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In the February edition of Mintz Levin's *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 tech. We draw your attention to the latest industry developments, news from Capitol Hill, grant opportunities, and upcoming events. Mintz Levin is proud to be recently ranked by *IPO Vital Signs* among the top 20 law firms in the United States in 2007 for representing businesses and underwriters in initial public offerings ([more info](#)). The Energy and Clean Tech Practice Group remains committed to utilizing this expertise with companies developing renewable energies and sustainable living.

Additionally, Mintz Levin was pleased to co-sponsor a Clean Energy Technology breakfast forum at the CERA Energy Conference (CERAWEEK 2008) in Houston last week ([more info](#)). This well attended forum featured entrepreneurial companies actively developing exciting technologies that will reshape the energy future. CERAWEEK brought together national and international leaders from the oil, gas and power industries, including a host of outstanding emerging energy and technology companies. The conference created numerous opportunities to network, and to develop and enhance funding/investing and collaborative partnerships. Mintz Levin looks forward to participating in future conferences. Keep it on your calendars for next year (February 9–13)!

We would also like to remind you of an exciting mentoring opportunity with the Ignite Clean Energy Business Presentation Competition beginning this March. Please see the [Events](#) section of this newsletter to learn how to get involved. We hope you enjoy this month's edition.

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First Solar Rides High

Greentech Media - February 13, 2008

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Global Energy Makes Two Biodiesel Deals

RenewableEnergyWorld.com - February 13, 2008

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Funding Roundup: Lights, Solar, Money

Greentech Media - February 12, 2008

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Infinia Gets \$50 Million for Engine-Powered Solar

Greentech Media - February 11, 2008

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Suniva Closes \$50 Million in Funding

RenewableEnergyWorld.com - February 8, 2008

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More Money for Greentech

Greentech Media - February 5, 2008

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Jobs in Renewable Energy Industry Seen As Path to Prosperity, but Workforce Training Needed

Star Tribune - February 2, 2008

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20 GW of Wind Capacity Installed in 2007

RenewableEnergyWorld.com - January 29, 2008

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Solel Blazes with \$105 Million Investment

Greentech Media - January 28, 2008

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Somerset Plant Wins State OK to Use New Coal-Burning Process

The Boston Globe - January 25, 2008

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Fat Spaniel Closes \$18 Million in Series B Financing

RenewableEnergyWorld.com - January 24, 2008

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Abu Dhabi to Invest \$15 Billion in Renewables

RenewableEnergyWorld.com - January 23, 2008

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Everyone's Guess: Greentech Cleaned Up in 2007

Greentech Media - January 18, 2008

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Federal and State Happenings

U.S. Department of Energy to Invest up to \$20.6 Million for Solid-State Lighting Research and Development Projects

Press Release, *U.S. Department of Energy* - February 12, 2008

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DOE Releases Climate VISION Progress Report 2007

Press Release, *U.S. Department of Energy* - February 11, 2008

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Update: Stimulus Package Passes without PTC Extension

RenewableEnergyWorld.com - February 7, 2008

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SunEthanol Gets DOE Funding

RenewableEnergyWorld.com - February 5, 2008

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President Bush Requests \$25 Billion for U.S. Department of Energy's Fiscal Year 2009 Budget

Press Release, *U.S. Department of Energy* - February 4, 2008

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Encore to Provide Greywater Geothermal for Massachusetts

RenewableEnergyWorld.com - February 1, 2008

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DOE Selects Pacific Ethanol for Cellulose Project

RenewableEnergyWorld.com - January 31, 2008

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DOE Announces Restructured FutureGen Approach to Demonstrate CCS Technology at Multiple Clean Coal Plants

Press Release, *U.S. Department of Energy* - January 30, 2008

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Bush's Tiny \$2 Billion Greentech Fund

Greentech Media - January 29, 2008

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Commonwealth Solar Program Is Open

RenewableEnergyWorld.com - January 29, 2008

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U.S. Department of Energy Selects First Round of Small-Scale Biorefinery Projects for up to \$114 Million in Federal Funding

Press Release, U.S. Department of Energy - January 29, 2008

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Spotlight on Daniel DeWolf

Daniel DeWolf has recently joined Mintz Levin as a Member and brings a unique blend of expertise and experience to the Energy and Clean Tech Practice Group. In addition to his role as co-chair of Mintz Levin's Ventures and Emerging Company Practice Group, Daniel is a Managing Director of Dawntreader Ventures, a well known venture capital firm based in New York. Daniel brings to the table a wealth of experience in doing deals and transactions from not only the legal side, but also from a business person's perspective. Daniel has a passion for environmental issues and alternative energy and is excited to turn his expertise in building growth companies to the field of clean tech and alternative energy.

