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## North American group purchasing industry goiana



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The North American group, Verde Bio Fuels Inc., has acquired Bionorte of Biodiesel Industry and Trade Ltd., located in San Miguel do Araguaia. The company intends to contribute more than \$100 million to begin the process of manufacturing biofuel from Bionorte from soybean, cotton and tallow from cattle, and ethanol. The initial production capacity of the plant is 30 tons per year.

The Secretary of State Planning and Development, Oton Nascimento Junior, explains that the group, whose holding company in Brazil (Brazil Verde) is in the process of formation, has expressed interest in further investment in the region and in Mato Grosso. "They requested technical teams to enable production of ethanol and food."

According Oton, the acquisition is part of the globalization process of the state, which will jump even higher in the North-South Rail and alcoolduto in operation. "The Americans are happy to reach this moment in Albany, will therefore need cheap freight in two years. And we able to offer competitive logistics."

For the mayor of San Miguel do Araguaia, Ademir Cardoso, the project's Bionorte represents the beginning of the industrialization of the city. It will be the second plant to come into operation after the Refrigerator San Miguel do Araguaia.

### Jobs

The entry into operation of the plant should create about 60 jobs for workers with high expertise, such as engineers and technicians. Director of Operations of the Industrial and Bionorte, Flávio Nascimento says that part of biofuel production will be sold to Petrobras. In the second time, the other part will be for the market overall.

Announcement was made during yesterday's meeting with American businessmen Mr. Sam Bell, of Verde Bio Fuels Inc., and Mr. Coyt Karriker, of Bio-System Internacional. Present the state secretary of Industry and Trade, Luiz Medeiros, director of XES, a company of Bauru (SP) which belongs to the holding company, and Wagner Calicchio Field, former owner of Bionorte, now minority shareholder of the Americans. In addition to venture inside Sao Paulo, the group is undertaking in India, Chen. The intention is to integrate the business of bio-energy in Brazil, India and the United States.

According to Sam Bell, the international financial crisis does not affect the plans of the company. The Bionorte is ready to operate. From start will be used as raw cotton seed oil and beef tallow.