TRADEMARK ASSIGNMENT

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SUBMISSION TYPE:	NEW ASSIGNMENT
NATURE OF CONVEYANCE:	Trademark Security Agreement

CONVEYING PARTY DATA

Name	Formerly	Execution Date	Entity Type
AVENTINE RENEWABLE ENERGY HOLDINGS, INC.		07/20/2011	CORPORATION: DELAWARE
AVENTINE RENEWABLE ENERGY, INC.		07/20/2011	CORPORATION: DELAWARE
NEBRASKA ENERGY, L.L.C.		07/20/2011	LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: KANSAS
AVENTINE RENEWABLE ENERGY - AURORA WEST, LLC		07/20/2011	LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: DELAWARE
AVENTINE RENEWABLE ENERGY - MT VERNON, LLC		07/20/2011	LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: DELAWARE
AVENTINE RENEWABLE ENERGY - CANTON, LLC		07/20/2011	LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: DELAWARE
AVENTINE POWER, LLC		07/20/2011	LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: DELAWARE

RECEIVING PARTY DATA

Name:	WELLS FARGO CAPITAL FINANCE, LLC, as Agent
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City:	Santa Monica
State/Country:	CALIFORNIA
Postal Code:	90404
Entity Type:	LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY: DELAWARE

PROPERTY NUMBERS Total: 5

Property Type	Number	Word Mark
Registration Number:	3857196	AVENTINE RENEWABLE ENERGY
Registration Number:	2954378	AVENTINE RENEWABLE ENERGY, INC.
Registration Number:	2928195	AVENTINE
Registration Number:	2937415	AVENTINE
		PROVIDING CLEAN, RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR THE TRADEMARK

REEL: 004591 FRAME: 0283

Registration Number: | 3428803 | WORLD

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Date:	07/26/2011

Total Attachments: 7

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TRADEMARK SECURITY AGREEMENT

This **TRADEMARK SECURITY AGREEMENT** (this "<u>Trademark Security Agreement</u>") is made this 20th day of July, 2011, by and among Grantors listed on the signature pages hereof (collectively, jointly and severally, "<u>Grantors</u>" and each individually "<u>Grantor</u>"), and **WELLS FARGO CAPITAL FINANCE, LLC**, a Delaware limited liability company, in its capacity as agent for the Lender Group and the Bank Product Providers (in such capacity, together with its successors and assigns in such capacity, "<u>Agent</u>").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, pursuant to that certain Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of July 20, 2011 (as amended, restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Credit Agreement") by and among AVENTINE RENEWABLE ENERGY HOLDINGS, INC., a Delaware corporation ("Parent"), AVENTINE RENEWABLE ENERGY, INC., a Delaware limited liability company ("ARE-AW"), AVENTINE RENEWABLE ENERGY – MT VERNON, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("ARE-MT"), AVENTINE RENEWABLE ENERGY – MT VERNON, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("ARE-MT"), AVENTINE RENEWABLE ENERGY – CANTON, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("ARE-C"), AVENTINE POWER, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Power"), and NEBRASKA ENERGY, L.L.C., a Kansas limited liability company ("Nebraska"; together with Parent, AREI, ARE-AW, ARE-MT, ARE-C and Power, are referred to herein each individually as a "Borrower", and individually and collectively, jointly and severally, as "Borrowers"), the lenders party thereto as "Lenders" (such Lenders, together with their respective successors and assigns in such capacity, each, individually, a "Lender" and, collectively, the "Lenders"), and Agent, the Lender Group has agreed to make certain financial accommodations available to Borrowers from time to time pursuant to the terms and conditions thereof; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Lender Group and the Bank Product Providers are willing to make the financial accommodations to Borrowers as provided for in the Credit Agreement, the other Loan Documents and the Bank Product Agreements, but only upon the condition, among others, that Grantors shall have executed and delivered to Agent, for the benefit of Lender Group and the Bank Product Providers, that certain Amended and Restated Guaranty and Security Agreement, dated as of July 20, 2011 (including all annexes, exhibits or schedules thereto, as from time to time amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified, the "Guaranty and Security Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Guaranty and Security Agreement, Grantors are required to execute and deliver to Agent, for the benefit of Lender Group and the Bank Product Providers, this Trademark Security Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and mutual covenants herein contained and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, each Grantor hereby agrees as follows:

