



Aqwise named a Global 100 clean technology company

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

Herzliya, Israel, September 16 2009 – Aqwise, provider of advanced water and wastewater treatment solutions, 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 recognises 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.

Aqwise and other winners were honoured 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).

Aqwise received the award on the basis of its innovative water and wastewater technology.

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 (www.guardian.co.uk/globalcleantech100) and Cleantech Group (www.cleantech.com/news/awards/globalcleantech100) websites.



About Aqwise

Aqwise is a world leader in the development and implementation of advanced wastewater treatment solutions for the Industrial and Municipal markets. Aqwise's proprietary AGAR® (Attached Growth Airlift Reactor) family of solutions significantly increases the capacity and efficiency of existing wastewater treatment plants, while offering compact and scalable deployments of new plants.

The company offers a wide range of services, from process design through full turn-key project management.

Aqwise's solutions have been successfully installed in dozens of municipal and industrial plants around the world, serving a variety of industries including Food & Beverage, Pulp & Paper, Aquaculture and more.

Aqwise is headquartered in Israel and has regional offices in Latin America, as well as commercial representation in North America, Europe, the Middle East and Asia Pacific.

Aqwise's shareholders are AHMSA Steel Israel Ltd., Elron Electronic Industries Ltd. (Nasdaq: ELRN) and Israel Cleantech Ventures.

Further information about Aqwise is available at: www.aqwise.com

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