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Michelle and Doug:

Please find attached the close-to-final agenda and attendee list for our meeting in Weslaco next week. Please forward to your team and Curt and Paul. Note that the dress is casual with work shoes as we will be in the fields and in agricultural processing plants both days.

If you have any suggested changes to the schedule, please forward them.

Mike Gould's team will be forwarding a written report soon.

Thanks,
Shay

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**Chevron Technology Ventures, LLC – Texas AgriLife Research
Quarterly Review
AgriLife Research & Extension Center - Weslaco, TX**

October 14 – 16, 2009

Wednesday, October 14

Chevron and AgriLife Research participants arrive in Weslaco late evening

NO PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Thursday, October 15

- 7:30 am Meet at Holiday Inn Express, 421 S. International Blvd., Weslaco, TX
(Transportation will be provided.)
- 7:45 am Tours of AgriLife Research Plots
1. Lignocellulose Project (Annex Farm)
 - a. Miscanthus, energy cane, miscane
 - b. Germplasm resources
 - c. Agronomic trials
 - d. Claas harvester demo
 - e. Photoperiod/Crossing facility
 2. Oilseed Project (South Farm)
 - a. Jatropha
- 12:00 pm Working Lunch (USDA Conference Center)
- 12:30 pm Tissue culture, micro-propagation, transformation (USDA Conference Center)
- 1:00 pm Quarterly Review Recap (USDA Conference Center)
1. *Lignocellulosic Feedstocks* (Gould, El-Hout, Mirkov, Mullet)
 2. *Oilseed Feedstocks* (Miller, Thomasson)
- 3:00 pm Depart for Valco Bioenergy
- 3:30 pm Tour Commercial Cottonseed Mill and Biodiesel Plant
1. VALCO Bioenergy, <http://valleycoopoilmill.com>, Valley CO-OP Oil Mill (1901 N. Exp. 77 & Wilson Rd, Harlingen, TX 78550)
- 5:30 pm Return to Holiday Inn Express
- 6:15 pm Depart hotel for Dinner

Friday, October 16

- 8:00 am Meet at Holiday Inn Express, 421 S. International Blvd., Weslaco, TX
(Transportation will be provided.)
- 8:30 am Tour Commercial Sugarcane Harvest Operations
- 10:00 am Tour Rio Grande Valley Sugar Growers, Inc. (<http://www.rgvsugar.com>)
Processing Plant
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:30 pm Depart for Respective Airports

NOTE: We will be visiting and walking in agricultural fields and inside a sugarcane processing factory, so please wear appropriate clothing and shoes both days (i.e. jeans, boots, etc.). Safety equipment (hard hat, safety goggles, ear protection) will be provided.

Attendees
(as of October 4)

Chevron

- Paul Bryan, V. P. Technology
- Michelle Long, Manager Feedstocks and Logistics
- Curt Munson, Unit Manager, Fuels
- Doug Jones, Business Analyst
- LeAnne Sandoz, Supply Chain Coordinator
- Jason Hicks, Research Engineer
- Melissa Patangia, Counsel
- Nancy Dunham, Photographer

AgriLife Research (Weslaco)

- Mike Gould, Center Director
- Nael El-Hout, Agronomist
- Erik Mirkov, Molecular Biologist
- John Jifon, Plant Physiologist
- Robert McGee, Operations Manager
- Eddie Hernandez, Field Services Supervisor
- Donna Goodman, Project Manager

AgriLife Research (Beaumont)

- Ted Wilson, Center Director

AgriLife Research (College Station)

- Bill McCutchen, Associate Director
- Bob Avant, Director - Office of Corporate Relations
- Shay Simpson, Associate Director - Office of Corporate Relations
- Adam Helms, Project Manager - Office of Corporate Relations
- Michelle Nelson, Program Associate - Office of Corporate Relations
- Kendra Zak, Administrative Assistant - Office of Corporate Relations
- Travis Miller, Associate Department Head - Department of Soil & Crop Sciences
- Paul Baumann, Agronomist
- Bill Rooney, Plant Breeder
- John Mullet, Plant Geneticist
- Myra Falon, Plant Transformation
- Alex Thomasson, Agricultural Engineer