

Bakoma and J.W.Construction invest in biodiesel

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Bakoma, the largest Polish producer of dairy products and J.W. Construction, Polish housing development company, are reported to invest in biodiesel production.

Rzeczpospolita daily found out that a new player is to appear on the Polish biodiesel market in autumn. Zbigniew Komorowski, owner of Polish Mills and Bakoma, is building a plant which should be able to produce up to 100,000 metric tons of rapeseed oil esters. The same owner's oil-press is currently supplying T rzebinia Refinery.

Zbigniew Komorowski has also plans to launch a PLN-300-million bio-ethanol manufacturing plant in May. 'The output will be exported to Sweden, the contracts are already signed. Poland is not likely to have a market for this fuel in the foreseeable future' Komorowski told 'Rzeczpospolita'.

Józef Wojciechowski, the owner of J. W. Construction is also going into biodiesel production. 'We should launch trial run at a rapeseed oil processing plant with an annual capacity of 100,000 tonnes at the turn of April and May. Our next step will be ester production but I don't know the dates yet' Wojciechowski told the daily.

The further development of biodiesel production in Poland is heavily dependent on the allowances granted by the European Commission. Polish government has proposed that excise duty on pure ester used as transportation fuel was minimal (PLN 0.01 per liter as opposed to PLN 0.2 per liter currently in force) and exempt from fuel fee (approx. PLN 0.1 per liter). Polish fuel concerns announced that without the allowances they will not sell more biodiesel than required by law. This amount is increased on a yearly basis and currently is at 4.6%. The EC should make its decision on the allowances known by the end of March.