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## Media Release

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SAM Private Equity is awarded the management of the energy venture capital portfolio of the Caisse de Dépôt et Placement du Québec (CDP).

The portfolio, consisting of five direct investments of CDP in the European and North American energy sector, has a total volume of about USD 30 mio. In order to manage the portfolio, SAM will strengthen its North American presence with a Montreal office and two professionals taken over from CDP.

SAM Private Equity is itself already invested in the two European companies – Pemeas GmbH, the Frankfurt-based fuel cell membrane developer and Ormecon GmbH, a start-up company active in the nanoscale conductive polymer business which is based in Ammersbek near Hamburg/Germany.

In North America, the portfolio will be made up of the following three companies: Mountain View, California based PolyFuel, a developer of key enabling membrane technology for direct methanol fuel cells, STM Power Inc., a stirling engine developer from Ann Arbor, Michigan and Hyradix, which is headquartered in Des Plaines, Illinois and commercializes hydrogen generation systems for fuel cell and industrial applications.

Luc Charron, so far head of CDP Capital Technology Ventures, joins SAM Private Equity as a principal and set up and run an office in Montreal. He says: "I'm happy to join the SAM Private Equity team and leverage on the good relationship between CDP and SAM". Dany Ouellet will also transfer from CDP and join SAM as a financial analyst.

"The fact that we won this mandate not only underlines our expertise in the Energy VC field, but it also helps us to establish SAM Private Equity as a truly global player." says Gina Domanig, head of SAM Private Equity.

SAM currently manages two Private Equity Funds with a total volume of 86 million Euro. SAM Sustainability Private Equity LP and SAM Private Equity Energy Fund LP, the two Guernsey-based funds, make venture investments in the energy, materials, water & nutrition technology areas.

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SAM Sustainable Asset Management (SAM) was founded in 1995 as an independent asset management company specializing in sustainability investments. Today SAM ranks among the world's leading institutions in this sector. Its clients include banks, insurance companies, pension funds, trusts and private investors. Through systematic analysis, SAM seeks to identify companies with sustainable success criteria. Integrating these forward-looking criteria into the investment process gives the investor the greatest possible degree of control, transparency and an attractive return. Besides individual mandates for institutional investors and private clients, SAM offers financial products in the field of innovative energy technologies, sustainable food production, water, efficient use of resources, sustainability pioneers, sustainability leaders and private equity. SAM's expertise stems from its own research as well as an active, worldwide sustainability network. In cooperation with Dow Jones Indexes and STOXX, SAM launched the world's first family of sustainability indexes, tracking the performance of companies that lead their industry in terms of sustainability. For SAM this means evaluating more than 1,000 companies each year.

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).