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Conversion of Peanut Oil into Jet and Diesel Fuels

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# About ARA, Inc.

- Founded 1979, Albuquerque, New Mexico
- 1,086 employee owners at locations in the U.S. and Canada
- FY15 sales over \$200 million



# **Business Areas**

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#### **National Security**

ARA delivers innovative solutions to assess, detect, deter, defeat, and respond to threats facing us at home and abroad.



#### Infrastructure

ARA leads in technologies and services to improve performance and sustainability of infrastructure for transportation, buildings, and energy systems.



#### **Energy & Environment**

ARA provides innovative engineering services and products for alternative fuels, and the power and utility services market.



#### **Health Solutions**

ARA provides specialized research and technology services, testing and product development in health science and engineering.



## **Process Background** Biofuels ISOCONVERSION Process

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Converts fats, oils, and greases from plants, animals, or algae into "drop-in" renewable fuels



# **Characteristic CH Conversion Reactions**



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- Cycloparaffins and Aromatics are formed
- Entire homologous series of isomers are formed
- Ring structures are conserved during hydrotreating
- Hydrogen is conserved by formation of ring structures

## **Conversion of Peanut Oil**

- Unsaturated FFAs are more reactive
  - High yield of cycloparaffins & aromatics
  - High density and energy content
  - Excellent low-temperature properties

Less Reactive						Mo Reac	re tive			
	16:0	18:0	20:0	22:0	18:1	20:1	22:1	18:2	18:3	

#### **Composition of Oil Received**

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Lipid	Concentration
Free Fatty Acid	0.6 %
Monoglyceride	0.1%
Diglycerides	7.7%
Triglycerides	91.7%

Fatty Acid	Mass %
16:0	11.1
18:0	2.8
18:1	51.8
18:2	27.0
20:0	1.3
20:1	1.4
22:0	3.0
22:1	0.2
24:0	1.4
unidentified	0.0





### Flow Diagram for CH & HCU Pilot Systems





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#### Hydrothermal Cleanup (HCU) Results Patent Pending

Achieves Rapid Hydrolysis

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- Production of free fatty acids and glycerin
- An effective alternative to chemical degumming/metals reduction

Parameter	Feed	Product
Specific Gravity (60°F)	0.9166	0.8854
Total Acid Number, mg KOH/g	4.8	173.6
Free Fatty Acids, wt%	0.1	93.0
Monoglycerides, wt%	0	4.4
Diglycerides, wt%	3.4	2.5
Triglycerides, wt%	96.5	0.1
Calcium, ppm	25.6	4.0
Magnesium, ppm	28.0	0.9
Phosphorus, ppm	146.7	2.4
Sodium, ppm	0.0	7.1
Potassium, ppm	67.5	2.8



## **Analysis of HCU Aqueous Phase**

- 70% of Glycerin partioned to the aqueous phase
- High-purity glycerin and water can be recovered by distillation

Test Parameter	Result
Total Acid Number, mg KOH/g	0.8
Specific Gravity	1.0314
Refractive Index	1.3489
Glycerin by RI, wt%	13.5%
Glycerin by GC, wt%	12.9%



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### **CH Crude Oil Production and Properties**

CH Production Test		Peanut Oil
Specific Gravity of Feed Oil	g/cc	0.8854
Specific Gravity of CH crude product	g/cc	0.8528
Approximate Actual Residence Time	sec	8-12
Conversion to <c16 ffas<="" th=""><th>wt%</th><th>76</th></c16>	wt%	76
Off-Gas Production Rate	scfb	379
Off-gas yield	wt%	12
Organic acids in Aqueous Phase	wt%	3
CH Crude Product Yield	wt%	85
CH crude Product Acid Number	mg KOH/g	153



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#### **Gas Chromatogram of Whole Hydrotreated Product**

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Distill	ation	Resu	lts

	Temperature Range	Volume % Yield	Mass % Yield
	20 - 74°C	10.4	9.2
	74 - 135°C	19.6	18.2
	135 - 140°C	1.2	1.1
	140 - 145°C	1.4	1.3
	145 - 166°C	5.5	5.5
	166 - 249°C	21.5	22.3
	249 - 260°C	2.4	2.6
	260 - 343°C	25.2	26.7
	343 - 371°C	3.7	4.1
	371+°C	solid	5.9
	Column Hold Up	-	3.2
	Naphtha (20 - 135°C)	30.0	27.4
	Jet A-1 (135 – 260°C)	32.0	32.8
	JP-5 (166 - 249°C)	27.0	27.8
	Diesel (140 - 371°C)	59.7	62.5
<b>ARA</b>	F-76 Diesel (166 - 343°C)	49.1	51.6