Daniel also is an Adjunct Professor of Law at New York University Law School where he teaches an interdisciplinary course on venture capital law for the Law School and the Stern Business School. Recently, Daniel co-authored *Venture Capital Forms and Analysis*, a leading treatise on venture capital published by the Law Journal Press.

Prior to Mintz Levin and Dawntreader Ventures, Daniel led Venture Capital Funds and was a Managing Director at SoundView Technology Group, a publicly traded technology-focused investment bank. Prior to that, Daniel led the corporate practice group of a leading New York law firm that represented many emerging and growth companies. Daniel has more than 25 years of corporate transactional experience and has been an advisor to many emerging and developmental stage companies. He is currently Chairman of HNW, Inc., the premier provider of strategic and interactive marketing solutions focused on the high net worth sector, and a director for several businesses, including iParty (AMEX: IPT), a retailer based in New England; Tutor.com, a leader in one-to-one on-line education; and Visible World, a leader in providing solutions for targeted advertising on television and broadband.

Daniel DeWolf is admitted to practice in New York, California, and New Jersey. He has a B.A. *cum laude* from the University of Pennsylvania (1979) and a J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania School of Law (1982).

Legal News

Mintz Levin Ranked Among Top 20 Law Firms in 2007 IPOs, with Nearly \$1 Billion in Offerings

Press Release, Mintz Levin - February 11, 2008

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Preparation for 2007 Fiscal Year SEC Filings and 2008 Annual Shareholder Meetings

Securities Law Advisory, Mintz Levin - January 31, 2008

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Garrett Gillespie Named Outstanding Healthcare Litigator by

Nightingale's Healthcare News

Press Release, Mintz Levin - January 31, 2008

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FTC Proposes "Self-Regulatory" Principles for Ehavioral Online Advertising

Privacy and Security Alert, Mintz Levin - January 29, 2008

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Grants

The Renewable Fuels Foundation Offering Its First Grants for Ethanol Production

The Renewable Fuels Foundation (RFF) Board of Directors funds those research projects that have clear goals and measurable outcomes with benchmarks that will advance the science of ethanol production. While sound research should be the basis for all grant applications, the RFF will only support projects that directly enhance domestic production of ethanol and the efficient use of co-products. One grant will be awarded for \$150,000, of which \$75,000 will be made available over two years. Viable projects may qualify for continued funding past this time frame.

Research project proposals must have a national implication, not local. The RFF prefers to fund national model projects, thereby making a bigger impact to the U.S. ethanol market.

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SEED 2007

Call for Renewable Energy Company Applicants

The Massachusetts Technology Collaborative

The Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, a quasi-state agency, established the Sustainable Energy Economic Development (SEED) initiative to support growth and commercialization of renewable energy technologies in Massachusetts. SEED provides direct and flexible capital to early-stage companies for new renewable energy related product development and facilitates companies in gaining access to private capital. The award amount will be up to \$500,000 per company per 12-month period, up to two awards per Massachusetts company, and SEED is accepting applications on an open enrollment basis.

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Business Expansion Initiative

Business Expansion Initiative (BEI) supports the development and expansion of the production capacity of renewable energy technology firms in Massachusetts. BEI provides secured debt capital to expansion-stage companies for new renewable energy product design and manufacturing financing. BEI loans may only be made to companies located within Massachusetts.

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Predevelopment Financing Initiative

The Massachusetts Technology Collaborative

The Massachusetts Technology Collaborative Board of Directors has approved this round of the Clean Energy Predevelopment Financing

Initiative in an effort to support the development of grid-connected renewable energy generating facilities in New England. As of October 1, 2005, \$1,574,934 has been committed to projects supported by this solicitation. Two types of funding are available under this solicitation: funding for feasibility studies and funding for pre-development activities (e.g., facility design, environmental studies, permitting, and similar activities). Funding for feasibility studies is available only to public instrumentalities and private nonprofit organizations, and takes the form of grants of up to \$50,000 to public instrumentalities, and unsecured loans of up to \$50,000 to nonprofit organizations. Funding for predevelopment activities is available to public instrumentalities, private nonprofit organizations and private for-profit corporations or partnerships, and takes the form of an unsecured loan of up to \$250,000 for wind and biomass projects, or up to \$150,000 for other types of renewable energy projects.

