

Vertex Energy, Inc. Will Present at the Craig-Hallum 3rd Annual Alpha Select Conference on September 27, 2012 in New York

Houston, TX - September 24, 2012 Vertex Energy, Inc. (OTC BB: [VTNR](#)), a leader in the collection, aggregation, re-refining and processing of distressed petroleum streams, will present at the Craig-Hallum 3rd Annual Alpha Select Conference. The conference will be held at the Sentry Centers in New York City on September 27, 2012.

Benjamin Cowart, Chairman and CEO of Vertex Energy, Inc., will deliver the presentation on Thursday, September 27, 2012 at 9:20 a.m. Eastern time in the Bryant Park room on the 18th floor. The presentation will be webcast live and can be accessed at the following link:

<http://wsw.com/webcast/ch2/vtnr>

About Vertex Energy, Inc.

Vertex Energy, Inc. (OTC BB: [VTNR](#)) is a leader in the collection, aggregation, re-refining and processing of distressed petroleum streams, such as used oil, transmix, fuel oils and off-specification commercial chemical products, thereby reducing the United States' reliance on foreign crude oil. Vertex Energy's focus, as a participant in the alternative energy and environmentally friendly investment sectors, is on creating increased value in the products it manages. It utilizes a variety of strategies and technologies that facilitate the re-refining of used oil and off-specification commercial chemical products into higher value commodities. By creating higher value products from distressed hydrocarbon streams, the Company is positioned to produce both financial and environmental benefits. Vertex Energy is based in Houston, Texas with offices in Georgia and California. More information on the Company can be found on the Company's website at www.vertexenergy.com, and in documents filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, on the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov.

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