



Press release

360° Capital Partners to back Electro Power Systems with €5 million in development funding

*Torino-based Electro Power Systems designs and manufactures innovative fuel cell systems
used to generate cost-effective, reliable and clean energy*

Torino, May 29, 2007. 360° Capital Partners – a Franco-Italian Venture Capital fund - has signed an agreement to invest up to €5 million in Electro Power Systems (ElectroPS), a Torino-based start-up that develops and sells clean energy solutions based on fuel cell technology.

The agreement represents one of the largest venture capital transactions in Italy during the last 12 months and will provide critical funding for R&D and business development activities to support the commercialization and distribution of ElectroPS's Electro7 product, a CE-certified fuel cell power system developed for the Business Continuity market. Specific short-term objectives are to enhance features and price competitiveness of the Electro7 while accelerating ElectroPS's international presence.

Under the terms of the agreement, 360° Capital Partners will invest in ElectroPS in two phases, the first of which provides immediate funding to the company of about two million euro with the remaining funds to be delivered within the next 12 months. In return, 360° Capital Partners will obtain a significant minority stake of Electro Power Systems.

“We believe that ElectroPS has the opportunity to position itself as an international leader within the fuel cell sector,” explains Diana Saraceni, partner of 360° Capital Partners. “ElectroPS has not only proven that fuel cells technology produces clean and reliable energy but also that fuel cells systems can be cost-effective and compete with traditional power generation solutions.”

Adriano Marconetto, co-founder and CEO of Electro Power Systems adds, “We have found a great partner able to understand and support the development that we've worked hard to create. Together, we intend to bring our technology in a variety of applications and market segments while constantly improving the performance and lowering the cost.”

About Electro Power Systems

Electro Power Systems is an Italian high-tech company that designs and manufactures fuel cell power systems which are used to generate electrical and thermal power for a wide range of applications. These clean, reliable and noiseless power systems utilize smart engineering for maximum flexibility and scalability, and provide on-demand power when and where it is needed. The company was founded in 2005 and is based in Torino (Italy).

ElectroPS has a commercially available, CE-certified 7 kW power system which is being sold and installed as a business continuity solution within the telecommunications, petrochemical and public utilities sectors, and is also developing products specifically geared toward hydrogen recovery and distributed generation applications.

About 360° Capital Partners

360° Capital Partners is a venture capital fund promoted by Fausto Boni, Diana Saraceni, Francois Tison, together since 2001 with Net Partners Ventures, and Emanuele Levi, involved in the Italian VC industry since 2000 with Pino Venture (Kiwi funds). As partners of Net Partners' funds, pioneer in European Venture Capital seed investor, they invested in several successful European startups such as Mutuonline and Yoox (Italy) and Selftrade and Erenis (France).

The team of French and Italian professionals has more of 25 years of cumulated experience in investing in over 50 companies, in 8 different countries and a developed network of over 30 International Venture Capital co-investors.

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