, Hansen says the Rogers Brothers site provides GLE with additional opportunities to its distiller grains customers in that area to back-haul corn. This helps lower their cost of transportation to the Mina plant.

Hansen says GLE will continue to look for other off-site storage facilities similar to this one to better serve its patrons and corn producers.

E-15 and Blender's Credit Update

The EPA announced the approval of E-15, however only on vehicles made since 2007. The ruling on the E-15 on model years between 2000 – 2006 is expected by the end of the year. "While this approval is an important step towards increasing ethanol usage, this particular ruling will have little impact on ethanol demand for some time" Bert Magstadt, Director of Energy Commodities says. Labelling limitations at the pumps will dampen the possible impact of the ruling short-term. However, once EPA expands the list of approved vehicles we see more of a demand.

While the E-15 ruling was positive, Magstadt is less hopeful that the 45 cent blender's credit, which is set to expire December 31, will get renewed. "Getting the blender's credit renewed in an election year, especially with concerns over the budget, will be challenging," says Magstadt. "However, it's important we keep our foot in that door." To make your voice heard on these issues, please visit www.ethanol.org.



Harvest is in Full Swing

GLE was geared up and ready to handle this year's harvest at all three of its facilities: Watertown, Mina, and the Rogers Brothers site near Miller. This year, due to the addition of the dryer at Mina, some of the plans for grain receiving at Mina and Watertown were similar. Corn Receiving hours in Watertown and Mina were expanded to six days a week. Hours for dumping at the Rogers Brothers site were also extended. With air pollution control permits upgraded at both the Watertown and Mina facilities this past year, the corn dryers were able to operate 24 hours a day. In addition, GLE hired additional temporary help to facilitate dumping and movement of corn during harvest.

Watertown - Harvest capacity at Watertown is approximately 8.0 million bushels, which includes the 30-day grind, steel bin storage, the covered bunker, and temporary ground piles. Hansen says the facility is increasing its dumping capacity per day by starting the temporary piles sooner and making revisions to traffic flows, etc. New instructional message screens at the probes and in dump alleys will be installed in order to help move trucks more quickly through the receiving lines.

Mina - With the addition of the dryer and associated wet dump and two ground storage bunkers, Mina was better suited for harvest than last year, says Hansen. "Our new grain handling system also includes a 15,000-bushel-per-hour portable drive-over conveyor system for unloading trucks. This really sped up lines as it gives us another dump option," says Hansen. "While both GLE Grains Departments were geared up for harvest," explains Hansen, "this is an all-out effort from the entire GLE staff—including production, maintenance, and the office—to make harvest go as smoothly as it has."

IRS Protective Claim Status

Earlier this year, Glacial Lakes Corn Processors (GLCP) mailed a "Protective Claims" letter to persons who were members of GLCP during our fiscal years ending August 31st, 2005 (FY05) and/or August 31st, 2006 (FY06). The letter suggested that they consider filing for a "protective claim" for refund with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for their 2006 tax returns in connection with the ongoing IRS audit of our cooperative tax returns for FY05 and FY06.

That letter explained the potential tax refunds available to affected members if the IRS successfully increases the cooperative's taxable income for the years under audit. As of this date, the matter is still under consideration by the IRS. We will keep those members affected by this matter advised as to the status of the case.

Corn Delivery Information for 2010-2011

As part of your ownership in Glacial Lakes Corn Processors (GLCP), you are required to deliver corn to supply our ethanol production facilities with a sufficient amount to maintain production. We do this through our membership corn commitment (delivery obligation). For those members who opt not to deliver their corn commitment or only a portion of it, pool fees will be assessed at the end of the fiscal year, which is August 31, 2011. Although non-members do not participate in the benefits of the cooperative, they are always welcome to deliver as well.

Delivery Requirement: GLCP has kept the corn call for the 2011 fiscal year the same as in previously at 0.40 bushels per share owned. As an example, a member who owns 10,000 shares will have a corn commitment of 4,000 bushels. The delivery period is from September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2011.

Pool Fees: Pool fees are assessed on any undelivered commitments at the end of the fiscal year. This fee is unchanged from last year, remaining at \$0.01 per bushel. For example, if you own 10,000 shares, your corn commitment is 4,000 bushels and, if you are unable or choose not to deliver any of those bushels, you will be assessed \$0.01 x 4,000, or \$40.00. Under such circumstances, members do not need to notify us and or send payment. GLCP will automatically bill you for the undelivered committed bushels after the end of the fiscal year (August 31, 2011).

Freight Rates: Freight incentives are paid to members who make actual deliveries of their corn commitment to any of our designated facilities—Watertown, Mina, or Rogers Brothers (north of Miller). Bushels over and above the corn commitment will not be eligible for the freight incentive except for those delivering as part of the special Mina Delivery Incentive (please see related article in this newsletter). This year, GLCP increased the mileage covered by the freight incentive to expand beyond 80 miles.

These rates are effective through August 31, 2011.

0-10 miles	\$0.035	11- 20 miles	\$0.050
21-30 miles	\$0.065	31-40 miles	\$0.080
41-50 miles	\$0.095	51-60 miles	\$0.105
61-70 miles	\$0.120	71-80 miles	\$0.135
81-90 miles	\$0.150	91-100 miles	\$0.165
101+ miles	\$0.18		

2010 FY 2010: A Year of Solid Performance

Glacial Lakes Corn Processors (GLCP) recognized nearly \$35.5 million in net income or cash earnings of \$61 million (unaudited) for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2010. "Although these numbers are subject to audit, we have no reason to believe they won't hold. We believe these results evidence the effectiveness of our strategies and risk management practices, and we continue to seek ways to remain a low-cost producer," says Chief Financial Officer Kelley Dennison.

