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Capstone Reports Third Quarter of Fiscal 2016 Financial Results

Sequential Quarterly Improvements Result in Improved Revenue, Gross Margin, EBITDA and Net Loss

Conference Call and Webcast to Be Held Today at 1:45 PM PT, 4:45 PM ET

CHATSWORTH, Calif., Feb. 03, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Capstone Turbine Corporation (www.capstoneturbine.com) (Nasdaq:CPST), the world's leading clean technology manufacturer of microturbine energy systems, reported financial results for its third quarter of fiscal 2016 ended December 31, 2015. Total revenue for the third quarter of fiscal 2016 was \$21.5 million and net loss was \$6.0 million, or \$0.34 per share, which includes the 1-for-20 reverse stock split that was effected in November 2015.

During the third quarter 2016, management continued to implement several strategic initiatives and measures to further reduce operating expenses, increase its focus on new geographies and increase microturbine adoption in the energy efficiency market vertical. These measures have been a part of management's strategy to counteract the macroeconomic headwinds on its revenue stream as the Company works toward returning to growth and becoming EBITDA breakeven.

Financial results for the third quarter reflect sequential quarterly improvements as a result of these new strategic initiatives and measures.

On a sequential quarterly basis for the third quarter, compared with the second quarter:

- Revenue increased 20% to \$21.5 million, compared with \$17.9 million in the second quarter
- Gross margin improved to 19% from 11% in the second quarter
- Production, labor and overhead expenses dropped 28% on lower variable manufacturing costs
- Bookings improved to \$12.3 million compared with \$8.4 million in the second quarter
- Net loss declined by 24% to \$6.0 million from \$7.9 million in the second quarter
- Cash position (including restricted cash) increased by \$2.9 million to \$18.5 million
- Loss from operations dropped by \$1.7 million to \$5.9 million
- Inventories decreased by \$8.3 million on lower finished goods and raw materials
- Working capital was \$7.3 million compared to negative \$4.6 million in the second quarter
- Borrowings decreased \$5.6 million on the Wells Fargo credit facility to \$9.6 million

Darren Jamison, President and Chief Executive Officer of Capstone Turbine, said, "The

positive reception we received for our new Capstone C1000 Signature Series that was launched at the PowerGen International tradeshow in December and the recent formation of the new Capstone Energy Finance™ entity are significant milestones in the third quarter. These notable milestones, combined with our team's resilience and proactive measures, have placed Capstone back into the driver's seat as we increased revenue, reduced expenses, improved the gross margin and increased bookings compared to the prior quarter."

Mr. Jamison continued, "New order flow in the third quarter strengthened as our geographical diversification efforts continued to increase, resulting in new bookings from Europe, Latin America, Australia and Asia. Concurrently, the energy efficiency market vertical continued to grow and the oil and gas sector began to improve as customers focused on improving operational efficiencies as oil prices declined."

Business and Operational Highlights Include:

- Energy efficiency comprised 71% of shipments in the third quarter
- New product orders received this quarter reflect our geographic diversity and include:
 - Colombia: C600 for a gas compression station for an oil and gas customer
 - Germany: 20 microturbines (C200 and 19 C65s) for multiple CHP projects
 - Germany: C800 and C200 microturbines for heat generation CHP projects
 - U.S.: Microturbines for two gas producing companies operating in the Marcellus and Utica Shale regions
 - U.S.: C1000 power package for CHP at a U.S. Marine Corps base in Virginia
 - Hungary: two C1000 power packages for a repeat CHP customer
 - Peru: First order for a C200 to provide CHP for an industrial application
 - Canada: three C1000s and two C800s for an associated gas to energy project
 - U.S.: First Signature Series sold (two C1000s and two C600s)
 - Colombia: C600 power package for CHP at a hotel in Cartagena
 - China: Two C1000 power packages for a leading Chinese offshore oil company
- Partnership programs announced this quarter include:
 - Strategic partnership with MultiChill Technologies to delivery air-cooled absorption chiller and water-making systems to be used in conjunction with our C65 series microturbines in CCHP applications
 - Research pilot program with Argonne National Laboratory, a non-profit research facility operated by the University of Chicago for the U.S. Department of Energy, for participation in the innovative Technologist-in-Residence pilot program to advance adoption of low-emission, high-efficiency power solutions

Mr. Jamison concluded, "We still have hard work ahead of us but I am confident that our team is on track to achieve our goals as we continue to operate in a challenging business environment. We are focused on reaching EBITDA breakeven as quickly as possible and will enter our next fiscal year with a lower cost structure that we anticipate will allow us to reach EBITDA breakeven at approximately a \$30 million quarterly revenue mark. Additionally, we are developing a plan to further lower our EBITDA breakeven to a \$25 million quarterly revenue level. We're extremely pleased with our new C1000 Signature Series product

launch, CHP growth in the U.S. and emerging markets, and the revenue growth opportunities that we believe our new Capstone Finance entity will bring us.”

