

## Murphy Oil Announces Acquisition of Ethanol Plant

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EL DORADO, Ark.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 1, 2009-- Murphy Oil Corporation (NYSE:MUR) announced that through a subsidiary, it has purchased a corn-based ethanol plant located in Hankinson, North Dakota.

The plant, which initially began operating in July 2008 before being idled in October 2008, has an annual production capacity of 110 million gallons. The purchase price of \$92 million will be financed primarily through non-recourse debt offered via the sellers. Additionally, an estimated \$15 million in working capital will be invested into the facility.

Murphy Oil Corporation's President and Chief Executive Officer, David M. Wood, said, "We are adding this capability to supplement our growing North American fuels business. It also marks our initial entry into the manufacture of bio-fuels. Given the current ethanol mandates and our subsequent blending needs, having more of a presence in the supply chain better balances our business." He also added, "This plant is favorably located near the feedstock supply and has accessible rail service for carrying the finished product. We should see first production shortly."

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