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## Pacific Biodiesel Makes First Fuel Delivery to Hamakua Energy Power Generation Facility

Locally made biodiesel to be used at power generation facility on Hawaii Island to serve local customers

**HAWAII ISLAND** (November 4, 2019) – Pacific Biodiesel Technologies, LLC today made its first delivery of biodiesel to the Hamakua Energy power generation facility on Hawaii Island as part of the biodiesel supply contract the company last month signed with Pacific Current subsidiary Hamakua Energy, LLC.

As part of the agreement announced last week, Pacific Biodiesel Technologies, owner and operator of the biodiesel refinery on Hawaii Island, will supply biodiesel for Pacific Current's Hamakua Energy power generation facility, a liquid-fuel-fired combined cycle power generation facility that sells power to Hawaii Electric Light Company (HELCO) under an existing power purchase agreement (PPA). The facility is able to provide 22 percent of Hawaii Island's generating capacity.

Today's delivery is especially exciting for our employees because the fuel we produce on this island will help generate power for customers in this community, including our own families here," said Pacific Biodiesel Director of Operations Jenna Long, who along with President Bob King oversaw today's milestone first delivery to the Hamakua Energy facility. "Sustainability happens locally and this is an important step as we continue to support the state's expanding use of renewable energy."

This morning, Pacific Biodiesel's truck delivered 6,500 gallons of 100% biodiesel. The company anticipates making daily deliveries of its locally made biodiesel to the Hamakua Energy facility, all transported in its biodiesel-fueled trucks.

"Keeping everything local is really nice. The fact that this fuel is produced right here and helps people in our community is a good thing," said Allen Hess, plant manager for Hamakua Energy. "Our employees are proud to use this locally sourced renewable fuel."

## **About Pacific Current**

Pacific Current is a wholly owned subsidiary of Hawaiian Electric Industries (HEI) (NYSE: HE). Pacific Current acquired the Hamakua Energy power generation facility in 2017. A key part of HEI's strategy to be a catalyst for a better Hawaii, Pacific Current is advancing Hawaii's sustainability and clean energy goals through local partnerships and investments in sustainable infrastructure. Pacific Current is an unregulated member-managed Hawaii limited liability company. For more information, visit www.pacificcurrenthawaii.com.

## **About Pacific Biodiesel**

Founded on Maui in 1995, Pacific Biodiesel is the nation's longest operating biodiesel producer and established the first retail biodiesel pump in America. Today with nearly 100 employees statewide, the

company is the only commercial producer of liquid biofuels in Hawaii. Throughout its history, Pacific Biodiesel's mission has remained constant: to promote a clean, sustainable energy future through the community-based production of renewable fuels. With a nameplate production capacity of 5.5 million gallons annually, Pacific Biodiesel's refinery on Hawaii Island utilizes state-of-the art distillation technology to produce the nation's highest quality biodiesel and on Earth Day 2016 became the first facility in the world to be certified by the Sustainable Biodiesel Alliance for its sustainable production and distribution practices. The company has always focused on recycling with a zero-waste philosophy that incorporates development of value-added coproducts. Its collaborative, community-based "agriculture and energy" production model demonstrates a full-circle system of sustainability and climate change solutions designed to help Hawaii achieve a clean, sustainable energy future. For more information, please visit www.biodiesel.com.

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### CAPTION:

Pacific Current President Scott Valentino (center) along with Pacific Biodiesel President Bob King and Director of Operations Jenna Long oversee the milestone first delivery of biodiesel to the Hamakua Energy power generation facility located on Hawaii Island.