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Capstone Names New Distributor in Mexico and Immediately Receives Order for Four C30 C1D2 Microturbines for Offshore Platforms in Gulf of Mexico

CHATSWORTH, Calif., Aug. 26, 2009 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Capstone Turbine Corporation (www.capstoneturbine.com) (Nasdaq:CPST), the world's leading clean-technology manufacturer of microturbine energy systems, today announced that it named Industrias Energeticas as Capstone's newest distributor in Mexico and subsequently received an order for four C30 C1D2 microturbine systems for offshore oil platforms in the Gulf of Mexico.

Industrias Energeticas provides engineering services and power and metering systems to the oil and gas industry and has been a long-time Capstone Authorized Service Contractor before being appointed as a full service Capstone distributor in Mexico. "Industrias Energeticas has a long history of providing tremendous service and expert training on the Capstone product, so it is not surprising that they quickly sold their first units in the oil and gas market," said Darren Jamison, Capstone's President and Chief Executive Officer.

The total order exceeds \$500,000 and is the latest in a series of orders for the low-emission Capstone product that is specially designed for hazardous Class 1, Division 2 environments. The same end-use customer previously purchased 38 C30 microturbines that are installed on manned and unmanned oil platforms throughout the Gulf of Mexico. The latest microturbines will be installed in the first quarter of 2010.

The four C30 C1D2 microturbines run on wellhead gas that flows through the offshore platforms. The microturbines are 33 percent smaller than equivalent generators and are Optimal UL Class 1, Division 2 or ATEX Class 1, Zone 2 certified for use in hazardous areas.

"Around-the-clock electricity is vital on offshore oil platforms," said Jim Crouse, Capstone's Executive Vice President of Sales and Marketing. "Our microturbines' 24/7 reliability, combined with low emissions and no need for oil, grease, lubricants or coolants, is a key reason why oil and gas companies worldwide turn to Capstone."

"The customer is very environmentally focused and wanted a power supply that meets its strict environmental requirements," said Juan Carlos Hernandez, Manager, Industrias Energeticas. "The microturbines emit extremely low levels of greenhouse gases, have a small footprint, are quiet and are much more reliable than reciprocating engines."

The C30 C1D2 product provides the same ultra low-emissions and low-maintenance

benefits as other Capstone products. It features Capstone's patented air bearing, remote monitoring and diagnostic capabilities, and integrated utility synchronization and protection. The small, modular systems allow for easy and low-cost installation. Five- and nine-year Factory Protection Plans ("FPP") also are available, providing customers with fixed maintenance costs over the term of the FPP.

About Capstone Turbine Corporation

Capstone Turbine Corporation (www.capstoneturbine.com) (Nasdaq:CPST) is the world's leading producer of low-emission microturbine systems and was the first to market commercially viable microturbine energy products. Capstone Turbine has shipped over 4,000 Capstone MicroTurbine(R) systems to customers worldwide. These award-winning systems have logged millions of documented runtime operating hours. Capstone Turbine is a member of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Combined Heat and Power Partnership, which is committed to improving the efficiency of the nation's energy infrastructure and reducing emissions of pollutants and greenhouse gases. A UL-Certified ISO 9001:2000 and ISO 14001:2004 certified company, Capstone is headquartered in the Los Angeles area with sales and/or service centers in the New York metro area, Mexico City, Nottingham, Shanghai, Singapore and Tokyo.

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