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In the April edition of *Energy and Clean Tech Connections*, we've gathered recent information from a wide variety of sources in an effort to keep you abreast of what's new in the world of clean energy. We draw your attention to the latest industry developments, news from local governments to Capitol Hill, grant opportunities, and upcoming events. Please note that we have also expanded the reach of our news coverage to include Asia.

This month, the Energy and Clean Technology Practice Group would like to congratulate clients FloDesign Wind Turbine and EnerNOC. On April 8th, Governor Deval Patrick of Massachusetts [announced the awarding of \\$3 million in grants and loans to FloDesign](#); the wind turbine developer will use the funds to relocate and expand its Massachusetts headquarters. EnerNOC, meanwhile, has secured a [\\$10 million contract with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts](#) to implement its energy-use tracking services in state universities and other public buildings.

The Practice Group would also like to congratulate ML Strategies clients Ameresco and Suniva. On April 1st, [Ameresco filed paperwork for an initial public offering](#) that will generate the clean energy project developer and consultancy up to \$125 million. Earlier this month, [Suniva announced that it has received a \\$141 million loan guarantee from the U.S. Department of Energy](#). The solar manufacturer intends to use the loan to finance a new manufacturing plant in Michigan.

In financing news, earlier this month Deloitte and Cleantech Group released [preliminary numbers for clean tech venture funding for first quarter 2010](#). At \$1.9 billion worldwide, venture financings for clean tech companies were up 83% from the same period a year ago. For more on financing trends to watch in 2010 and beyond, [please see our recent article in The Deal Magazine](#).

In news from Capitol Hill, Senators John Kerry (D-Mass.), Lindsey O. Graham (R-S.C.) and Joseph I. Lieberman (D-Conn.) [will announce their compromise climate proposal on April 26th](#). For the most up-to-date information on the legislation, please [click here](#) to find the most recent *ML Strategies Energy and Environment Update*.

We hope that you enjoy this month's edition of the newsletter.

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U.S. Sustainable-Focused Green Bank Raises \$115 Million

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EnerNOC Wins \$10 Million Contract in Massachusetts

Greentech Media – April 12, 2010

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FloDesign Gets State Aid To Stay, Expand

The Boston Globe – April 9, 2010

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Wind Industry Reports Record Growth in 2009

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Panel Advises against Cape Wind Project

Reuters – April 3, 2010

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U.S. Solar Manufacturer Suniva Gets \$141 Million DOE Loan Guarantee

Clean Edge – April 2, 2010

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Obama Says Biofuels Critical to U.S. National Security

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Ameresco Files for \$125 Million Public Stock Offering

Boston Business Journal – April 1, 2010

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Q1 2010 Sees Record Number of Clean-Tech Venture Deals

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Fast-Growing Solar Microverter Maker Enphase Energy Secures \$40 Million in Funding

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EnerNOC Acquisition Number 3: A ZigBee Building System

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UpWind Solutions Announces \$28.8 Million Financing Round for Wind Asset Management Services

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Maine Joins EnerNOC's Network

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Green Giants: LG To Invest \$18 Billion into Green

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Switzerland's Meyer Burger Receives €20 Million Order in Latest of Chinese Solar Wins

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GDF Suez To Build World's Largest Biomass Plant in Poland

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Japan's \$1 Billion Smart Grid Trial Signs Up Toyota, Panasonic and Toshiba

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Orient Green Power May File for IPO within Weeks

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Landis+Gyr Raises \$165 Million for Global Smart Meter Rollouts

Cleantech – April 7, 2010

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Coda Reaffirms \$394 Million in Chinese Investment

Greentech Media – March 30, 2010

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China Has Record-Setting 2009 in Wind Energy To Become Number One Player

New Energy World Network – March 29, 2010

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GE To Invest \$453 Million in European Offshore Wind

Reuters – March 25, 2010

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Pew: China Overtakes U.S. in Clean Energy Investment

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Intel Capital Invests \$23 Million in Indian Smart Grid

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Solar-Powered Cell Towers in India To Reduce 5 Million Tons of CO2 Emissions, Save \$1.4 Billion Every Year

Clean Technica – March 24, 2010

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HSBC To Fund Energy Efficiency Projects in India

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Asian Genco Raises \$425 Million for Clean Power Portfolio in India

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Application Deadline: Rolling

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Massachusetts Technology Collaborative Business Expansion Initiative (BEI)

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Massachusetts Technology Collaborative Large Onsite Renewables Initiative

Application Deadline: Rolling

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Massachusetts Green Energy Fund

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Unsolicited Proposals to the Massachusetts Renewable Energy Trust's Industry Investment and Development (II&D) Program

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U.S. EPA, DOE Announce Changes To Bolster ENERGY STAR Program

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Nebraska Law Allows Private Companies To Export Wind Energy Out of State

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Senators Prepare Compromise Climate Change Bill

The Washington Post – April 11, 2010

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Obama Administration Announces Nearly \$100 Million for Smart Grid Workforce Training and Development

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Smart Grid Demonstration Project Receives \$178 Million Federal Grant

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Minnesota Passes PACE Legislation

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Tighter MPG, Emission Rules Go on the Books for 2012

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Department of Energy To Invest Nearly \$18 Million for Advanced Biofuels User Facility

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Carbon Emissions Regulations To Be Phased in from 2011, EPA Says

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Secretary Chu Announces \$37.5 Million Available for Joint U.S.-Chinese Clean Energy Research

Press Release, U.S. Department of Energy – March 29, 2010

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DOE, DOI and Army Corps of Engineers Sign Memo of Understanding on Hydropower

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Ed Markey Launches Bill To Give Consumers Access to Power Consumption Data

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DOE Releases New Report on Benefits of Recovery Act for Small Businesses

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Attention Foreign Entrepreneurs: New StartUp Visa Act of 2010 Introduced in Congress

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New SEC Rule Regarding Short Selling—The “Alternative Uptick Rule”

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Mintz Levin’s Energy and Clean Tech Practice Completed 40 Transactions in 2009

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Promoting Your Brand—and Protecting It—on Social Networking Sites

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Cleantech Forum Paris

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Le Méridien Etoile
Paris, France

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Nordic Green II

April 27-28, 2010
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Menlo Park, California

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Advanced Biofuels Leadership Conference

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Hilton Embassy Row
Washington, D.C.

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GreenNet 2010

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Mission Bay Conference Center
San Francisco, California

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Large Scale Solar Power Legislation, Regulation and Policies Conference

May 3-4, 2010
Parc 55 Hotel
San Francisco, California

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Solar Energy Investment and Finance Summit USA

May 5-6, 2010
Parc 55 Hotel
San Francisco, California

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Alternative Fuels & Vehicles 2010 Conference and Expo

May 9-12, 2010
The Rio All-Suite Hotel
Las Vegas, Nevada

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ASES National Solar Conference 2010

May 17-22, 2010
Phoenix Convention Center
Phoenix, Arizona

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The Networked Grid 2010

May 18-19, 2010
Hyatt Grand Champion Resort
Indian Wells, California

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Wind Power 2010 Conference and Expo

May 23-26, 2010
Dallas Convention Center
Dallas, Texas

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Renewable Energy World Europe 2010

June 8-10, 2010

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