

Press Release

T. Boone Pickens to Keynote at 5th Annual Clean-Tech Investor Summit

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Clean Edge and IBF to Co-Host Annual Gathering of Clean-Tech Investors and Innovators

PORTLAND, Ore. and MASSAPEQUA, N.Y., Nov. 18 /PRNewswire/ -- Research and publishing firm Clean Edge, Inc. and conference organizer International Business Forum (IBF), today announced that wind-energy visionary and oil industry veteran T. Boone Pickens will headline the 5th Annual Clean-Tech Investor Summit (www.cleantechsummit.com) taking place January 21-22, 2009, in Palm Springs, Calif.

"I am delighted to participate in the upcoming Clean-Tech Investor Summit," said T. Boone Pickens, Chairman of BP Capital and author of the Pickens Plan. "In the last 6 months, I have travelled across the US, talking to thousands of people and meeting with elected officials to offer a solution to our country's energy crisis, which is a result of 40 years of failed energy policy. My Pickens Plan, which calls for the reduction of importation of foreign oil by 30% in 10 years and replacing this fuel with cleaner energy in the form of natural gas and renewable energy options like wind and solar, is very much aligned with President-Elect Obama's energy policy and I look forward to sharing more details of this plan with conference participants in January."

The Summit is the premier annual event for networking with the clean-tech industry's earliest movers, stalwart investors, and entrepreneurial visionaries. Coming on the heels of President-Elect Barack Obama's inauguration ceremony and the largest global financial crisis seen in decades, this year's Summit will provide a place for the leaders of clean-technology investing and deployment to discuss new strategies as well as emerging industries and cutting-edge ideas.

Business leaders from General Electric, NatureWorks, and Waste Management will also present their views on the rapidly evolving platform for innovation in an emerging green economy.

Other early agenda highlights include:

- Peter Darbee, CEO and President, PG&E;
- Janine Benyus, author of *Biomimicry* and Cofounder of the Biomimicry Guild, LLC; and
- Peter Gleick, President and Cofounder, Pacific Institute who was named by *Wired* magazine as one of 15 people who should advise the new president.

Global investments in clean-energy sectors, according to New Energy Finance and published in Clean Edge's *2008 Clean Energy Trends* report, reached \$148.4 billion in 2007 including venture capital, project finance, public markets, and research and development. Despite the global credit crunch and a recent decline in oil prices, optimism in clean tech remains strong. In fact, many economists look to the clean-tech sectors as important drivers of a global economic recovery.

"Clean-tech investing is at a critical and important juncture," explains Ira Ehrenpreis, general partner with Technology Partners and Clean-Tech Investor Summit chairman. "Against the backdrop of a global economic downturn, investments in clean technologies and infrastructure will enable the next wave of global innovation and economic creation."

This year's Summit sponsors include: Deloitte; Morrison & Foerster; Stanford Group Company; Hobbs

& Towne; Jefferies; ACCYS Technologies; Comerica Bank; Mintz Levin; Page One Public Relations; American Council on Renewable Energy; National Renewable Energy Lab; and UK Trade & Investment.

To learn more about the event and to register, please visit www.cleantechsummit.com. Due to overwhelming demand, the organizers are capping Summit attendance at 500 delegates to ensure the quality and intimacy of the event.

About the Clean-Tech Investor 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 5th Annual Clean-Tech Investor Summit is scheduled for January 21-22, 2009. Last year's Summit sold out, so reserve your place now. For more information, visit www.cleantechsummit.com.

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