

Template Version 2.09

Voluntary Report - public distribution

Date: 6/15/2007 GAIN Report Number: RP7035

Philippines

Bio-Fuels

Flexible Fuel Vehicle Engine Plant Inaugurated

2007

Approved by:

Emiko Purdy U.S. Embassy

Prepared by: Perfecto G. Corpuz

Report Highlights:

Ford Philippines recently opened the first Southeast Asian flexible fuel vehicle manufacturing plant in the Philippines. The plant's opening is expected to enhance and accelerate the adoption of bio-fuels in the country.

Includes PSD Changes: No Includes Trade Matrix: No Unscheduled Report Manila [RP1] [RP] Ford Philippines recently opened its first Southeast Asian flexible fuel vehicle (FFV) engine manufacturing plant in Sta. Rosa, Laguna. FFV engines are capable of running on a mix of up to 20 percent bio-ethanol and gasoline. At peak capacity, the facility reportedly can produce 80 FFV engines a day.

Production output of the Ford facility reportedly is estimated at 105,000 FFV engines in the next 5 years engines with some units intended for export to South Africa and other ASEAN countries. The Ford plant's opening is expected to enhance and accelerate the adoption of bio-fuels in the country.