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Thank you very much again!

A warm welcome also from my side and, Mr. Fjallström, thanks a lot for the favourable introduction.

My name is, as you have heard, Wolfgang Riecke, I am head of communication in Ford of Europe/Ford of Germany and I am very proud and happy to be here with you today and to take home this very privileged award.



Giuliano Grassi and Wolfgang Riecke

Congratulations to this great conference, the 15th European Biomass Conference and Exhibition, here in Berlin. I think that it is an extremely important opportunity to discuss issues of biomass and of bio-ethanol in these days. I hope that all the valuable proposals of this conference will be heard in Berlin and Brussels.

Secondly Ford of Europe is very proud and honoured to receive this prestigious 2007 EUBIA AWARD.

As you know Ford is the first volume manufacturer who offers "flexible fuel" vehicles that can run on E85. It all started in Sweden. There we had a great success and now we are selling these "flexi fuel" vehicles in more than 12 European countries and will expanded even more in 2007.

We also have the commitment to expand our flexi fuel vehicles portfolio even further. As you know Ford is introducing its latest, brand new models, the Ford Mondeo and the S-MAX and the Galaxy at the moment in the markets. These top models will be offered as flexi fuel vehicles in 2008 as well, in addition to the present fleet. This decision is based on the great success which Ford has already in selling "flexi fuel" vehicles: here in Europe.

We sold more than 30.000 vehicles already all over Europe, but most of them in Sweden. After we gained great experiences in Sweden we are going now also into the rest of Europe, in exactly 12 further countries. It is our wish to cooperate even closer with all European and national governments in order to support this initiative and to allow a wider distribution network of Bio-ethanol stations and to sell E 85 at an affordable, attractive price.

It is wonderful, may I say, that EUBIA is working in the same direction as Ford by using biomass as an excellent example of really sustainable energy usage. We both, EUBIA and Ford, are following with our activities Bill Ford's great idea to make this world a better place. Thank you very much.