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SAM Private Equity has been awarded the management of the direct venture capital portfolio of Ontario Power Generation (OPG)

The portfolio, consisting of nine direct energy technology investments based in North America and Europe and held by OPG Ventures Inc., OPG's venture capital subsidiary, has a total volume of about 40 million Canadian Dollars. In the course of this transaction, two OPG Ventures professionals – Peter Crombie and Scott MacDonald - join SAM Private Equity to further strengthen its North American presence.

The fact that SAM Private Equity won the bidding process underlines its competence and leading profile in this space. The private equity arm of Zurich/Switzerland-based SAM Sustainable Asset Management AG is a pioneer and leader in cleantech venture capital with over 120 million Euro under management. The agreement with OPG, which enables SAM to significantly expand its position in North America, comes only a few months after having been awarded the management of the direct energy venture portfolio of the Caisse de Dépôt et Placement du Québec (CDP).

The OPG portfolio is comprised of nine start-up and expansion stage companies in the emerging energy technology sector: Angstrom Power Inc. (BC, Canada), Encorp Inc. (CO, USA), NxtPhase T&D Corporation (BC, Canada), RuggedCom Inc. (ON, Canada), Smart-Synch Inc. (MS, USA), SoftSwitching Technologies Corporation (WI, USA), Solena (DC, USA), Solicore Inc. (FL, USA) and Enginjon AG (Germany).

Peter Crombie, the former CEO of OPG Ventures Inc., joins SAM Private Equity as a Principal and Scott MacDonald, a former Managing Director with OPG Ventures Inc., joins SAM Private Equity as an Investment Director. "We are excited to be part of the SAM Private Equity team and its expanding global focus on venture capital investments in the Cleantech sector," said Peter Crombie "Together we can provide both continuity to the OPG Ventures' portfolio companies and a depth of technical support not otherwise possible".

About SAM Private Equity:

SAM Private Equity is a leading global venture capital manager focused exclusively on investments in the cleantech sector which includes energy, advanced materials and water & agriculture technology areas. In addition to the OPG and CDP mandates mentioned above, SAM currently manages two Private Equity Funds with a total volume of 86 million Euro. SAM Private Equity is headquartered in Zurich, Switzerland and has offices in Canada, the United States and Australia.

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SAM Sustainable Asset Management is headquartered in Zurich (Switzerland), and has branches and representative offices in Sonoma (California, USA), Melbourne (Australia), Milan (Italy), Stockholm (Sweden) and Barcelona (Spain).