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**Future of clean energy and the carbon markets to be debated
at New Energy Finance Summit and Awards**

The world's leading clean energy and carbon market investors, industry executives and policy-makers will debate the impact of the economic crisis on the industry at the second New Energy Finance Summit and Awards Dinner, which takes place from 4 to 6 March in London.

Over 40 leading figures will speak at the invitation-only event, including Yvo de Boer, executive secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; Nobuo Tanaka, executive director, International Energy Agency; Lord Browne of Madingley, managing partner of Riverstone Holdings; and Professor Cheng Siwei, two-time vice-chairman of the Standing Committee of the Chinese National People's Congress. Dipal Barua, founder of Grameen Shakti and winner of the inaugural Zayed Future Energy Prize, will be a special guest.*

In its forecast for the year ahead, published last month, New Energy Finance characterised the clean energy sector as being set for "a wave of consolidation in a sea of hope". After several years of spectacular growth, the clean energy and carbon markets look set for a difficult year, but against a backdrop of expectations that the industry will benefit from the stimulus packages being launched in Washington and around the world.

The New Energy Finance Summit will explore how different players, geographies and sectors are mobilising to meet the challenges of a capital-constrained and turbulent economy. Participants will receive up-to-the minute briefings on markets, technologies and policies, and will discuss key strategic questions: how clean energy players are changing their business models to react to market conditions; how incumbent companies in oil, gas, coal and nuclear are responding; and how policy-makers are working to shape the competitive environment for the coming decades.

"When we launched the first New Energy Finance Summit, our goal was to create a platform for debate and discussion among the most senior decision-makers shaping the clean energy industry and the carbon-markets. No one comes to our Summit expecting to listen passively to presentations: it's really designed as a workshop for the industry's leaders. This year's list of speakers and expert respondents from around the world is exceptionally strong – there won't be another gathering like it in Europe this side of Copenhagen," noted New Energy Finance CEO and chairman, Michael Liebreich.

The Award Dinner on the evening of Thursday 5 March will feature the fourth New Energy Finance League Table Awards. Now in their fourth year, the Awards are recognised as the hallmark of leadership within the industry. Covering a range of different types of investment activity, as well as associated legal and banking services, they are based on data collected and validated throughout the year by New Energy Finance's global research team. Information is confirmed by the parties involved, making these the most prestigious, objective, fact-based awards in the sector. The evening will start with drinks on a historic pier on the south bank of the Thames. The dinner and Award Ceremony will take place on board the fabulous Silver Sturgeon Thames cruiser.

Categories for 2008 include Venture Capital & Private Equity, Public Markets, M&A, Project Finance, and Carbon Markets. In addition, this year will see the launch of a new set of league tables focused on Clean Energy Funds.

* For a full up-to-date list of Thought Leaders, visit www.newenergyfinancesummit.com

Partnering with New Energy Finance for the event are Deutsche Bank, Heidrick & Struggles, Hudson Clean Energy, I2BF, Jefferies and Rabobank.

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ABOUT THE NEW ENERGY FINANCE SUMMIT & AWARDS, 4-6 MARCH 2009, LONDON.

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