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## Ottawa gas station first to sell fuel made from straw

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OTTAWA - Royal Dutch Shell, Europe's largest oil company, says a gas station in Ottawa will be the first in the world to fill tanks with gasoline that contains an advanced biofuel made from wheat straw.

The oil company and Ottawa-based Iogen Energy Corp. are partners in a plant that produces 40,000 litres a month of cellulosic ethanol from the non-food portions of plants. Unlike other biofuels, this fuel does not compete with food sources for land, its backers say.

Shell and government officials including Transport Minister John Baird were scheduled to launch the fuel Wednesday at the Shell station at 1548 Merivale Road, Ottawa. ([Click here for map](#)) According to reports, the fuel will be a blend of regular gas and 10% cellulosic ethanol.

The federal government has mandated that all gasoline sold in Canada contain 5% renewable fuels by 2010 and diesel contain 2% by 2012.

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