

Clean-Tech Investor Summit to Convene Industry Luminaries, Set Clean-Tech Tone for 2011

Tesla CEO and Founder Elon Musk to Keynote the Premier Clean-Tech Event of the Year

Palm Springs, Calif. — November 15, 2010 — Clean-tech venture capitalists, government advisers, clean-energy thought leaders, and corporate visionaries will convene in Palm Springs in January for the **7th Annual Clean-Tech Investor Summit**, the industry's premier annual gathering produced by Clean Edge and International Business Forum (IBF), and chaired by Technology Partners' Ira Ehrenpreis. This elite event sells out every year, so please register now at <u>www.cleantechsummit.com</u> to reserve your spot for January 19-20, 2011. The Summit has a long-standing reputation of bringing in heavyweights from major companies including SunPower, A123 Systems, Wal-Mart, Microsoft, Toyota, Waste Management, and Cisco.

This year's summit is no different with the confirmed appearance of **Elon Musk**, Chairman, Product Architect, and CEO of Tesla Motors, the **2010 Auto Executive of the Year** and one of this year's **100 most influential people** according to *Time Magazine*. This is an exclusive opportunity to hear directly from the man who co-founded Tesla and led the company through its recent initial public offering (IPO) – the first for a U.S. car company since Ford Motor Company's IPO in 1956. Tesla's stock began trading on the NASDAQ stock market in late June and the company's market cap is now valued at more than \$2 billion.

"Having served on the Board of Tesla for several years, I've had the privilege of working up close with one of the most successful entrepreneurs of our time," explains Ira Ehrenpreis, Chairman, Clean-Tech Investor Summit and General Partner, Technology Partners. "Elon uniquely combines pioneering vision, intensely focused execution, and recruiting of the best and brightest. I am delighted that Elon will share how Tesla became a pioneering and leading company in the auto industry's electrification of the vehicle."

Other confirmed speakers include:



- Ralph Cavanagh, Co-Director, NRDC Energy Program
- John Hofmeister, Former President, Shell Oil Company; Founder and CEO, Citizens for Affordable Energy, Inc.; and Author, *Why We Hate The Oil Companies*
- Vikram Rao, Former CTO, Halliburton and current Executive Director of RTEC (Research Triangle Energy Consortium)
- T.J. Rodgers, Founder and CEO, Cypress Semiconductors
- Peter Schwartz, Co-Founder and Chairman, GBN
- Jonathan Silver, Executive Director, U.S. Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program
- Tom Tiller, CEO, Abound Solar
- John Woolard, CEO, Brightsource
- Cathy Zoi, Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy

To learn more about the 7th Annual Clean-Tech Investor Summit visit

<u>www.cleantechsummit.com</u>. Registrations are filling up rapidly for the Summit and we are capping attendance at 500 people to ensure the quality and intimacy of the event. To qualify for an exclusive \$400 discount register online with the Clean-Tech Investor Summit discount code "CTIS400" or via phone by calling IBF's Registrar Cathy Fenn at +1(516)765-9005 x 210 or e-mail cathy@ibfconferences.com

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About the Summit:

The Clean-Tech Investor Summit, co-produced by International Business Forum and Clean Edge, and chaired by Technology Partners' Ira Ehrenpreis, is the premier clean-tech investment and innovation event. Held each winter in Palm Springs, CA, the event brings together leading investors, Fortune 500 executives, entrepreneurs, and relevant service providers for two days of high-level presentations, conversations, and networking. The 7th Annual Clean-Tech Investor Summit is scheduled for January 19-20, 2011. Reserve your place now at http://www.cleantechsummit.com.

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