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Lallemand Ethanol Technology welcomes new Technical Sales Representatives.

We would like to announce the hiring of two new technical sales representatives within the Lallemand Ethanol Technology team.

Francois van Zyl - Technical Sales Representative

Francois rejoined Lallemand Ethanol Technology in February 2009 as part of the Technical Sales Team. Francois is responsible for Sales and Technical Support in Illinois, Indiana and parts south. Francois will be located in Champaign, IL.

After his first run at LET, Francois decided to get back into the production side of the ethanol business and took a stint as the Production Manager at Patriot Renewable Fuels in Annawan, IL. He originally began working for Glacial Lakes Energy in Watertown, SD as a cook operator and has also been the Production Manager at Nedak Ethanol.

Before getting into the ethanol industry, Francois worked for Kynoch Fertilizer in South Africa after he completed his College education in Business Economics, he also studied Civil Engineering. Francois was the Facility (Depot) Manager at Kynoch Fertilizer close to Hopetown South Africa where his duties included stock, orders and distributing products. He also was involved in the startup of Anwill Agri Chemicals.

James (Jim) Ekenstedt - Technical Sales Representative

Jim joined LET in February 2009 as part of the Technical Sales Team. Jim is responsible for Sales and Technical Support primarily in Minnesota and Iowa. Jim will be located in Waseca, MN.

Jim's previous work experience started as a graduate research and teaching assistant at South Dakota State University from 2005-2008. During this time, he was also a Lab Technician at the VeraSun ethanol plant in Aurora, SD. In 2008, Jim was promoted to QA/QC Lab Manager at the still under construction VeraSun, Janesville plant and worked there until the plants closure due to bankruptcy.

Jim graduated with a BS in Microbiology in 2005 from South Dakota State University. He is pursuing a MS in Microbiology with an emphasis on Industrial Microbiology and will graduate in the spring of 2009.