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Capstone Turbine Secures C1000 Order to Upgrade Italian Pasta Factory in Sicily

CHATSWORTH, Calif., Nov. 10, 2014 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Capstone Turbine Corporation (www.capstoneturbine.com) (Nasdaq:CPST), the world's leading clean technology manufacturer of microturbine energy systems, announced today that it received an order for a C1000 microturbine to upgrade a food manufacturing facility for Sicilian pasta maker Tomasello.

IBT Group, Capstone's Italian distributor, secured the order through Onda Energia, the local multi-utility energy service company (ESCO) in Sicily. Tomasello's microturbine installation will work in parallel with the region's utility grid, providing improved energy management and reliability to the food manufacturer. The project is expected to be commissioned in early 2015.

The Tomasello pasta factory, which produces up to 5,000 tons of pasta and exports over 60 percent of their products, sought to reduce production-related costs and become more energy efficient. Working directly with Onda Energia, Tomasello turned to IBT Group and Capstone to provide a customized solution for their power generation needs: a one megawatt natural-gas-powered C1000 microturbine for a combined heat and power (CHP) application.

The microturbine installation is expected to achieve a primary energy savings of 30 percent, providing Tomasello a significant economic advantage. The C1000 will be used to power and heat the facility as well as produce hot water for pasta production. In addition, the system will require minimal maintenance by the end user. The emissions reduction from the C1000 is equivalent to removing 700 cars from the road.

According to Ilario Vigani, President of IBT Group, "This is the second Capstone C1000 application specifically developed for the food industry ordered within a very short period of time in Sicily, which provides meaningful evidence that Capstone technology is acknowledged as the leading, reliable & clean technology for the food industry throughout Italy."

Luigi Martines, Onda Energia CEO, said, "We decided to use Capstone technology instead of a traditional engine because with this technology it is possible to maximize the production of super-heated water that is required for this application."

"Italy represents an excellent growth opportunity for Capstone," said Jim Crouse, Executive Vice President of Sales and Marketing at Capstone Turbine. "We are pleased by the ongoing maturation of our distribution network globally."

About Capstone Turbine Corporation

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