- 1. <u>DEFINED TERMS</u>. All initially capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings given to them in the Guaranty and Security Agreement or, if not defined therein, in the Credit Agreement.
- 2. GRANT OF SECURITY INTEREST IN TRADEMARK COLLATERAL. Each Grantor hereby unconditionally grants, assigns, and pledges to Agent, for the benefit each member of the Lender Group and each of the Bank Product Providers, to secure the Secured Obligations, a continuing security interest (referred to in this Trademark Security Agreement as the "Security Interest") in all of such Grantor's right, title and interest in and to the following, whether now owned or hereafter acquired or arising (collectively, the "Trademark Collateral"):

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- (a) all of its Trademarks and Trademark Intellectual Property Licenses to which it is a party including those referred to on Schedule I;
- (b) all goodwill of the business connected with the use of, and symbolized by, each Trademark and each Trademark Intellectual Property License; and
- (c) all products and proceeds (as that term is defined in the Code) of the foregoing, including any claim by such Grantor against third parties for past, present or future (i) infringement or dilution of any Trademark or any Trademarks exclusively licensed under any Intellectual Property License, including right to receive any damages, (ii) injury to the goodwill associated with any Trademark, or (iii) right to receive license fees, royalties, and other compensation under any Trademark Intellectual Property License.
- 3. <u>SECURITY FOR SECURED OBLIGATIONS</u>. This Trademark Security Agreement and the Security Interest created hereby secures the payment and performance of the Secured Obligations, whether now existing or arising hereafter. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this Trademark Security Agreement secures the payment of all amounts which constitute part of the Secured Obligations and would be owed by Grantors, or any of them, to Agent, the other members of the Lender Group, the Bank Product Providers or any of them, whether or not they are unenforceable or not allowable due to the existence of an Insolvency Proceeding involving any Grantor.
- 4. <u>SECURITY AGREEMENT</u>. The Security Interest granted pursuant to this Trademark Security Agreement is granted in conjunction with the security interests granted to Agent, for the benefit of the Lender Group and the Bank Product Providers, pursuant to the Guaranty and Security Agreement. Each Grantor hereby acknowledges and affirms that the rights and remedies of Agent with respect to the Security Interest in the Trademark Collateral made and granted hereby are more fully set forth in the Guaranty and Security Agreement, the terms and provisions of which are incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth herein. To the extent there is any inconsistency between this Trademark Security Agreement and the Guaranty and Security Agreement, the Guaranty and Security Agreement shall control.
- 5. <u>AUTHORIZATION TO SUPPLEMENT</u>. If any Grantor shall obtain rights to any new trademarks, the provisions of this Trademark Security Agreement shall automatically apply thereto. Grantors shall give prompt notice in writing to Agent with respect to any such new trademarks or renewal or extension of any trademark registration. Without limiting Grantors' obligations under this Section, Grantors hereby authorize Agent unilaterally to modify this Trademark Security Agreement by amending <u>Schedule I</u> to include any such new trademark rights of each Grantor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no failure to so modify this Trademark Security Agreement or amend <u>Schedule I</u> shall in any way affect, invalidate or detract from Agent's continuing security interest in all Collateral, whether or not listed on <u>Schedule I</u>.
- 6. <u>COUNTERPARTS</u>. This Trademark Security Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by different parties on separate counterparts, each of which, when executed and delivered, shall be deemed to be an original, and all of which, when taken together, shall constitute but one and the same Trademark Security Agreement. Delivery of an executed counterpart of this Trademark Security Agreement by telefacsimile or other electronic method of transmission shall be equally as effective as delivery of an original executed counterpart of this Trademark Security Agreement. Any party delivering an executed counterpart of this Trademark Security Agreement by telefacsimile or other electronic method of transmission also shall deliver an original executed counterpart of this Trademark Security Agreement but the failure to deliver an original executed counterpart shall not affect the validity, enforceability, and binding effect of this Trademark Security Agreement.
- 7. <u>CONSTRUCTION</u>. This Trademark Security Agreement is a Loan Document. Unless the context of this Trademark Security Agreement clearly requires otherwise, references to the plural include the singular, references to the singular include the plural, the terms "includes" and "including" are not limiting, and the term "or" has, except where otherwise indicated, the inclusive meaning represented by the phrase