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#### **Jet Fuel Properties**

	Jet A-1 (135 - 260°C)		JP-5 (160	6 - 249°C)
	Measured	Spec	Measured	Spec
Specific Gravity, g/cc	0.798	0.775-0.840	0.807	0.788 – 0.845
Cetane Index	42.7		42.2	>42**
Total Acid Number, mg KOH/g	0.008	≤ <b>0.015</b> *	0.008	≤ 0.015
Flash Point (°C)	42	≥ 38	61	≥ 60.0
Freeze Point (°C)	-51	≤ -47	-47	≤ -46
Aromatic content, vol% est.	12-18	8.4-26.5*	12-18	8.4-25**
Distillation, ASTM D86 (°C)				
IBP: 0.5wt%	152		187	
10%	164	≤ 205	190	≤ 205
50%	194		201	
90%	230		225	
FBP: 99.5%	247	≤ 300	239	≤ 300
Distillation Slope				
T50-T10	30	>15*	11	>10**
T90-T10	66	>40*	35	>28**



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### **Diesel Fuel Properties**

	No. 2 Diesel (140 - 371°C)		F-76 Diesel	(166 - 343°C)
	Measured	Spec	Measured	Spec
Specific Gravity, g/cc	0.813		0.817	≤0.876
Cetane Index	55.9	≥ 40	56.5	42-60*
Total Acid Number mg KOH/g	0.010		0.008	<b>≤ 0.15</b> *
Flash Point (°C)	54	≥ 52	74	≥ 60.0
Cloud Point (°C)	-10		-9	≤ -1
Pour Point (°C)	-9		-9	≤ -6
Viscosity, cSt (@40°C)	2.03	1.9 – 4.1	2.2	1.7 – 4.3
Distillation, ASTM D86 (°C)				
IBP: 0.5wt%	165		190	
10%	183		203	191-290
50%	249		257	
90%	313	282 - 338	300	285-357*
FBP: 99.5%	337		314	295-385*
Distillation Slope				
Т50-Т10			54	≥ 15*
Т90-Т10			97	≥ 35*



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#### Diesel #2





## **Summary of Peanut Oil Testing**

- Peanut oil is an excellent feed stock for conversion to transportation fuels via the ARA-CLG BIC Process
  - Drop-in, unblended jet and diesel fuels can be produced
  - Fuels meet existing petroleum specifications
  - Jet fuel will meet Navy and commercial specifications for renewable fuels
- Production of valuable byproducts improves economics
  - Glycerin (propylene glycol precursor)
  - Normal (straight-chain) paraffins
    - For making detergents (linear alkyl benzene)
  - Renewable acetic acid

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- Sensitivity regarding food vs fuel issue
  - Must define available sources as non-edible
- Commercial production of fuels requires sustainable, consistent supply
  - Need to be integrated with other renewable oil sources



# Production of Certification Fuels for DLA-Navy

#### 100% Drop-in, Unblended

	JP-5 (CHCJ-5) 60°C Flash Jet	F-76 (CHCD-76) 60°C Flash Diesel	Gallons Total
U. S. Navy (DLA)	72,000	79,000	151,000
Other*	9,000		9,000
Total	81,000	79,000	160,000

- CH crude oil produced in St Joseph, Missouri
  - 100 barrel-per-day pilot demonstration facility
- Hydrotreating and distillation of jet and diesel fuels
  - Performed by Centauri Pasadena, TX
- ASTM certification of commercial jet fuel is on-going
- Commercial diesel registration

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#### 100 bbl/day CH Conversion System – St Joe, MO

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## Centauri Refinery – Pasadena, Texas





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# Commercialization Activities Several licensees of the technology

- Pursuing multiple commercialization efforts up to 5000 bbl/day
- One commercial system is in preliminary engineering
  - Scheduled to begin construction this year





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