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Capstone Receives Additional Follow-on Order for Australian Coal Seam Gas Company

CHATSWORTH, Calif., Jan. 21, 2016 (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 additional follow-on order for a large Australian coal seam gas company.

The initial order in July 2008 was for the supply of 112 C30 microturbines, which was later increased to 154 C30s in 2009. The first follow-on contract was for 44 C30 microturbines in September 2012, and in January 2013 they ordered 36 additional units, followed by another 14 units in December 2013. This latest order is for another 8 units, bringing the total number of microturbines sold to date to 256. These orders are part of a periodical supply contract for the life of the coal seam development project.

"The coal seam gas market continues to develop as coal seam operators convert this gas into clean on-site power generation," said Darren Jamison, Capstone's President and Chief Executive Officer. "It's rewarding to see satisfied repeat customers continue to come back and add to their already large fleets of operating microturbines. In addition, Australia has been a key geographical focus for Capstone, similar to Latin America, Africa and the Middle East," added Mr. Jamison.

Optimal Group, Capstone's Australian distributor, secured the latest follow-on order, which is currently scheduled to be commissioned in mid-2016. In Australia, coal seam gas is plentiful. Coal seam gas has been known about ever since the coal mining industry began in Australia in the early 1900s. With advances in technology, it has developed into a key transition fuel, helping to lower Australia's carbon emissions as the country moves to a lower carbon future.

"Optimal Group's business in Australia continues to expand in oil and gas, coal seam gas and the combined heat and power markets. In fact, they are currently our second largest distributor in terms of revenue generation over the trailing four quarters," said Jim Crouse, Capstone's Executive Vice President of Sales and Marketing. "I am confident that Australia will deliver substantial growth year-over-year and help offset slowdowns in other geographies," added Mr. Crouse.

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 8,600

Capstone Microturbine 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 9001:2008 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, United Kingdom, Mexico City, Shanghai and Singapore.

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