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BrightSource Energy Named A Global Cleantech 100 Company

Recognized by the Guardian and Cleantech Group for potential and likelihood to achieve high growth and high market impact

Oakland, CA – September 9, 2009: BrightSource Energy, a developer of large-scale solar thermal energy plants, today announced it has been named a Global Cleantech 100 company by Guardian News and Media and Cleantech Group™, LLC, providers of leading research, events and advisory services for the cleantech ecosystem.

The Global Cleantech 100 is the first ever list highlighting the most promising private clean technology companies around the world. Supported by the Carbon Trust, the Global Cleantech 100 recognizes companies at the forefront of cleantech innovation offering solutions to some of the world's most pressing environmental challenges.

The final list represents the collective opinion of hundreds of leading experts from cleantech innovation and venture capital companies in EMEA, North America, India and China, combined with the specific input of an expert panel of 35, drawn from well-respected organisations such as Altira Group, Crossover Advisors, Deloitte, Emerald Technology Ventures, Google, Kleiner Perkins Caulfield & Byers, New York Stock Exchange, NGEN Partners, Nth Power, New Enterprise Associates, Sterling Communications, Tsing Capital and Vantage Point Venture Partners.

The panel's views were combined with insights from the Cleantech Network™, the de facto industry association of international clean technology investors, entrepreneurs, large corporations and other industry insiders. Some 3,500 companies were nominated/considered.

"The first ever Global Cleantech 100 shines a spotlight on which companies and which technology areas the global innovation community is most excited about from a commercial standpoint," said Richard Youngman, managing partner at Cleantech Group.

"As we enter the execution phase of our contracts with PG&E and Southern California Edison, we're focused on constructing power plants in an environmentally-friendly manner and delivering cost-effective and reliable clean energy to our customers," said John Woolard, President and CEO of BrightSource Energy. "Our selection as a Global Cleantech 100 Clean Technology Company validates the BrightSource team's efforts and the significant progress we have made towards these goals. We look forward to building on these achievements and to making solar energy a pillar of our economy and energy mix."

BrightSource Energy received the award for its industry leading efforts to provide reliable and low-cost solar energy. The company has contracts to sell over 2.6 gigawatts of solar power to major utility companies Pacific Gas & Electric and Southern California Edison. BrightSource's solar power plants will use its proprietary Luz Power Tower 550 technology (LPT 550), which is producing the world's highest temperature solar steam in the world at the company's Solar Energy Development Center (SEDC) plant in Israel's Negev Desert. BrightSource is scheduled to begin construction on its Ivanpah solar power facility in early 2010.

More than half (56) of the companies listed on the Global Cleantech 100 are headquartered in North America, while European firms make up 36 percent. Five firms are based in Israel and three in India.

The full list of Global Cleantech 100 firms is available on the Guardian (guardian.co.uk/globalcleantech100) and Cleantech Group (cleantech.com/news/awards/globalcleantech100) websites.

BrightSource and other winners are being honored today at Cleantech Forum XXIII in Boston, 8-10 September 2009 (www.cleantech.com/bostonforum) and will be celebrated at Cleantech Forum XXIV in Delhi, 15-16 October 2009 (www.cleantech.com/delhiforum) and at the Guardian's UK Cleantech Summit in London on 23 November 2009 (guardian.co.uk/cleantechsummit).

About BrightSource Energy, Inc. BrightSource Energy, Inc. provides clean, reliable and low cost solar energy for utility and industrial companies worldwide. The BrightSource Energy team combines nearly three decades of experience designing, building and operating the world's largest solar energy plants with world-class project development capabilities. The company now has contracted to sell more than 2.6 gigawatts of power to be generated using its proprietary solar thermal technology. BrightSource Energy's solar plants are designed to minimize their impact on the environment and help customers reduce their dependence on fossil fuels. Headquartered in Oakland, Calif., BrightSource Energy is a privately held company with operations in the United States and Israel. To learn more about BrightSource Energy and solar thermal energy, visit www.brightsourceenergy.com.

About the Cleantech Group, LLC

The Cleantech Group pioneered the clean technology investment category in 2002. Today, it accelerates the development and market adoption of clean technologies globally. The company's worldwide network of investors, entrepreneurs, enterprises, service providers and others—representing trillions of dollars in assets—receives access to capital, investment deal flow, networking, market leading research and data, sales leads and promotional opportunities. The Cleantech Group also provides advisory services for large corporations and governments, publishes leading cleantech sector industry news coverage and produces the premier Cleantech Forum® events worldwide. Details are available at <http://www.cleantech.com>.

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