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**CALIFORNIA ETHANOL & POWER, LLC
ELECTS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBER
AND RETAINS AGRICULTURAL EXPERTS**

BRAWLEY, CA – May 5, 2009 – California Ethanol & Power, LLC has elected O. “Wayne” Mitchell to the Management Committee, hired Larry A. Gilbert as Executive Vice President, Agricultural Operations, and retained Jeffrey L. Flynn as Sugarcane Variety Advisor, the sugarcane-to-energy company announced today.

Currently serving as CE&P’s **Executive Vice President of Technologies and Operations, Mr. Mitchell** brings a wealth of experience in process engineering, process improvement, cost reduction and regulatory affairs and has had hands-on and management experience with pilot plants and commercial start-ups. He was recently the Senior Vice President, Technology and Business Development for Fagen, Inc. from 2000 to 2007, responsible for fuel ethanol technology and project development. In that role, he successfully led ethanol project development resulting in construction of over 50 fuel ethanol projects in less than 5 years with more than 3.5 billion gallons per year of fuel ethanol production capacity. While at Fagen, Mitchell also evaluated alternative renewable energy production technologies for technical and economic feasibility and directed company new technology research and development program while serving on the Boards of Directors of thirteen fuel ethanol plants during construction and operation; he is currently a member of the Board of Directors of Badger State Ethanol, LLC.

Mr. Gilbert is a long time Imperial Valley resident/farmer/businessman. He operates a successful family agri-business, Merry Acres, which includes field crops such as cotton, sorghum, bermudagrass, sugarcane, and wheat. Mr. Gilbert also has dedicated his time as an active member in leadership roles of several industry organizations: the Farm Bureau, which honored him with its Distinguished Service to Agriculture award in 2001; for 18 years as an alternate to, then as a voting member of, the California Wheat Commission; and, in recent years, has focused much of his attention on water matters, mostly involving water conservation and transfer issues affecting the Imperial Irrigation District (IID), which distributes three million acre feet of water annually to its farming community. Gilbert’s expertise gained by his commitment to improving water conservation, effectiveness and efficiency, as well as to developing improved varieties and production methods, will contribute greatly to CE&P’s sugarcane growing operations.

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Mr. Flynn is a Plant Protection Specialist for the Kleentek Division of Certis U.S.A., LLC. Kleentek has facilitated development of CE&P's sugarcane program by providing a number of seed sugarcane varieties, and performing sugarcane propagation and growing services. Mr. Flynn has worked in sugarcane entomology, seed cane production and scheduling, and quality control worldwide for more than 30 years. He holds a BS in Microbiology from Louisiana Tech University and an MS in Entomology from Louisiana State University.

“CE&P is very pleased that Larry and Jeff are formally joining our management and advisory team. They have been instrumental in developing our agricultural operations thus far, and their continued contributions will ensure that our sugarcane operations are ready for anticipated production in 2011. Both are well respected amongst their peers and within the industry,” states CE&P President, Jeff Lee.

Continues Mr. Lee: “We are equally pleased that Wayne has agreed to join the Management Committee, as he has proven to be an essential member of our team. His experience and insight for getting projects developed will be of critical importance as CE&P transitions from a development company to breaking ground and building the first, of what we hope will be many, sugarcane-to-ethanol and electricity facilities.”

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California Ethanol & Power, LLC (www.CaliforniaEthanolPower.com) intends to produce sustainable low-carbon energy in California for use in California from sugarcane, the *right* renewable resource. CE&P intends to develop, finance, install, own and operate a series of Projects in the Imperial and Palo Verde Valleys that grow sugarcane, extract and ferment the juice into fuel-grade ethanol, convert the remaining biomass into electricity, produce biomethane and fertilizer feedstock from the fermentation process residue, and sell the field residue for forage or electricity generation. For more information, contact VP Marketing and Public/Investor Relations Camille Soriano at csoriano@CaliforniaEthanolPower.com.

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