Financial Report for Year Ended August 31st, 2010 <i>In Millions</i>			
Total Assets	\$289	Current Assets	\$80
Total Liabilities	\$169	Current Liabilities	\$43.7
Net Worth	\$120	Working Capital	\$36.3
*excluding restricted cash			

GLCP's audited financial statements and annual report are targeted for completion by the end of November, and will be posted to our website: www.glaciallakesenergy.com. "Looking forward, we expect fiscal year 2011 to be challenging, but we remain optimistic," says Dennison. "Our financial forecast for the year currently indicates narrow corn-to-ethanol margins and a tight supply of corn in the Mina plant draw area. We expect our corn costs in the Mina draw area will increase and this will favor producers delivering to the facility."

GLE User Groups Hold First Meetings

A mix of Glacial Lakes Energy customers and shareholders from the Mina area participated in the first-ever GLE User Group meetings in early September near Gettysburg and Ipswich to provide feedback about their experiences at the Mina plant. Approximately 15-20 corn producers and DDG customers came together on the two separate evenings to enjoy a complimentary meal and meet with GLE management. Attendees provided many valuable suggestions about what they would like to see or what would make their trip to the Mina plant more efficient. "We want to create an open forum between corn and livestock producers and GLE," says Jason Wambach, Commodity Merchandiser in Mina. "Our main goal is to raise awareness about GLE in the Mina area and improve customer service so these folks will return again and again."

Future Grain Receiving Upgrades at Watertown

In 2007, GLE's Watertown facility more than doubled its ethanol processing capacity to become a 100 million gallon production plant. This was done without any major modification to the facility's grain receiving system. Simply put, the grain receiving area has to work twice as hard as it was originally intended and this is wearing out the equipment more quickly than anticipated.

GLE expects to start addressing the efficiency of the grain receiving area by year-end, says Roger Hansen, Director of Grain Commodities. The first focus, he explains, is eliminating issues impacting the corn receiving pits. "Our major problem begins when we have to go down to one receiving pit," says Hansen. "That slows the receiving down by one-half." To help minimize this issue, GLE is exploring options which may include the installation of a second top conveyor out to the steel bins.

Another challenge has been feeding corn into the production area when grain is not being received. GLE is exploring the replacement of the reclaim equipment, which in turn, creates more capacity and improves grain-handling the following day. The decision to replace equipment will not be done without serious consideration and a complete return on investment analysis. To provide GLE members with the best return on their investment, Hansen says the company will extend the life of equipment as long as possible and replace worn-out equipment only when that is the best option.

Operations Shortens Shutdowns

New initiatives to streamline and shorten the twice-per-year maintenance shutdowns of both the Watertown and Mina facilities were implemented with the late September/early October shutdowns. Management from both facilities had been meeting and developing plans over the summer to develop strategies to get the plants back up and running with less downtime.

"Our goal was to shorten our shutdown from three days to two," explains Terry Fleming, Mina Plant Manager. "Although we fell a few hours short, we were extremely successful and will continue to improve the process at the next shutdown in the spring."

Steps being taken at both plants to try and cut down the hours of shutdown include:

- Scheduling non critical work to be done during plant operation
- Utilization of extra personnel from both plants' grain and operations areas to the maintenance teams for additional manpower
- Preparation of a "shutdown tool trailer" equipped with extra tools dedicated just for shutdown to speed work being done

Chad Brenden, the Watertown Plant Manager, says extra work was done at the Watertown plant during this year's shutdown. This included emptying, cleaning, and inspecting several tanks and vessels that had not been done for the past few shutdowns. In addition, the Watertown Municipal Utilities Department was onsite to tie in new power lines. "We rate our attempt to shorten this necessary event as very successful and our dedicated teams vow to improve each time. We learned much that we can take forward during the process", says Brenden.

The user group concept developed from the town hall meetings held this past winter by GLE management. Two user groups for the Mina facility have been established. The East User Group, which met at Craven Corner, consists primarily of customers in counties near the Mina plant while the West User Group, which met at Bob's Steakhouse west of Gettysburg, consists primarily of customers in counties along the Missouri River and along US Highway 14. "These meetings are critical to our receipt of information indicating where we need to direct our attention and to address the needs of our customers," adds Chief Executive Officer Jim Seurer, "and we will be establishing a similar group near Watertown in the near future."



GLE Mina Earns Thoroughbred Chemical Safety Award for 2009

Glacial Lakes Energy, LLC-Mina will receive the Norfolk Southern Corporation's Ethanol Safety Award for 2009 in recognition of their safe handling of ethanol. Norfolk Southern Corporation is one of the nation's premier transportation companies.

Given annually, the award is earned by a company or facility that ships more than 1,000 carloads of product without incident for the year. Glacial Lakes Energy, LLC-Mina was one of 46 customers earning the award for 2009.



Surpassing Safety Training Goal

GLE's safety training program will exceed its goal of 1,700 hours, says EHS Manager Pete Bullene. In addition to providing continuing safety training for employees, Bullene says the company this past year has rewritten 27 different safety programs required by one of several government agencies including the Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

Bullene is already preparing for next year's safety program, increasing the goal to 1,900 hours of safety training. GLE is also filing a request with OSHA for the company to be accepted into the Safety Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP). SHARP is a category that exempts a facility from regular OSHA inspections because it has gone above and beyond the normal safety procedures. "There are very few ethanol plants that have received SHARP status," says Bullene, explaining that to get the classification OSHA will do an extensive and thorough evaluation of the facility. "We've been extremely proactive when it comes to safety," says Bullene. "Achievement of this status would be validation of our safety record and recognition of our safety focus and efforts."