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Events

Mentors Sought for Ignite Clean Energy

Wanted: Finance, Legal, Operations, Technical, & Management Expertise

MIT Enterprise Forum of Cambridge
Energy Special Interest Group

Business Presentation Competition

Northeastern U.S. 2008
\$200,000 Grand Prize

If you have had success as an entrepreneur or as part of a start-up management team, here is a chance to share what you learned with the next generation of entrepreneurs.

[Apply to be a mentor to a team in the competition.](#)

Solar '08

Putting Light to Work

February 24–28, 2008
Le Meridien Heliopolis Hotel
Cairo, Egypt

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7th Carbon Investment Forum

February 25–26, 2008
The Jumeirah Carlton Tower
London, England

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Cleantech Forum XVI

February 25–27, 2008
San Francisco, California

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Carbon Forum America

Carbon Market Trade Fair & Market
February 26–27, 2008

Moscone Convention Center
San Francisco, California
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National Power New Zealand

February 25–29, 2008
SKYCITY Convention Centre
Auckland, New Zealand
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Genera 2008

Energy and Environment International Trade Fair

February 26–28, 2008
Feria de Madrid, Spain
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Washington International Renewable Energy Conference 2008

March 4–6, 2008
Washington, D.C. Convention Center
Washington, D.C.
[More info...](#)

14th Biennial CSP SolarPACES Symposium

March 4–8, 2008
South Point Hotel
Las Vegas, Nevada
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2008 Asia Solar Energy Photovoltaic Exhibition and Forum

March 5–7, 2008
ShanghaiMart
Shanghai, China
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CleanBusiness 2008

March 11–13, 2008
Dubai, United Arab Emirates
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Building Energy '08

The Conference and Trade Show for Renewable Energy and Green Building Professionals

March 11–13, 2008
Seaport World Trade Center
Boston, Massachusetts
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Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Workforce Conference 2008

A National Conference for Educators and Teachers

March 18–20, 2008
Hudson Valley Community College
Troy, New York
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Clean Tech Innovation & Growth Forum 2008

March 19, 2008
Conference Center
International Association of Nanotechnology
San Jose, California
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European Wind Energy Conference & Exhibition 2008

March 31–April 3, 2008
Brussels Expo, Belgium
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The Wall Street Green Trading Summit

April 2–3, 2008
The New York Times Building
New York, New York
[More info...](#)

The 2nd Annual Energy Efficiency Finance Forum

Financing a New Energy of Clean Energy
April 10–11, 2008
The Westin Arlington Gateway
Washington, D.C.
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MIT Energy Conference

*Solutions That Scale to Meet the Energy Challenge:
Entrepreneurship, Technology & Policy*
April 11–12, 2008
Marriot Hotel
Cambridge, Massachusetts
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Energy Efficiency World 2008

April 15–16, 2008
Sandton Convention Centre
Johannesburg, South Africa
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Organic Photovoltaics 2008

April 21–23, 2008
Doubletree Hotel
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
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The 2nd China International Wind Energy Exhibition and Symposium 2008

April 25–27, 2008
Shanghai New International Expo Center
Shanghai, China
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Cleantech Forum XVII

April 28–30, 2008

Brussels, Belgium

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Solar 2008

The National Solar Energy Conference

May 3–8, 2008

Town and Country Resort & Convention Center

San Diego, CA

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3rd Annual Renewable Energy Finance & Investment Summit

May 19–21, 2008

FireSky Resort & Spa

Scottsdale, Arizona

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All-Energy 2008

UK's Largest Renewable Energy Exhibition & Conference

May 21–22, 2008

Aberdeen, Scotland

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Windpower 2008

Conference & Exhibition

June 1–4, 2008

Hilton Americas Hotel

George R. Brown Convention Center

Houston, Texas

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Clean Technology 2008

CTSI Clean Technology and Sustainable Industries Conference and Trade Show

June 1–5, 2008

Hynes Convention Center

Boston, Massachusetts

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Photovoltaics Summit 2008

June 18–20, 2008

Hilton San Diego Resort

San Diego, California

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Global CO2 Summit & Exhibition

A Two-Day International Summit Tailored for the Energy Sector

June 12–13, 2008

London, England

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Green Technology Entrepreneurship Academy

July 7–11, 2008

Tahoe Center for Environmental Sciences at Sierra Nevada College

Lake Tahoe, Incline Village, Nevada

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Intersolar North America 2008

July 15–17, 2008
Moscone Center
San Francisco, California

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Cleantech Forum XVIII

September 15–17, 2008
Washington, D.C.

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ISO New England

Lights, Power, Action

September 18–19, 2008
Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel
Boston, Massachusetts

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