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SAN FRANCISCO NAMED CLEANTECH CAPITAL OF NORTH AMERICA

Cleantech Industry Research Group Recognizes City's Robust Cleantech Sector & Green Policy Leadership; San Francisco Top Location for Global Cleantech 100 Firms

San Francisco, CA—Mayor Edwin M. Lee announced today that San Francisco has been named the Cleantech Capital of North America by the Cleantech Group, a leading cleantech industry research firm. The Cleantech Group presented the Mayor with the award at the EcoCity Showcase during the 10th Cleantech Forum conference being held in San Francisco this week.

“Through bold policy leadership and aggressive economic development efforts, San Francisco has become a leading center for the cleantech industry,” said Mayor Lee. “Thank you to the Cleantech Group for recognizing San Francisco as the ‘Cleantech Capital of North America.’ I am deeply proud of this important milestone, and I believe this is just the beginning as we are committed to making San Francisco’s cleantech ecosystem even stronger, more sustainable and more robust.”

“Cleantech Group is proud to name San Francisco the ‘Cleantech Capital of North America’ in recognition of the City’s ongoing support for all things clean and green,” said Cleantech Group CEO Sheeraz Haji. “No other city has done more to foster the innovation and deployment of cutting edge clean technologies.”

The Cleantech Group reported that San Francisco is home to 208 cleantech companies and cleantech investors – one the largest and most concentrated cleantech clusters in the world. This number does not include cleantech partners, sustainable construction and other green companies which would increase this number even further.

“From passing a tax exclusion for cleantech companies to recruiting international renewable energy firms, the City has made supporting the growth of the clean tech industry a priority,” said San Francisco Office of Economic and Workforce Development Director Jennifer Matz. “San Francisco offers leading cleantech firms access to top talent, unmatched proximity to investors and partners, and a City government which actively supports the cleantech sector.”

“A thriving clean tech sector is necessary to further San Francisco’s ambitious sustainability goals,” said San Francisco Department of Environment Director Melanie Nutter. “With the cutting edge products and services from our clean tech entrepreneurs, San Francisco continues to serve as hub for innovation, growth and sustainable excellence.”

Eleven companies in the Cleantech Group’s Global Cleantech 100 have locations in San Francisco, the most of any city. Seven of these cleantech firms are headquartered in San Francisco. The Global Cleantech 100 Companies located in San Francisco are: Adura Technologies, Mission Motors, Nexant, Project Frog, RelayRides, SCIenergy, SunRun, AMEE, Harvest Power, Heliatek and OPower.

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