

BIOSONIC PROJECT – EU/FP7

PRESS RELEASE



A 3 year innovative research and development project to exploit new technologies to add value to the business activities of member organisations of the European Forestry Associations has received funding support of 2.4M Euro from the European Union under the EU FP7 Research for the Benefit of SME Associations Programme.

The “BIOSONIC” project commenced 1 January 2013 supported by a strong consortium dedicated to capture and develop a commercial pathway for the proven biomass separation technology patented and owned by Bio-Sep Limited of the UK. The objective is to convert woody biomass into high value speciality chemicals.

“BIOSONIC” consortium members are all leaders in their specific fields: Project co-ordinator and forestry operator (Viken Skog, Norway); Forestry Associations such as Confederation Europeene des Proprietaires Forestiers ABSL [CEPF] and Confederación De Organizaciones De Selvicultores De España [COSE]; specialist equipment (Telsonic AG, Switzerland); design and measurement controls (Autico, UK); exploitation of technology (Bio-Sep Limited, UK); research and engineering development (Imperial Consultants, London; Healthcare and Environment Research Institute [HERI]; Novamina Innovative Technology Center, Croatia).

The technology to be developed for commercialisation is based upon a previous 5 year research programme successfully conducted by Bio-Sep Limited in conjunction with University of Bath, Imperial College London, and business technical consultancy services provided by PERA supported by funding from its founding shareholders and Finance South East, of the UK. The focus of Bio-Sep proven technology is its application for surplus waste biomass generated by forestry, agricultural, plantation activities and from industrial processes. The focus of this carbon beneficial separation process is upon high value speciality chemicals to meet the growing needs for ‘green renewable sourced chemicals’ for the food, pharmaceutical, cosmetic, textile, packaging and other consumer industries.

The BIOSONIC project is forecast for completion in 2015.

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