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Energy and Clean Tech Connections

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In the March edition of Mintz Levin's *Energy and Clean Tech Connections*, we've gathered recent information from a wide variety of sources in an effort to keep you abreast of what's new in the world of clean tech. We draw your attention to the latest industry developments, news from Capitol Hill, grant opportunities, and upcoming events. Mintz Levin's Energy and Clean Tech Practice Group would like to congratulate Mascoma Corp. on recently raising \$50 million in Series C financing. Additionally, we would like to applaud the continued progress of our client, GreatPoint Energy, in the development of its pilot-scale coal-gasification plant and R&D center at Dominion's Brayton Point Power Station in Somerset, Massachusetts. We hope you enjoy this month's edition of the newsletter.

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Suntech Announces \$425 Million Offering

RenewableEnergyWorld.com - March 12, 2008

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Coskata Collects \$19.5 Million for Cellulosic Ethanol

Greentech Media - March 12, 2008

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Funding Roundup: Busiest Firms, Lucrative Tech, and Increasing Cash

Greentech Media - March 10, 2008

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EOS Ventures Is Launched

RenewableEnergyWorld.com - March 10, 2008

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GE and Invenergy Sign \$1 Billion Deal

RenewableEnergyWorld.com - March 7, 2008

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Solar Millennium Raises \$78 Million

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Asola Awarded \$135 Million Solar Contract

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Think Global to Bring Electric Crossover to U.S.

Greentech Media - March 6, 2008

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UPC Wind Finalizes Deals with SCIDA

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Funding Roundup: VCs Play the Field

Greentech Media - March 3, 2008

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Tetra Tech Signs \$150 Million in Deals

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PureSense Soaks Up \$4.5M

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Hedge Fund Picks: Solar, Energy Storage, Water ... and Biofuels

Greentech Media - February 27, 2008

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Wal-Mart Seeks Green Ideas

Greentech Media - February 26, 2008

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Federal and State Happenings

U.S. Department of Energy to Invest up to \$13.7 Million for Breakthrough Solar Energy Projects

Press Release, U.S. Department of Energy - March 12, 2008

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Bush Calls on Congress to Support Global Cleantech Fund

RenewableEnergyWorld.com - March 6, 2008

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Energy Department–Electric Power Research Institute Cooperation to Increase Energy Efficiency

Press Release, U.S. Department of Energy - March 6, 2008

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USDA, DOE to Invest up to \$18.4 million for Biomass Research, Development, and Demonstration Projects

Press Release, U.S. Department of Energy - March 4, 2008

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Will U.S. Policy Drive Green-Car Tech Away?

Greentech Media - March 3, 2008

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DOE Selects Novozymes for Ethanol Project

RenewableEnergyWorld.com - February 29, 2008

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House Passes Renewable Tax Credit Bill

RenewableEnergyWorld.com - February 28, 2008

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U.S. Department of Energy Selects Venture Capital Firms to Accelerate Adoption of Advanced Energy Technologies

Press Release, U.S. Department of Energy - February 27, 2008

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U.S. Department of Energy to Invest up to \$33.8 Million to Further Development of Commercially Viable Renewable Fuels

Press Release, U.S. Department of Energy - February 26, 2008

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Department of Energy Selects Winner of Wind Cooperative of the Year Award

Press Release, U.S. Department of Energy - February 25, 2008

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U.S. Department of Energy and SuperPower, Inc. Increase Energy Efficiency in the Nation's Electric Grid

Press Release, U.S. Department of Energy - February 21, 2008

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Legal News

Mintz Levin Continues Expansion of West Coast Corporate Practice

Press Release, Mintz Levin - March 11, 2008

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Addressing Vapor Intrusion

A New Standard for Environmental Due Diligence

Environmental Advisory, Mintz Levin - March 3, 2008

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Mintz Levin Ranked Among Top 20 Law Firms in 2007 IPOs, with Nearly \$1 Billion in Offerings

Press Release, Mintz Levin - February 11, 2008

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Grants

The Renewable Fuels Foundation Offering Its First Grants for Ethanol Production

The Renewable Fuels Foundation (RFF) Board of Directors funds those research projects that have clear goals and measurable outcomes with benchmarks that will advance the science of ethanol production. While sound research should be the basis for all grant applications, the RFF will only support projects that directly enhance domestic production of ethanol and the efficient use of co-products. One grant will be awarded for \$150,000, of which \$75,000 will be made available over two years. Viable projects may qualify for continued funding past this time frame.

