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Whittington to Participate in U.S. Trade Mission to China

Potomac, MD (Jan. 3, 2008) - Charles “Shorty” Whittington, President of Grammer Industries, in Grammer, IN, will participate in the Clean Energy Trade Mission to China from January 8-13, 2008. The trade mission is sponsored by the U. S. Department of Commerce, and will be lead by Assistant Secretary of Commerce, David Bohigian.

The trade mission will assist U.S. business interests with finding qualified business partners in the clean energy sector in China. This Clean Energy Trade Mission builds on the first U.S. Clean Energy Technologies Trade Mission, which took place in April 2007.

Frank Caliva of the Office of Energy and Environmental Industries stated, “The participation of Mr. Whittington in the Clean Energy Trade Mission to China, due to his experience in biofuels and his role as first vice chairman the American Trucking Associations (ATA), will make the trade mission all the more valuable.”

Whittington is president of Integrity Biofuels in Morristown, IN. He started in farming and rapidly developed an agri-business career. In 1977, the diversity of farming, grain elevator operations and the need he saw for specialized transportation prompted Whittington to establish Grammer Industries, a trucking company transporting liquid fertilizer and other agricultural inputs.

His present day corporations include property companies from Florida to Michigan, equipment sales and leasing, and specialized tanker fleets and terminal operations throughout the Midwest. Recognizing the need for renewable fuels and the role they will play in the future of

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the transportation industry and reducing America's dependency on foreign oil, Whittington partnered with his son, John Whittington, to create Integrity Biofuels in 2006.

The production facility uses soybean oil as its primary feed stock and converts it to methyl-esters (B100 Biodiesel). The process incorporates the latest technology and automation to produce some of the finest quality biodiesel fuel in the United States.

Whittington is an ATA leader and is currently first vice chairman of the Board of Directors of the national trade association. He serves on the boards for the Indiana Motor Trucking Associations (IMTA), the Agricultural & Food Transporters Conference (AFTC), and the National Tank Truck Carriers (NTTC), and is active in many state propane and fertilizer trade associations. Whittington served on a government negotiated rule making mission, one of only five successful such missions for the Department of Transportation. He is a member of the National Biodiesel Board. He has been awarded the Distinguished Service Award of the AFTC, where he served as chairman, and was named a distinguished alumnus of the Purdue School of Agriculture in 2007.

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