Financial Highlights of Third Quarter of Fiscal 2016 Include:

- Total revenue of \$21.5 million for the third quarter of fiscal 2016 compared with \$30.1 million in the year-ago third quarter. This quarter’s results did not include any new product shipments to BPC in Russia, which contributed approximately 10% or \$2.3 million of revenue during last year’s third quarter.
- Total backlog as of December 31, 2015 was \$102.3 million compared with \$175.5 million as of December 31, 2014 and \$104.8 million as of September 30, 2015.
- Selling, General & Administrative expenses for the third quarter of fiscal 2016 were \$7.0 million compared with \$7.5 million in the year-ago third quarter. Excluding bad debt expense, further reductions in SG&A are expected in the fourth quarter as a result of the Company’s initiatives to lower expenses.
- Net loss for the third quarter was \$6.0 million or \$0.34 loss per share, compared with a net loss of \$3.9 million or \$0.24 loss per share in the year-ago third quarter.
- Cash and cash equivalents as of December 31, 2015 was \$18.5 million when combined with restricted cash of \$5.0 million related to the Wells Fargo credit facility.

Conference Call and Webcast

The Company will host a live webcast today, February 3 at 1:45 p.m. Pacific Time (4:45 p.m. Eastern Time) to discuss its financial results and provide a business update for the third quarter of fiscal year 2016 ended December 31, 2015. At the end of the conference call, Capstone will host a question-and-answer session to provide an opportunity for financial analysts to ask questions. Investors and interested individuals are invited to listen to the webcast by logging on to the Company's investor relations webpage at: www.capstoneturbine.com.

A replay of the webcast will be available on the website for 30 days.

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 8,700 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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Financial Tables Follow

CAPSTONE TURBINE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(In thousands, except share amounts)
(Unaudited)

| | December 31, 2015 | March 31, 2015 |
|--|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current Assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 13,470 | \$ 32,221 |
| Restricted cash | 5,000 | — |
| Accounts receivable, net of allowances of \$10,593 at December 31, 2015 and \$11,041 at March 31, 2015 | 13,851 | 13,120 |
| Inventories | 20,431 | 23,097 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 2,941 | 3,063 |
| Total current assets | 55,693 | 71,501 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 3,854 | 3,523 |
| Non-current portion of inventories | 2,287 | 2,258 |
| Intangible assets, net | 1,132 | 1,337 |
| Other assets | 281 | 308 |
| Total | \$ 63,247 | \$ 78,927 |

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

| | | |
|--|------------|------------|
| Current Liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | \$ 21,351 | \$ 22,266 |
| Accrued salaries and wages | 1,679 | 2,113 |
| Accrued warranty reserve | 2,200 | 3,183 |
| Deferred revenue | 3,958 | 3,051 |
| Revolving credit facility | 9,600 | 12,953 |
| Current portion of notes payable and capital lease obligations | 540 | 407 |
| Total current liabilities | 39,328 | 43,973 |
| Long-term portion of notes payable and capital lease obligations | 77 | 89 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 184 | 161 |
| Commitments and contingencies | | |
| Stockholders' Equity: | | |
| Preferred stock, \$.001 par value; 10,000,000 shares authorized; none issued | | |
| Common stock, \$.001 par value; 515,000,000 shares authorized; 19,767,772 shares issued and 19,663,666 shares outstanding at December 31, 2015; 16,589,848 shares issued and 16,527,054 shares outstanding at March 31, 2015 | 354 | 332 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 846,557 | 837,650 |
| Accumulated deficit | (821,636) | (801,764) |
| Treasury stock, at cost; 104,106 at December 31, 2015 and 62,794 shares at March 31, 2015 | (1,617) | (1,514) |
| Total stockholders' equity | 23,658 | 34,704 |
| Total | \$ 63,247 | \$ 78,927 |

CAPSTONE TURBINE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(In thousands, except per share data)
(Unaudited)

| | Three Months Ended December 31, | | Nine Months Ended December 31, | |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 |
| Revenue: | | | | |
| Product, accessories and parts | \$ 18,239 | \$ 26,919 | \$ 57,074 | \$ 77,682 |
| Service | 3,220 | 3,165 | 9,270 | 7,910 |
| Total revenues | 21,459 | 30,084 | 66,344 | 85,592 |
| Cost of goods sold: | | | | |
| Product, accessories and parts | 14,979 | 21,859 | 48,039 | 64,560 |
| Service | 2,429 | 2,119 | 7,641 | 6,267 |
| Total cost of goods sold | 17,408 | 23,978 | 55,680 | 70,827 |
| Gross margin | 4,051 | 6,106 | 10,664 | 14,765 |
| Operating expenses: | | | | |
| Research and development | 2,905 | 2,355 | 8,193 | 6,737 |
| Selling, general and administrative | 7,002 | 7,508 | 21,796 | 24,815 |
| Total operating expenses | 9,907 | 9,863 | 29,989 | 31,552 |
| Loss from operations | (5,856) | (3,757) | (19,325) | (16,787) |
| Other (expense) income | — | (31) | (38) | 50 |
| Interest expense | (159) | (134) | (506) | (421) |
| Loss before income taxes | (6,015) | (3,922) | (19,869) | (17,158) |
| Provision for income taxes | — | 13 | 3 | 77 |
| Net loss | <u>\$ (6,015)</u> | <u>\$ (3,935)</u> | <u>\$ (19,872)</u> | <u>\$ (17,235)</u> |
| Net loss per common share—basic and diluted | <u>\$ (0.34)</u> | <u>\$ (0.24)</u> | <u>\$ (1.17)</u> | <u>\$ (1.05)</u> |
| Weighted average shares used to calculate net loss per common share | <u>17,824</u> | <u>16,512</u> | <u>16,975</u> | <u>16,366</u> |

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