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Mississippi Biomass and Renewable Energy Council applauds and welcomes KiOR to Mississippi

The Mississippi Biomass and Renewable Energy Council, Inc. (MBREC) welcomes KiOR, Inc. to Mississippi and applauds everyone – in government and in industry -- who worked diligently to bring KiOR to the state. We are excited and gratified that the company views Mississippi as a positive place in which to invest, work and live. KiOR has a proven breakthrough technology that will be transformative and carry the renewable energy industry to a new plateau of achievements.

Responsible development of our resources is the key to economic development and job creation in Mississippi. This multi-site project will enhance Mississippi's role in developing American energy self-sufficiency and in reducing the nation's reliance on unfriendly and unstable countries for energy products. The multiplier effect in job creation and enhancement of trade and commerce for existing businesses is great. MBREC stands ready to assist and promote this project in all ways and means in which we are asked.

Biomass is Mississippi and the Mid-South's distinctive competence in the realm of renewable energy. *Forbes* Magazine ranks Mississippi 5th in the nation in biomass resources. The Council offers a forum to share information for the purpose of assessing and communicating the available biomass and renewable energy resources within the state. It supports technology development and utilization to actively produce products and methods which encourage biomass and renewable energy related economic development. Council members include representatives from agriculture, forestry, recycling, energy production, state and local government, credit and finance, higher education, research, manufacturing, and individuals interested in developing economic opportunities for biomass and renewable energy, increasing energy self-sufficiency, and reducing biomass waste streams. MBREC was created in 1998 and incorporated in 2000 as a 501(c)(6) nonprofit organization.

For more information about MBREC, visit the website at www.ms-biomass.org.

“The Voice of Biomass and Renewable Energy in Mississippi”