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**AMERICAN ENERGY SYSTEMS EXPANDS TO ADDRESS
CONTINUED DEMAND FOR BIOMASS STOVES AND FURNACES**
Multiple locations considered as manufacturing partners continue to expand

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Intense consumer demand has prompted American Energy Systems of Hutchinson, MN to facilitate an immediate expansion of manufacturing operations. Sales of the popular Magnum Biomass/Corn-burning appliances have seen an increase of more than 500% over the last five years. Increased energy costs as well as the Hurricane Katrina disaster have recently contributed to a nation-wide peak in consumer interest.

“More and more homeowners are beginning to decide that dependence on foreign oil is no longer necessary” said Mike Haefner, president of American Energy Systems. “Some of our customers have chosen Magnum appliances simply because it feels good to heat with a renewable heat source grown here in the USA. Some choose our stoves because the appliances are environmentally friendly and contribute positively to decreasing the effects of global warming. *All* of our customers choose Magnum for the price-savings they see on their monthly heating bill”.

American Energy Systems began in 1973 in a small town in South Dakota. In 1984, the company moved to Hutchinson, MN – home of the current 34,000 square foot manufacturing facility. A 20,000 square foot expansion to the existing facility is currently under consideration, as well as multiple, varying, new locations. An extensive network of manufacturing partners continues to expand and grow.

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“Our company has consistently witnessed steady growth over the past 33 years,” stated Heafner. “The national media attention we received in 2005 from major media outlets such as CNBC, CBS News, NBC, The Wall Street Journal, and others has continued to propel nationwide interest in heating with renewable agri-fuels. We’re at a point now where homeowners are on a six month waiting list to get their appliance. We really don’t have an option other than to increase our manufacturing capacity”.

American Energy Systems leverages an employee base of more than 200 and sells through a nationwide network of more than 350 authorized dealers. For more information on purchasing an appliance, becoming a dealer, or additional information on the Magnum product line, please visit www.MagnumHeat.com.