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Capstone Receives Follow-on Order From Texas Data Center

CHATSWORTH, Calif., Jan. 13, 2010 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Capstone Turbine Corporation (www.capstoneturbine.com) (Nasdaq:CPST), the world's leading clean technology manufacturer of microturbine energy systems, today announced it received a follow-on order for four C65 microturbines from a growing Houston-based data center, bringing to 13 the total number of Capstone microturbines at the site.

The large data center, which serves 50,000 employees in offices worldwide, relies on the natural gas C65 microturbines for critical power. Five Star Electric, Capstone's distributor in Texas, secured the order.

"The customer knows that Capstone microturbines are extremely reliable power sources and ideal for data centers," said Jim Crouse, Capstone's Executive Vice President of Sales and Marketing. "Round-the-clock clean power is essential. Because this data center's power needs are expanding, they turned to Capstone microturbines to ensure peace of mind."

"Capstone microturbines are a clean-and-green on-site energy system that more than meets their escalating power requirements," said Tom Patlovany, Vice President and Sales Manager, Five Star Electric. "The international company that operates the data center was ranked in Newsweek magazine's Top 500 'Green Rankings' for environmentally focused companies in 2009."

Capstone microturbines are installed in several data centers worldwide. Recently, Syracuse University opened its Green Data Center, which includes 12 Capstone Hybrid UPS microturbines that provide power to the entire facility. Capstone's Hybrid UPS is the first power system to integrate low-emission C65 microturbines directly with a dual-conversion UPS to provide power for mission-critical loads.

The Syracuse data center is considered one of the world's most energy efficient and green data centers. The 12,000-square-foot facility is expected to use 50 percent less energy than a traditional data center.

"Data centers are a key market for Capstone," said Darren Jamison, Capstone President and Chief Executive Officer. "With energy being one of the largest single costs for data centers, energy efficient microturbines are an ideal solution. Microturbines offer eight 9's of reliability in common N + 1 configurations, all with less maintenance and lower cost of ownership than traditional battery-based UPS systems."

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 5,000 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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