Washington, DC- Congressman Steve King released the following statement after participating in the ground breaking of the CJ BIO America plant yesterday in Fort Dodge, Iowa. CJ BIO America will bring 170 jobs to Iowa by 2014.

Governor Terry Branstad, Lt Governor Kim Reynolds, Congressman Steve King, USDA Under Secretary for Rural Development Dallas Tonsager, Fort Dodge Growth Alliance Director Dennis Plautz, County Supervisor Keith Denlau at the groundbreaking ceremony

"Having worked six years to pass the South Korean Free Trade Agreement, I'm happy to see our relationships are paying dividends. It was part of the reason CJ BIO America decided to locate its first North American manufacturing plant in Iowa, and I'm pleased that this will give producers in the 5th district yet another outlet for their corn." said King. "The ethanol industry has always anticipated that Iowa ethanol facilities would be the hub for other value added companies to access co-products from and further process them into an ever expanding list of

products. These products add value to corn at least three times before it leaves the premises. A great business relationship has been forged between Cargill and CJ BIO America and I am grateful for the commitment both companies have to North West and North Central Iowa. This project is another great example of the benefits of Iowan ingenuity. The "over the fence" businesses are yet to come."

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