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California Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) benefits Aemetis

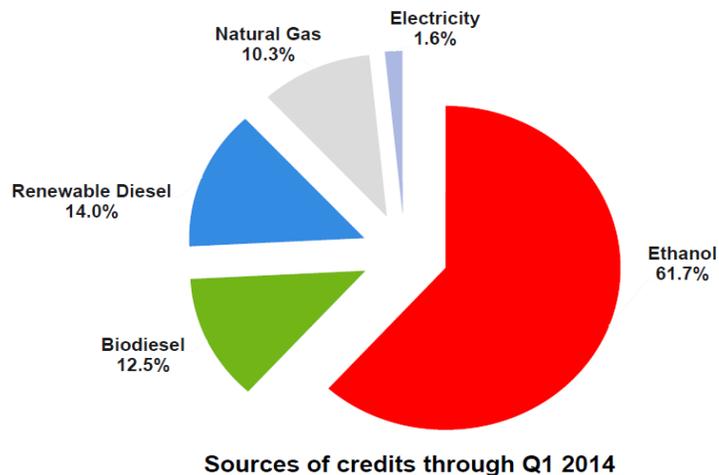
The Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) is an integral part of the overall strategy to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in California. The LCFS requires a 10 percent reduction by 2020 in the "carbon intensity" of transportation fuels (such as gasoline and diesel fuel) sold in California. After about two years of delay caused by litigation, the California LCFS program was re-adopted in September 2015. The price of a ton of carbon under the LCFS has rapidly increased from about \$20 per ton of CO₂ to more than \$115/ton, an increase of more than 500% in less than a year.

Aemetis benefits from this rise in the carbon market, since biofuels reduce carbon emissions and produce carbon credits. Oil refineries and other large producers of CO₂ (obligated parties) are required to lower their carbon emissions and/or purchase carbon credits. A strong California carbon market translates into higher premiums paid for Aemetis' low carbon biofuel. The rapid rise in the LCFS value provides significant value for the further reduction of carbon intensity by Aemetis through the adoption of lower-carbon feedstocks, new technologies, and production process improvements.

Aemetis has and will continue to process lower carbon biofuels by using lower carbon inputs and by implementing next-generation technologies at its Keyes, California biorefinery.

As shown in the chart below, biofuels contribute more than 80% of the transportation carbon reduction in the State of California under the LCFS.

Bottom line for Aemetis: Increased profitability



Source: California Air Resources Board

India Plant Update (50MGY)



Bottom line for Aemetis: Increased market opportunity.

At the recent Paris climate change conference, Prime Minister Modi of India put forward an ambitious goal of 40% renewable fuels by year 2030, up from 1% in 2015. At current volumes, about 10 billion gallons per year of biodiesel would be required to meet this goal. **Aemetis has about a 20% market share in the biodiesel market in India.**

Ethanol Plant Update (60MGY)



Bottom line for Aemetis: we expect profitability to improve throughout 2016.

US EPA, after a delay of two years, released final Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) for 2014, 2015 and 2016. With uncertainty about the RFS lifted and an upside to June preliminary RFS numbers, we believe the corn ethanol industry will achieve 2016 supply - demand balance.

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