"and/or". The words "hereof", "herein", "hereby", "hereunder," and similar terms in this Trademark Security Agreement refer to this Trademark Security Agreement as a whole and not to any particular provision of this Trademark Security Agreement. Section, subsection, clause, schedule, and exhibit references herein are to this Trademark Security Agreement unless otherwise specified. Any reference in this Trademark Security Agreement to any agreement, instrument, or document shall include all alterations, amendments, changes, extensions, modifications, renewals, replacements, substitutions, joinders, and supplements, thereto and thereof, as applicable (subject to any restrictions on such alterations, amendments, changes, extensions, modifications, renewals, replacements, substitutions, joinders, and supplements set forth herein or in the Credit Agreement). The words "asset" and "property" shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect and to refer to any and all tangible and intangible assets and properties. Any reference herein to the satisfaction, repayment, or payment in full of the Secured Obligations shall mean (a) the payment or repayment in full in immediately available funds of (i) the principal amount of, and interest accrued with respect to, all outstanding Loans, together with the payment of any premium applicable to the repayment of the Loans, (ii) all Lender Group Expenses that have accrued regardless of whether demand has been made therefor, (iii) all fees or charges that have accrued hereunder or under any other Loan Document (including the Letter of Credit Fee and the Unused Line Fee), (b) in the case of contingent reimbursement obligations with respect to Letters of Credit, providing Letter of Credit Collateralization, (c) in the case of obligations with respect to Bank Products (other than Hedge Obligations), providing Bank Product Collateralization, (d) the receipt by Agent of cash collateral in order to secure any other contingent Obligations for which a claim or demand for payment has been made at such time or in respect of matters or circumstances known to Agent or a Lender at the time that are reasonably expected to result in any loss, cost, damage or expense (including attorneys fees and legal expenses), such cash collateral to be in such amount as Agent reasonably determines is appropriate to secure such contingent Obligations, (e) the payment or repayment in full in immediately available funds of all other Obligations (including the payment of any termination amount then applicable (or which would or could become applicable as a result of the repayment of the other Obligations) under Hedge Agreements provided by Hedge Providers) other than (i) unasserted contingent indemnification Obligations, (ii) any Bank Product Obligations (other than Hedge Obligations) that, at such time, are allowed by the applicable Bank Product Provider to remain outstanding without being required to be repaid or cash collateralized, and (iii) any Hedge Obligations that, at such time, are allowed by the applicable Hedge Provider to remain outstanding without being required to be repaid, and (f) the termination of all of the Commitments of the Lenders. Any reference herein to any Person shall be construed to include such Person's successors and assigns. Any requirement of a writing contained herein shall be satisfied by the transmission of a Record.

- 8. THE VALIDITY OF THIS TRADEMARK SECURITY AGREEMENT, THE CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION, AND ENFORCEMENT HEREOF, THE RIGHTS OF THE PARTIES HERETO WITH RESPECT TO ALL MATTERS ARISING HEREUNDER OR RELATED HERETO, AND ANY CLAIMS, CONTROVERSIES OR DISPUTES ARISING HEREUNDER OR RELATED HERETO SHALL BE DETERMINED UNDER, GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.
- 9. THE PARTIES AGREE THAT ALL ACTIONS OR PROCEEDINGS ARISING IN CONNECTION WITH THIS TRADEMARK SECURITY AGREEMENT SHALL BE TRIED AND LITIGATED ONLY IN THE STATE AND, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, FEDERAL COURTS LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA; PROVIDED, THAT ANY SUIT SEEKING ENFORCEMENT AGAINST ANY COLLATERAL OR OTHER PROPERTY MAY BE BROUGHT, AT AGENT'S OPTION, IN THE COURTS OF ANY JURISDICTION WHERE AGENT ELECTS TO BRING SUCH ACTION OR WHERE SUCH COLLATERAL OR OTHER PROPERTY MAY BE FOUND. EACH GRANTOR AND AGENT WAIVE, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED UNDER APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT EACH MAY HAVE TO ASSERT THE DOCTRINE OF FORUM NON CONVENIENS OR TO OBJECT TO VENUE TO THE EXTENT ANY PROCEEDING IS BROUGHT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION 9.

