

Commercial biodiesel plant in Australia

Amadeus, Australia, is scheduled to set up a US\$12 million facility for converting low-value tallow, a by-product of the livestock industry, into high-quality diesel fuel. Australia's first commercial biodiesel plant is expected to commence production before the end of June 2002. The company plans to construct up to five plants, each with a capacity of 40 million l/y, in Australasia within the next three years.

Studies and trials in Europe and the United States have shown that biodiesel is a renewable fuel that can replace diesel, with the added benefit of lower exhaust emissions. It can also be used as a lubricity agent in low and ultra-low sulphur diesel fuels. *Contact: Mr. Anthony Short/Mr. Darryl Butcher, Amadeus Petroleum NL, Level 10, 19 Pier St., Perth WA 6000, Australia. Tel: +61 (8) 9325 8400; Fax: +61 (8) 9325 7190; E-mail: info@amadeus.net.au; Website: www.amadeuspetroleum.com/*