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## Entire Portfolio of VBASE® Oils now USDA BioPreferred, NSF HX-1, and LuSC List

*Pendleton, SC* - VBASE<sup>®</sup> Oil Company announced today that **all** VBASE base oil viscosity grades (ISOVG 32-100) are now listed on the EU Ecolabel LuSC-list. All grades of VBASE oils already achieved USDA BioPreferred status indicating percentage of biocontent. In addition, all VBASE base oils have earned NSF HX-1 certification meaning they are suitable for use in lubricants for food contact applications. VBASE<sup>®</sup> is committed to offering only sustainable base oil products that comply with the stringent requirements of each of these programs so that customers can confidently include any VBASE base oil in their high performance environmentally acceptable lubricant (EAL) formulations.

**European Ecolabel's LuSC-List** (Lubricant Substance Classification list) identifies lubricants that have been verified as being environmentally friendly and meet the highest standards for performance and environmental protection. Lubricant formulators select LuSC-list approved components for their finished lubricant products in order to be considered Environmentally Acceptable Lubricants (EALs) and meet Vessel General Permit (VGP) and Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (VIDA) requirements. <u>LuSC-list</u>

**USDA BioPreferred label** certifies the biobased content, which is the portion of a product that comes from a renewable source. Using renewable, biobased materials displaces the need for non-renewable petroleum-based materials. <u>biopreferred.gov</u>

**NSF HX-1** status means that VBASE base oils are approved as a component in food grade lubricants intended for incidental food contact and for use in and around food processing areas (H1 lubricants). This is according to the International Registration Guidelines for Proprietary Substances and Nonfood Compounds. *nsf.org* 

"With the most recent addition of VBASE base oil grades to the EU Ecolabel LuSC-list, we are announcing our commitment to a VBASE product portfolio that is completely NSF HX-1, USDA BioPreferred, and LuSC list certified," said Jeff DiMaio, CEO of VBASE Oil Company. "By its very nature, lubrication increases sustainability by increasing efficiency, reducing waste, and lengthening the lifetime of equipment. With our technology, all this can be accomplished using biobased, biodegradable, and non-toxic lubricants. We are proud to provide oils that meet the performance needs of our customers but at the same time, reflect our foundational commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship."

Based on new Secondary Polyol Ester<sup>™</sup> technology, VBASE base oils provide exceptional hydrolytic stability, increased efficiency, and broad compatibility to enable the formulation of high-performance Environmentally Acceptable Lubricants (EALs) for use in a variety of industries. VBASE Oil Company's base oils and lubricants are biobased, readily biodegradable, non-toxic, and non-bioaccumulating.

"VBASE allows you to meet your sustainability goals without compromising performance," said Jeff DiMaio. "Our team is dedicated to helping our customers achieve their sustainability goals with our range of high performance, sustainable base oils."

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