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Pacific Ethanol to Participate in Two Upcoming Investor Conferences

SACRAMENTO, Calif., May 10, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- **Pacific Ethanol, Inc.** (NASDAQ:PEIX), a leading producer and marketer of low-carbon renewable fuels and high-quality alcohol products in the United States, announced it plans to present and conduct one-on-one meetings at two investment conferences during May.

- 19th Annual B. Riley FBR Investor Conference at the Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel in Santa Monica, CA on Wednesday, May 23rd. CFO Bryon McGregor is scheduled to participate in a fireside chat at 3:00 p.m. PT and host one-on-one meetings throughout the day. Investors may access a webcast by visiting Pacific Ethanol's website at www.pacificethanol.com.
- 15th Annual Craig-Hallum Institutional Investor Conference at the Depot Renaissance Minneapolis Hotel in Minneapolis, MN on May 30th. CEO Neil Koehler will host investor meetings throughout the day.

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

Interested parties may contact their representatives at the above firms to arrange meetings at the respective events.

About Pacific Ethanol, Inc.

Pacific Ethanol, Inc. (PEIX) is a leading producer and marketer of low-carbon renewable fuels and high-quality alcohol products in the United States. Pacific Ethanol owns and operates nine production facilities, four in the Western states of California, Oregon and Idaho, and five in the Midwestern states of Illinois and Nebraska. The plants have a combined production capacity of 605 million gallons per year, produce over three 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 fuel-grade ethanol, high-quality alcohol products and co-products domestically and internationally. Pacific Ethanol's subsidiary, Kinergy Marketing LLC, markets all ethanol and alcohol products 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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