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## **Edeniq Urges EPA to Set Final 2018 Cellulosic RVOs Using Forward-Looking Methodology & Stresses Need for Efficient RIN Registration Process**

*EPA must recognize and facilitate potential for quick cellulosic production ramp-up at established ethanol plants using proven technology and existing infrastructure*

**Visalia, Calif. September 1, 2017** – On August 31, 2017, Edeniq, Inc.’s (“Edeniq”) President and CEO, Brian Thome, submitted written comments to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) on its proposed rule to set the 2018 cellulosic renewable volume obligations (“RVOs”) under the federal Renewable Fuel Standard (“RFS”).

In his comments, Mr. Thome urged EPA to ensure that the final 2018 cellulosic RVOs are set based on a forward-looking methodology that considers increasing cellulosic ethanol production from plants that are using proven, commercial technologies. He stressed that to most accurately project and promote 2018 cellulosic biofuel production, EPA must consider the distinction between proven technologies, such as Edeniq’s, and other cellulosic technologies that may face, or may have faced, greater financing and/or technology risks.

Mr. Thome explained that plants that use Edeniq’s technology could produce up to 80 million gallons of quantifiable cellulosic ethanol in 2018, depending on EPA’s timely registration approvals. He asked that the Agency and its staff provide industry with clear registration requirements and pledged that Edeniq would continue to help its customer plants provide all information requested in order to help EPA’s registration approval timelines. Mr. Thome also commended EPA staff for their hard work to update efficient producer rules to keep pace with industry innovation, and to enable qualified plants to utilize that pathway to co-produce quantifiable RFS-qualifying ethanol from corn starch and corn kernel fiber. He stated that Edeniq and its customer plants anxiously await that update.

With industry and EPA working together to promote and facilitate the cellulosic industry, Mr. Thome stated in his comments that “the potential quantifiable cellulosic ethanol production using a technology like Edeniq’s is measured in the hundreds of millions of gallons range, if not more.” In sum, the RFS is working as Congress intended to promote investment, development and growth of the production and use of increasing quantities of cellulosic biofuels in the U.S. transportation supply. It is crucial for EPA to implement the RFS to continue this tremendous potential for the cellulosic industry, and in-turn for the increased energy independence and security of the country.



**About Edeniq, Inc.**

Edeniq has developed leading processes for producing and measuring low-cost cellulosic ethanol. Edeniq's operationally efficient solutions require zero capital investment and can be easily integrated into existing biorefineries. Edeniq currently sells or licenses its technologies to ethanol plants in the United States. Edeniq was founded in 2008 and is headquartered in Visalia, California with a field office in Omaha, Nebraska. More information can be found at [www.edeniq.com](http://www.edeniq.com).

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