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- 10. TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, EACH GRANTOR AND AGENT HEREBY WAIVE THEIR RESPECTIVE RIGHTS, IF ANY, TO A JURY TRIAL OF ANY CLAIM OR CAUSE OF ACTION BASED UPON OR ARISING OUT OF THIS TRADEMARK SECURITY AGREEMENT OR ANY OF THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREIN, INCLUDING CONTRACT CLAIMS, TORT CLAIMS, BREACH OF DUTY CLAIMS, AND ALL OTHER COMMON LAW OR STATUTORY CLAIMS. EACH GRANTOR AND AGENT REPRESENT THAT EACH HAS REVIEWED THIS WAIVER AND EACH KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY WAIVES ITS JURY TRIAL RIGHTS FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL. IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, A COPY OF THIS TRADEMARK SECURITY AGREEMENT MAY BE FILED AS A WRITTEN CONSENT TO A TRIAL BY THE COURT.
- 11. EACH GRANTOR HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY SUBMITS TO THE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE AND FEDERAL COURTS LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS TRADEMARK SECURITY AGREEMENT, OR FOR RECOGNITION OR ENFORCEMENT OF ANY JUDGMENT. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO AGREES THAT A FINAL JUDGMENT IN ANY SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING SHALL BE CONCLUSIVE AND MAY BE ENFORCED IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS BY SUIT ON THE JUDGMENT OR IN ANY OTHER MANNER PROVIDED BY LAW. NOTHING IN THIS TRADEMARK SECURITY AGREEMENT SHALL AFFECT ANY RIGHT THAT AGENT MAY OTHERWISE HAVE TO BRING ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS TRADEMARK SECURITY AGREEMENT AGAINST ANY GRANTOR OR ITS PROPERTIES IN THE COURTS OF ANY JURISDICTION.
- 12. NO CLAIM MAY BE MADE BY ANY GRANTOR AGAINST AGENT, ANY OTHER MEMBER OF THE LENDER GROUP, ANY BANK PRODUCT PROVIDER, OR ANY AFFILIATE, DIRECTOR, OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, COUNSEL, REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT, OR ATTORNEY-INFACT OF ANY OF THEM FOR ANY SPECIAL, INDIRECT, CONSEQUENTIAL, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES IN RESPECT OF ANY CLAIM FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT OR ANY OTHER THEORY OF LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THIS TRADEMARK SECURITY AGREEMENT, OR ANY ACT, OMISSION, OR EVENT OCCURRING IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND EACH GRANTOR HEREBY WAIVES, RELEASES, AND AGREES NOT TO SUE UPON ANY CLAIM FOR SUCH DAMAGES, WHETHER OR NOT ACCRUED AND WHETHER OR NOT KNOWN OR SUSPECTED TO EXIST IN ITS FAVOR.
- 13. <u>Intercreditor Legend</u>. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the lien and security interest granted to Agent, for the ratable benefit of the Lender Group and the Bank Product Providers, pursuant to this Agreement and the exercise of any right or remedy by the Agent and the other members of the Lender Group and the Bank Product Providers hereunder with respect to the Term Loan Primary Collateral (as such term is defined in the Intercreditor Agreement), are subject to the provisions of the Intercreditor Agreement. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the provisions of the Intercreditor Agreement and this Agreement with respect to the Term Loan Primary Collateral, the provisions of the Intercreditor Agreement shall control

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IN WITNESS WORKEREADE, the parties hereto have caused this Trademark Security Agreement to be executed and delivered as of the day and year first above written.

GRANTORS:

AVENTINE RENEWABLE ENERGY HOLDINGS, INC.,

a Delaware corporation

By: <u>///////</u> Name:/John-W. Castle

Title: Chief Financial Officer

AVENTINE RENEWABLE ENERGY, INC.,

a Delaware corporation

NEBRASKA ENERGY, L.L.C.,

a Kansas limited liability company

Name: John W. Castle

Title: Vice President of Finance

AVENTINE RENEWABLE ENERGY - AURORA WEST, LLC.

a Delaware limited liability company

AVENTINE RENEWABLE ENERGY - MT VERNON, LLC,

a Delaware limited liability company

AVENTINE RENEWABLE ENERGY - CANTON, LLC.

a Delaware limited liability company

AVENTINE POWER, LLC.

a Delaware limited liability company

Name: John W. Castle

Title: Vice President

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ACCEPTED AND ACKNOWLEDGED BY:

AGENT:

WELLS FARGO CAPITAL FINANCE, LLC,

a Delaware limited liability company

Name: Samantha Alexander

Title: Director

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Trademark Registrations/Applications

Grantor	Country	Mark	Application/ Registration No.	Registration Date
Parent	USA	"Aventine Renewable Energy and design"	3,857,196	10/5/2010
AREI	USA	"Aventine Renewable Energy, Inc. and design"	2,954,378	5/24/2005
AREI	USA	"Aventine"	2,928,195	2/22/2005
AREI	USA	"Aventine and design"	2,937,415	4/5/2005
AREI	USA	"Providing clean, renewable energy for the world"	3,428,803	5/13/2008

Trade Names

None.

Common Law Trademarks

Grantor	Mark
Parent	Riverland Biofuels
Parent	Riverland Biofuels logo

Trademarks Not Currently In Use

None.

Trademark Licenses

None.

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