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Zilkha Biomass commissions pellet mill in Dallas County, Alabama

Zilkha Biomass Energy and The Selma & Dallas County Economic Development Authority (The EDA) announced the opening of the Zilkha Biomass Selma pellet mill today and commemorated the event with a Ribbon Cutting ceremony. This new plant will manufacture the Zilkha Black® Pellet, which is a base load, renewable fuel that is conditioned to handle similarly to coal.

"We are very happy with our decision to make Dallas County the home of our new pellet mill. This area has an abundance of the sustainably managed natural resources required to run our mill in a way that can benefit the area environmentally and economically," said Zilkha Biomass Selma CEO Jack Holmes. "We are blessed to have had great partners in the The EDA, The Dallas County Commission, AIDT, and the local community in our efforts to develop this project."

Zilkha Biomass Selma has an annual production capacity of 275,000 metric tons. Located on the site of the former Dixie Pellets facility, the Zilkha plant is the largest producer of advanced pellets in the world.

"The EDA has worked with Zilkha Biomass for more than three years as they worked to begin operations in Dallas County," said EDA Executive Director Wayne Vardaman. "We

assisted Zilkha in working with the State of Alabama as well as the Dallas County Commission on road access issues, tax abatements, and environmental matters.”

Hundreds of construction jobs were created during Zilkha Biomass Selma’s development. The plant directly employs over 50 people and indirectly supports hundreds of jobs for Dallas County and the surrounding area. The plant is currently in commissioning, ramping up to full capacity.

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