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Pacific Ethanol, Inc. to Present at Wedbush Securities' 2nd Annual Clean Technology & Industrial Growth Conference

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Sept. 9, 2010 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Pacific Ethanol, Inc. (PEI) (Nasdaq:PEIX), the leading West Coast marketer and producer of low-carbon renewable fuels, is scheduled to present at Wedbush Securities' Second Annual Clean Technology & Industrial Growth Conference in San Francisco on Tuesday, September 14th at 3:35 p.m. Pacific Time. Neil Koehler, president and chief executive officer, will discuss the company's strategy. The conference will be held at The Fairmont Hotel.

The presentation will be webcast live and available on the company's website at www.pacificethanol.net. In addition, a replay will be available for a period of 90 days thereafter.

About Pacific Ethanol, Inc.

Pacific Ethanol, Inc. (Nasdaq:PEIX) is the leading West Coast marketer and producer of low-carbon renewable fuels. The Company also sells co-products, including wet distillers grain, or WDG, which is a highly valuable nutritional animal feed. Serving integrated oil companies and gasoline marketers who blend ethanol into gasoline, Pacific Ethanol provides transportation, storage and delivery of ethanol through third-party service providers in the Western United States, primarily in California, Nevada, Arizona, Oregon, Colorado, Idaho and Washington. Management operates destination plants with optimal distribution criteria for ethanol and co-products and currently manages two operating plants in Oregon and Idaho as well as two idled facilities in California. Pacific Ethanol's subsidiary, Kinergy Marketing LLC, markets ethanol from Pacific Ethanol's managed plants and from other third-party production facilities, and another subsidiary, Pacific Ag. Products, LLC, markets WDG. Pacific Ethanol owns a 42% interest in Front Range Energy, LLC which owns an ethanol plant in Windsor, Colorado. For more information please visit www.pacificethanol.net.

The Pacific Ethanol, Inc. logo is available at <https://www.globenewswire.com/newsroom/prs/?pkgid=5940>

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