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Sustainable Biomass Strategies – Without Subsidies?

Dear Biomass Colleague,

There is a timely need for a balanced industrial assessment that outlines the facts, risks, pros and cons (the tools) to allow the practitioner and investor alike to compare and contrast the issues important to them in evaluating the biomass markets 2005 – 2020.

Today, we stand at a critical juncture, where industry must make serious investment decisions to support government directed (some mandated), and promoted decisions, about how to move forward in biomass. The challenge has been to make sense of the conflicting and overwhelming volume of news, data, opinion and myths that have been propagated for political and promotional reasons during the last five years.

TCGR's "*Biomass Conversion to Biofuels and Biochemicals*" multiclient study seeks to provide a risk-based platform analysis that views the current and likely future scenarios, under the assumption that eventually government subsidies are likely to be lowered or even potentially eliminated, and if so, their impacts in both Europe and the Americas. You may ask, "How likely is this outcome?" The trend is already evident in some Scandinavian countries.

This milestone study will set the stage for an ongoing dialog on which biomass technologies to invest in over the next twenty (20) years. The Catalyst Group (TCG) and The Catalyst Group Resources (TCGR), as the leading commercial/technical consultancy to the catalytic process industries, with a significant history in the petroleum, natural gas, GTL and biomass fields, are uniquely positioned to understand, benchmark and strategically assess leading technology development in the energy field.

The study is available in printed format as well as electronically (as a PDF file), allowing unlimited use/distribution of the report on a site-license basis. For more information, see our website at [http://www.catalystgrp.com/STUDY-BiomassConversion\(May2006\).html](http://www.catalystgrp.com/STUDY-BiomassConversion(May2006).html) or contact Jeanne Drahos (jmd@catalystgrp.com) or John J. Murphy (jjm@catalystgrp.com) at 215-628-4447.

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