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Firm embarks on RE projects

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US-REGISTERED FIRM CLENERGEN CORP is putting up in the country facilities that will produce renewable fuels from biomass materials like wood chips, which it also plans to use to provide electricity in rural and off-grid areas in the country.

The company is likewise planning to establish tree plantations that will become the major source of wood for processing to wood chips and conversion into renewable fuels.

In a briefing yesterday, Clenergem CEO Mark LM Quinn said the country has the right climate conditions and available land to grow the trees needed for the production of the wood chips.

"The future implications of this technology offer a sustainable source of renewable power for both the consumer and captive end-users," Quinn said.

Quinn said the company was planning to convert wood into several products such as

wood chips for planned biomass power plants; pellets or liquid fuels for co-firing with coal or downstream processing to pyrolysis oil, and hydrocarbon fuel for the production of renewable diesel, jet fuel and gasoline.

These products, he added, could be produced for both domestic distribution and export to industrialized nations.

In a particular, Clenergem is eyeing to forge agreements with companies based in Japan, Korea and Africa for the supply of renewable fuel from wood chips. Earnings from these agreements are expected to help fund its planned power plant projects in the Philippines, he added.

So far, Clenergem has signed agreements with state-run National Power Corp. and the Romblon State University.

Signed last year, the agreement with Napocor called for the establishment of biomass power projects for the state-owned firm's Small Power Utilities Group (Spug).