

**WHAT IS THE NEXT BIG THING IN CLEANTECH?  
FIND OUT AT THE 2013 CLEANTECH SUMMIT IN MILAN, NOVEMBER 12-13**

**Geneva and Milan, October 15, 2013** – The Cleantech Summit presented by Tech Tour, IVC, co-organized by Intesa Sanpaolo and supported by the Italian Trade Agency, has identified the most exciting 20 privately held Cleantech companies in Europe.

Echoing the current direction and investment trends of the Cleantech Industry, the selected companies are strongly represented in Energy Efficiency & Infrastructure, Energy Storage and Energy Generation with over 56% of the companies falling into those sectors. The rest of the presenting companies fall into the categories of Water and Waste Water, Air, Carbon and Environment, Recycling and Waste and Materials.

55% of the presenting companies are at expansion stage, 30% at startup stage, 10% at seed and 5% are pre IPO.

The companies have been selected from all across Europe including Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Sweden and the UK.

The packed agenda will include Israeli company Signals (formerly D&A) delivering the verdict on the next big thing in Cleantech with entirely new intelligence on the industry and future trends. They will be joined by speakers including:

- **Italian Ministry for Environment, Land & Sea, Corrado Clini, Director & Confindustria, Andrea Bairati, Director of Innovation** – Keynote speeches at the Gala dinner
- **McKinsey & Company, Antonio Volpin, Director Electric Power and Natural Gas Practice for Europe, Africa & Middle East**, on the topic of “Threats & Opportunities. Are we at the end or the beginning of the cycle?”
- **Greenpeace, Giuseppe Onufrio, Director**, on the topic of “Can we afford a non-sustainable world?”
- **Cleantech Group, Richard Youngman, Managing Director** will give the Industry Overview
- **Angelantoni Group, Gianluigi Angelantoni, President**
- **Mossi & Ghisolfi, Guido Ghisolfi, CEO**
- **MIP School of Management Milan, Vittorio Chiesa, Professor**

Cleantech Summit President, Massimo Sapienza of Helio Capital and VP of the Selection Committee, Robert Gallenberger of GIMV will be moderating the presentations of the top 20 Cleantech companies in Europe on November 12th at the Milan Palazzo Delle Stelline Congress Centre. This will be followed by a Gala dinner at the Museum of Science & Technology. Company presentations will continue on November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Palazzo Delle Stelline Congress Centre with a networking lunch and panel discussions.

**ICE-Agenzia, the Italian Trade Agency is the Italian Government partner and one of the events main partners:**

*"The Cleantech Summit in Milan - says Riccardo Monti, Chairman of the Italian Trade Agency - is both a great opportunity and an act of acknowledgment for all those Italian start-ups that in recent years achieved a level of excellence in this field. Our agency is very active in supporting their efforts, through a number of initiatives and projects, such as the Environment Desks in many of our offices abroad. Today - continues Mr. Monti - we're reinforcing our commitment by participating as Government Partner. Here at Cleantech Summit - concludes ITA's chairman - we support the fringe participation of several Italian start-ups and at the same time we promote the event to the most interesting Italian realities in the field of clean technology."*

Prior to the Cleantech Summit on November 12th, the International Venture Club will be hosting a Round table for members and Co-Organising partner Intesa Sanpaolo will be hosting a Cleantech Early & Growth Stage Arena to showcase both early-stage international companies in the renewable energy, energy efficiency and waste management fields.

According to Ruggero Recchioni from the R&D Fostering office of Intesa Sanpaolo, *“The economy of Clean technologies is going to grow steadily in the middle and long term. No matter what the local and current situation is, megatrends like demographic growth and the increase of per-capita resource consumption will push the need for basic resources like energy, food and water, increasing pressure on the environment. Technology is already providing solutions that will enable these increasing needs to be satisfied with more efficiency or new resources. As an international bank, we need to stay ahead of such changes and be ready to provide support to our customers to allow them to grow in the new areas of competition that the “Cleantech economy” will bring.*

Join us for this great event! Register now at: <http://www.cleantechsummit.eu>

**About Tech Tour**

Tech Tour was founded in Geneva in 1998 in response to the growing interest in emerging technology companies in various European regions. Tech Tour is an organization composed of key contributors to the high technology industry. Tech Tour recognizes that continued prosperity in Europe lies in its ability to transform today's innovative projects into tomorrow's global technology leaders. For further information, please visit [www.techtour.com](http://www.techtour.com)

**About the International Venture Club**

The International Venture Club was founded in 2011 as the collaborative platform of leading venture investors promoting successful international investments. Its objectives are to 1) share better practices, 2) build co-investor trust and relations, 3) foster new funding and investment opportunities through joint actions and PR, 4) grow promising companies with corporate partners and co-investors and 5) keep a smart window and support to emerging innovative companies. [www.iventureclub.com](http://www.iventureclub.com)

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