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**New Orleans, March 9, 2015 – USFGIS L.L.C.**, ([www.usfgis.com](http://www.usfgis.com)) a global inspection company diversified in biomass, grains, foods, minerals, heavy equipment, steel products and trans-loading services, today announced that it has signed a strategic agreement with **Twin Ports Testing Inc.** ([www.twinportstesting.com](http://www.twinportstesting.com)) planning a joint to market approach for the Biomass industry.

USFGIS L.L.C. is committed to helping its customers to safeguard their businesses through its domestic and global operations. On a global level USFGIS L.L.C. operates through the GSA™ (Global Superintendence Alliance), a network of highly specialized inspection companies active in over 59 countries.

“This is a great opportunity to a fast and cost effective way to leverage our strengths and create market differentiation. By aligning our sales and marketing strategies and combining each other’s resources we create a greater value for our clients,” said Peter Legemaate, President and CEO of USFGIS L.L.C.

Jane Vogt, Vice President of USFGIS L.L.C. states that “...by combining the strengths of both companies we create a single source solution for inspection and testing services to the biomass industry in a highly efficient way. We are excited to work with our new partners at Twin Ports Testing and to start working together as one on our joint market approach.”

**Twin Ports Testing Inc.** has been involved in the wood pellet industry since the early 1980’s. The National Resource Research Institute (NRRI), located in Duluth MN, developed much of the technology needed to initiate the pelletized fuel industry. Because of TPT’s close proximity, NRRI relied on TPT’s fuel analysis lab during this development.

As an active member of the Pellet Fuel Institute (PFI), TPT has been involved in developing the North American Standards for Pelletized/Densified Commercial and Residential Fuel as well as QA/QC procedures.

“We have a solid understanding of how pellet mills work, and how your analysis values may affect the proper functioning of a pellet burning appliance. By working together with USFGIS LLC we are now able to combine their inspection services expertise with our expertise in testing and consulting, an added value for our customers,” said Stephen Sundeen, Chemistry Laboratory Manager at Twin Ports Testing.



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## About USFGIS L.L.C.

**USFGIS L.L.C.**, ([www.usfgis.com](http://www.usfgis.com)) a global inspection company, diversified in biomass, grains, foods, minerals, heavy equipment, steel products and trans-loading services offers a wide variety of inspection, testing, verification and certification services. USFGIS L.L.C. is committed to helping its customers to safeguard their businesses through its domestic and global operations. On a global level USFGIS L.L.C. operates through the GSA™ (Global Superintendence Alliance), a network of highly specialized inspection companies active in over 59 countries. With a broad mix of innovative products and services, USFGIS L.L.C. is the strategic partner trusted by businesses around the world. Learn more about USFGIS L.L.C. at [www.usfgis.com](http://www.usfgis.com). For more information, please contact Peter Legemaate, President & CEO at [peter.legemaate@usfgis.com](mailto:peter.legemaate@usfgis.com) or Jane Vogt, Vice President at [jane.vogt@usfgis.com](mailto:jane.vogt@usfgis.com)

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## About Twin Ports Testing LLC

**Twin Ports Testing** Twin Ports Testing (TPT) was founded in 1972 in Duluth, Minnesota, with the initial objective of testing pipeline welds and bends. Since then TPT has dramatically expanded their capabilities to include comprehensive nondestructive testing and nondestructive evaluation services as well as geotechnical engineering, construction materials testing, environmental consulting, industrial hygiene and industrial chemistry laboratory services. The expansion of TPT through the addition of these services has enabled their involvement in projects from the initial developmental stages through completion. The accuracy, reliability and cost-effectiveness of their services have earned TPT an excellent reputation. TPT firmly stands behind reliable results. TPT's reputation for reliability is anchored in state-of-the-art instrumentation, a staff of highly trained professionals, and a stringent system of quality assurance. Learn more about TPT at [www.twinportstesting.com](http://www.twinportstesting.com). For more information, please contact Ryan Malich, Business Development at [ryan.malich@twinportstesting.com](mailto:ryan.malich@twinportstesting.com)