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Mumbai: Global biofuels technology company Praj Industries on Monday said it has recently commissioned the UK's first bioethanol plant for British Sugar at Wissington, Norfolk. The plant will produce 70 million litres fuel grade ethanol from beet sugar syrup. "We are very pleased to work with British Sugar. Not only is it their first ethanol plant, but it is also the UK's very first ethanol plant," Praj's CEO and Managing Director, Shashank Inamdar said in a statement. British Sugar's Group Development Director, Karl Carter, said, "British Sugar selected Praj based on their cost competitiveness, expertise in sugar ethanol plants and progressive approach to R&D. Praj has delivered to the design standards required for the UK manufacturing." PTI

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British Sugar is part of the £6-billion Associated British Foods (ABF). ABF had recently entered into an agreement with BP and DuPont to build a wheat-based biofuel plant in the UK. ABF will hold 45 per cent of the joint venture.

Praj Technology has been selected for the project, while its partner Aker Kvaerner is currently carrying out Front End Engineering & Design (FEED) assignment for this project. He noted that the Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation (RTFO) is due to become the UK's primary mechanism to develop a market for transporting biofuels and delivering the objectives of the Biofuel Directive.

The RTFO would require suppliers to ensure that a proportion of the road fuel they supply in the UK comes from renewable sources. The UK Government is due to introduce the RTFO in April 2008, which will also require suppliers to report against environmental and sustainability measures such as 'reduction in emissions of GHG, e.g. carbon', he added.