Research project proposals must have a national implication, not local. The RFF prefers to fund national model projects, thereby making a bigger impact to the U.S. ethanol market.

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SEED 2007

Call for Renewable Energy Company Applicants

The Massachusetts Technology Collaborative

The Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, a quasi-state agency, established the Sustainable Energy Economic Development (SEED) initiative to support growth and commercialization of renewable energy technologies in Massachusetts. SEED provides direct and flexible capital to early-stage companies for new renewable energy related product development and facilitates companies in gaining access to private capital. The award amount will be up to \$500,000 per company per 12-month

period, up to two awards per Massachusetts company, and SEED is accepting applications on an open enrollment basis.

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Business Expansion Initiative

Business Expansion Initiative (BEI) supports the development and expansion of the production capacity of renewable energy technology firms in Massachusetts. BEI provides secured debt capital to expansion-stage companies for new renewable energy product design and manufacturing financing. BEI loans may only be made to companies located within Massachusetts.

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Predevelopment Financing Initiative

The Massachusetts Technology Collaborative

The Massachusetts Technology Collaborative Board of Directors has approved this round of the Clean Energy Predevelopment Financing Initiative in an effort to support the development of grid-connected renewable energy generating facilities in New England. As of October 1, 2005, \$1,574,934 has been committed to projects supported by this solicitation. Two types of funding are available under this solicitation: funding for feasibility studies and funding for pre-development activities (e.g., facility design, environmental studies, permitting, and similar activities). Funding for feasibility studies is available only to public instrumentalities and private nonprofit organizations, and takes the form of grants of up to \$50,000 to public instrumentalities, and unsecured loans of up to \$50,000 to nonprofit organizations. Funding for predevelopment activities is available to public instrumentalities, private nonprofit organizations and private for-profit corporations or partnerships, and takes the form of an unsecured loan of up to \$250,000 for wind and biomass projects, or up to \$150,000 for other types of renewable energy projects.

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Events

Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Workforce Conference 2008

A National Conference for Educators and Teachers

March 18–20, 2008
Hudson Valley Community College
Troy, New York

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Clean Tech Innovation & Growth Forum 2008

March 19, 2008
Conference Center
International Association of Nanotechnology
San Jose, California

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2008 Entrepreneurial Energy Expo at Babson College

March 27, 2008
F.W. Olin Graduate School of Business, Babson College
Babson Park, Massachusetts

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Biodiversity & Ecosystem Finance Conference

March 27–28, 2008
Park Central Hotel
New York, New York
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4th China International Solar PV Exhibition

March 31–April 3, 2008
Shanghai, China
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European Wind Energy Conference & Exhibition 2008

March 31–April 3, 2008
Brussels Expo, Belgium
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The Wall Street Green Trading Summit

April 2–3, 2008
The New York Times Building
New York, New York
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Fourth Annual Biofuels Americas Conference & Expo

April 2–4, 2008
Sheraton Centro Historico
Mexico City, Mexico
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World National Oil Companies Congress

April 7–10, 2008
Hotel Russell
London, United Kingdom
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The 2nd Annual Energy Efficiency Finance Forum

Financing a New Energy of Clean Energy

April 10–11, 2008
The Westin Arlington Gateway
Washington, D.C.
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MIT Energy Conference

Solutions That Scale to Meet the Energy Challenge: Entrepreneurship, Technology & Policy

