***Press invitation***

**Inauguration of world’s first plant for BioDME production on September 9**

**You are cordially invited to attend the inauguration on September 9 of the world’s first plant for production of the renewable fuel BioDME in Piteå, Sweden.**

BioDME is a novel and climate neutral biofuel produced from forestry feedstock. The fuel is primarily intended for use in heavy vehicles. BioDME provides superior energy and environmental benefits and allows greenhouse gas emission reductions of up to 95% compared with conventional diesel.

The global potential for BioDME is around 30 million tons of diesel equivalents per year, enough to fuel a million heavy trucks.

This pilot plant is built at the Smurfit Kappa pulp and container board mill and utilizes the pulping process by-product black liquor to produce the fuel. The biofuels process is based on gasification technology from Chemrec AB and fuel synthesis technology from Haldor Topsøe A/S. Volvo Trucks, Swedish fuels company Preem, French oil and gas giant Total, auto parts company Delphi and local research institute ETC are also participating in the project. The BioDME produced is used in a truck test fleet from Volvo. Operators of the vehicles include DHL, Green Cargo and Posten Logistics.

At the inauguration the components of the project will be presented and the participants will be guided through the plant. We will follow the biofuels production process “from wood to wheel” including description by Preem of distribution and vehicle filling and the vehicle technology of Volvo Trucks.

Speakers at the inauguration are County Governor of Norrbotten Per-Ola Eriksson, Kyriakos Maniatis, Principal Administrator, Directorate General for Energy, European Commission, Chemrec CEO Max Jönsson, Haldor Topsøes General Manager Jens Perregaard, Smurfit Kappa Kraftliners MD Dirk Poot and Peter Roslund, Mayor of Piteå. Moderator is Robert Bergman, Manager of Solander Communications.

Opportunity for interviews, photography and video recording will be given.

We look forward to seeing you at the inauguration!

*Chemrec and Haldor Topsøe for the BioDME consortium and in cooperation with Solander Science Park.*

*Jonas Rudberg Jens Perregaard*

*COO, Chemrec General Manager, Technology Division, Haldor Topsøe*

For those who can not attend the event in Piteå there will be another opportunity to learn more about the BioDME-project at the inauguration of the Preem DME filling station on Sep 7 at Kungens Kurva, near IKEA.

**Please register with** Ellen Kirkevold, Chemrec by e-mail ellen.kirkevold @chemrec.se or phone 08-440 40 51 latest September 6

**Time and place**: 09.00, Industrigatan 1, Piteå

**Agenda**

09.00

Welcoming greetings at the plant site

09.10

Inauguration ceremony

9.30

Division into groups for the plant tour with stops at prearranged stations

11.30

Bus transport to lunch venue

11.45

Lunch with entertainment

13.00

Conclusion