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Pacific Ethanol to Participate in Two Upcoming Investor Conferences

SACRAMENTO, Calif., May 25, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- **Pacific Ethanol, Inc.** (NASDAQ:PEIX), a leading producer and marketer of low-carbon renewable fuels in the United States, announced management will participate in two investor conferences on May 31st.

- **Cowen and Company Sustainable Energy and Industrial Technology Forum** at the Lotte New York Palace Hotel in New York, NY. At 8:45 a.m. EDT, CEO Neil Koehler will participate in a panel discussion titled, "Rolling Up our Sleeves on Next Gen Chemicals," and he will host one-on-one meetings throughout the day.
- **14th Annual Craig-Hallum Institutional Investor Conference** at the Depot Renaissance Minneapolis Hotel in Minneapolis, MN. CFO Bryon McGregor will host investor meetings throughout the day.

Supporting management's attendance at these events, a copy of the company's most recent investor presentation will be available for download at www.pacificethanol.com.

About Pacific Ethanol, Inc.

Pacific Ethanol, Inc. (PEIX) is the leading producer and marketer of low-carbon renewable fuels in the Western United States. With the addition of four Midwestern ethanol plants in July 2015, Pacific Ethanol more than doubled the scale of its operations, entered new markets, and expanded its mission to advance its position as an industry leader in the production and marketing of low carbon renewable fuels. Pacific Ethanol owns and operates eight ethanol production facilities, four in the Western states of California, Oregon and Idaho, and four in the Midwestern states of Illinois and Nebraska. The plants have a combined production capacity of 515 million gallons per year, produce over one million tons per year of ethanol co-products – on a dry matter basis – such as wet and dry distillers grains, wet and dry corn gluten feed, condensed distillers solubles, corn gluten meal, corn germ, corn oil, distillers yeast and CO₂. Pacific Ethanol markets and distributes ethanol and co-products domestically and internationally. Pacific Ethanol's subsidiary, Kinergy Marketing LLC, markets all ethanol for Pacific Ethanol's plants as well as for third parties, approaching one billion gallons of ethanol marketed annually based on historical volumes. Pacific Ethanol's subsidiary, Pacific Ag. Products LLC, markets wet and dry distillers grains. For more information please visit www.pacificethanol.com.

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