April 11–12, 2008
Marriot Hotel
Cambridge, Massachusetts
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Energy Efficiency World 2008

April 15–16, 2008
Sandton Convention Centre
Johannesburg, South Africa
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Green Building Conference

April 17, 2008
The Peninsula New York
New York, New York
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Global Marine Renewable Energy Conference

Achieving Renewable Goals with Ocean Energy Resources

April 17–18, 2008
Millennium Broadway Hotel
New York, New York
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Brainstorm Green

April 21–22, 2008
Langham, Huntington Hotel & Spa - Huntington Ballroom
Pasadena, California
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Nordic Green '08

April 21–22, 2008
SRI International Building
Menlo Park, California
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Organic Photovoltaics 2008

April 21–23, 2008
Doubletree Hotel
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
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The 2nd China International Wind Energy Exhibition and Symposium 2008

April 25–27, 2008
Shanghai New International Expo Center
Shanghai, China
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Cleantech Forum XVII

April 28–30, 2008
Brussels, Belgium
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Ceres Conference 2008

April 29–30, 2008
Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel
Boston, Massachusetts
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Solar 2008

The National Solar Energy Conference

May 3–8, 2008
Town and Country Resort & Convention Center
San Diego, CA

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IETA Carbon Expo 2008

Global Carbon Market Fair & Conference

May 7–9, 2008
Cologne, Germany

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33rd IEEE Photovoltaic Specialists Conference

May 11–16, 2008
Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel
San Diego, California

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Green Earth Expo 2008

May 14–18, 2008
Orange County Convention Center
Orlando, Florida

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3rd Annual Renewable Energy Finance & Investment Summit

May 19–21, 2008
FireSky Resort & Spa
Scottsdale, Arizona

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All-Energy 2008

UK's Largest Renewable Energy Exhibition & Conference

May 21–22, 2008
Aberdeen, Scotland

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World Bioenergy 2008

May 27–29, 2008
Elmia
Jönköping, Sweden

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Windpower 2008

Conference & Exhibition

June 1–4, 2008
Hilton Americas Hotel
George R. Brown Convention Center
Houston, Texas

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Clean Technology 2008

CTSI Clean Technology and Sustainable Industries Conference and Trade Show

June 1–5, 2008
Hynes Convention Center
Boston, Massachusetts

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5th Global Clean Technology Conference

June 5, 2008
New York, New York
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Cleantech Companies in Mainstream Markets

Fourth Annual CEO Panel on Innovative Strategies

June 11, 2008
Deutsche Bank Building
New York, New York
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Global CO2 Summit & Exhibition

A Two-Day International Summit Tailored for the Energy Sector

June 12–13, 2008
London, England
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Photovoltaics Summit 2008

June 18–20, 2008
Hilton San Diego Resort
San Diego, California
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Green Technology Entrepreneurship Academy

July 7–11, 2008
Tahoe Center for Environmental Sciences at Sierra Nevada College
Lake Tahoe, Incline Village, Nevada
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Cleantech Forum XVIII

September 15–17, 2008
Washington, D.C.
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Intersolar North America 2008

July 15–17, 2008
Moscone Center
San Francisco, California
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Solar Power Canada 2008

September 16–18, 2008
Toronto, Canada
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ISO New England

Lights, Power, Action

September 18–19, 2008
Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel
Boston, Massachusetts
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West Coast Green

September 25–27, 2008
San Jose Convention Center
Silicon Valley, California
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World Energy Engineering Congress (WEEC)

October 1–3, 2008
Gaylord National Convention Center on the Potomac
Washington, D.C.
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Solar Power 2008

October 13–16, 2008
San Diego Convention Center
San Diego, California
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EBW Waste-to-Energy Expo & Conference

October 14–16, 2008
David L. Lawrence Convention Center
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
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Green Energy Summit

October 16–19, 2008
Bangalore, India
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Alternative Energy Innovations 2008

November 7–8, 2008
Sofitel San Francisco Bay
Redwood City, California
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