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Aventine Selects FuelQuest for Enterprise Tax Compliance Optimization

FuelQuest, Biofuels Thought Leader, Deploys ZyTax Enterprise Compliance Solution to Automate Excise Tax and Compliance Filing Requirements for Leading Ethanol Producer

Houston, TX — October 24, 2006 —FuelQuest, Inc., the leading on-demand software and services company for the downstream energy industry, announced today that Aventine (NYSE: AVR) will deploy the company's Enterprise Compliance Solution to streamline its excise tax filing requirements.

As a premier producer and marketer of ethanol, Aventine is required to calculate complex tax filings on a monthly basis. Aventine's accounting department requires a solution to ensure accurate calculations of excise taxes, compliance with multiple taxing jurisdictions and the ability to consolidate filings for electronic submission. With FuelQuest's ZyTax Enterprise Compliance module in place, Aventine easily centralizes and automates the preparation and filing of monthly returns and gains a solution that will seamlessly scale with the company as it expands into new jurisdictions.

"Although FuelQuest has a robust presence in the alternative fuels marketplace, we are thrilled that we have enhanced our relationship with Aventine to broaden our footprint in the ethanol sector," said Rich Cilento, CEO of FuelQuest. "As ethanol becomes a primary component of tomorrow's fuel supply chain, FuelQuest will continue to architect standardized platforms that will facilitate ethanol's widespread use across the US."

The Enterprise Compliance upgrade ensures that Aventine remains current on all tax laws and reporting requirements and frees employees from having to decipher rule changes. As the nation's ethanol infrastructure is built-out, the company will need to add jurisdictions quickly and the Enterprise Compliance module delivers the ability to scale with the company as it grows without adding additional overhead.

"We sell approximately 530 million gallons of ethanol per year in nine states and we are constantly looking for ways to enhance our operational efficiency and productivity," said David Weibring, director of IT for Aventine. "FuelQuest's centralized system provides accurate, real-time insights into a very complex area of our business and drastically simplifies the burden of meeting monthly compliance deadlines."

About Aventine

Aventine is a leading producer, marketer and end to end distributor of ethanol in the United States. Aventine produces, markets and distributes ethanol to leading energy companies. In addition to ethanol, it is also a producer of corn gluten feed, corn germ and brewers' yeast.

For more information about Aventine, visit www.aventinerei.com.

About FuelQuest

FuelQuest provides on-demand, web-based supply chain management and tax automation technologies for suppliers, distributors, buyers, and traders of petroleum products and other energy commodities. FuelQuest solutions deliver operational and financial value to over 750 customers. These customers include leading global oil companies, international retailers, shippers, and government entities. FuelQuest solutions help customers manage the complexity, regulation, and market volatility of billions of gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel annually. ZyTax solutions process tens of billions of dollars of motor fuels excise taxes per year.

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