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In the October edition of Mintz Levin's *Energy and Clean Tech Connections*, we've gathered recent information from a wide variety of sources in an effort to keep you abreast of what's new in the world of clean energy. We draw your attention to the latest industry developments, news from local governments to Capitol Hill, grant opportunities, and upcoming events.

Last month, Senators John Kerry (D-MA) and Barbara Boxer (D-CA) [introduced the Clean Energy Jobs and American Power Act](#). Senator Kerry said that the bill "puts Americans back in charge of our energy future and makes it clear that we will combat global climate change with American ingenuity." The Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works announced that it will [hold hearings on the bill beginning October 27](#). For a comparison of the Kerry-Boxer bill and the Waxman-Markey energy and climate legislation that passed the House of Representatives in June, please see our recent [Alert](#).

This month, the Energy and Clean Technology Practice Group would like to congratulate client Achates Power on their recent [\\$12.12 million financing](#) by RockPort Capital Partners, Sequoia Capital, InterWest Partners, and Madrone Capital Partners. Based in San Diego, Achates Power develops engines that provide both fuel efficiency and power density at lower cost.

Last month, A123 Systems Inc. made its debut on the NASDAQ as a publicly traded company with a [\\$378 million initial public offering](#). The Massachusetts-based company produces lithium-ion batteries for the growing electric car market. John Fitzgibbon, an analyst at IPOscoop.com, said A123 drew interest from investors as a way to tap into new technology. "You can expect to see more of these," he said.

We hope that you enjoy this month's edition of the newsletter.

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In the News: United States

George Soros Pledges \$1.1 Billion To Fund Climate Change Initiatives

Reuters – October 14, 2009

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Florida Power & Light to Power the Largest Solar Plant in the U.S.

New Energy World Network – October 14, 2009

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Siemens Financial Services Provides \$178 Million Credit Facility to Windy Point Partners

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Duke Energy Plans Offshore Wind Pilot Project

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Michigan To Invest \$250 Million in Suniva Manufacturing Facility

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North American Wind Power Passes 27GW Mark According to New Report

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Panasonic Set To Make Batteries for Tesla's Model S

Greentech Media – October 5, 2009

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U.S. Energy Efficient Engine Manufacturer Achates Power Raises \$12.12 Million in Venture Capital

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Venture Capital Investments in Clean Technologies Reaches \$1.9 Billion in the Third Quarter of 2009

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LS9 Raises \$25 Million for Renewable Petroleum

Clean Edge – September 25, 2009

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A123 Systems Jolts IPO Market

MarketWatch – September 24, 2009

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Suntech Beats Its Own Solar Record for Efficiency

Greentech Media – September 23, 2009

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Serious Materials Raises \$60 Million More, Drywall Still on the Way

Greentech Media – September 22, 2009

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In the News: Europe

Siemens International Buys Solel Solar Systems for \$418 Million

Greentech Media – October 15, 2009

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Spain's Iberdrola Renovables Opens Arizona's First Wind Farm

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EU's New Solar Plan Falls Short, Says Industry Group

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Global Clean Energy Investment Shows 9% Dip in Q3

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Biomass Company Cycleenergy Raises €10 Million in Venture Capital

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European Investment Bank Announces €500 Million in Loans to Irish Electricity Sector

Clean Edge – September 29, 2009

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SolFocus, Dreen Europe, Águas de Portugal Partner To Develop 8.5MW of Solar Power

New Energy World Network – September 29, 2009

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Sweden Awards €49 Million Investment Grant for Chemrec Biofuels Project

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Recurrent Energy Launches European Operations with 4.8MW Spain Development

New Energy World Network – September 29, 2009

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Cleantech M&A on the Rise according to German Venture Capital Firm Ventizz Capital Partners

New Energy World Network – September 24, 2009

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Government Financial Assistance

Grants

New York American Recovery and Reinvestment Act State Energy Program-Solar PV Grants

Application Deadline: October 29, 2009

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Testing of Post-Combustion Carbon Dioxide
Capture and Separation Technology to Existing
Coal-Fired Power Plants

Application Deadline: December 15, 2009

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Massachusetts Technology Collaborative
Sustainable Energy Economic Development
(SEED)

Application Deadline: Rolling

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Massachusetts Technology Collaborative
Business Expansion Initiative (BEI)

Application Deadline: Rolling

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Massachusetts Technology Collaborative Large
Onsite Renewables Initiative

Application Deadline: Rolling

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Massachusetts Green Energy Fund

Application Deadline: Rolling

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Unsolicited Proposals to the Massachusetts
Renewable Energy Trust's Industry Investment
and Development (II&D) Program

Application Deadline: Rolling

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Focus on Energy Renewable Energy Incentives
& Grants

Application Deadline: Rolling

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Tax Incentives and Rebates

Federal Advanced Energy Manufacturing Tax
Credit

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Federal Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery
System

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Federal Business Investment Tax Credit

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Federal Renewable Power Production Tax Credit

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Federal Tax Credits for Home Builders

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Federal Tax Deductions for Commercial Buildings

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Self-Generation Incentive Program

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California Property Tax Exclusion for Solar Energy Systems

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Massachusetts Alternative Energy and Energy Conservation Patent Deduction (Personal and Corporate)

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Massachusetts Hydropower-Property Tax Exemption

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Massachusetts Corporate Income Tax Deduction

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Massachusetts Technology Collaborative Commonwealth Wind Incentive Program: Micro Wind

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The Renewable Fuels Foundation Grants for Ethanol Production

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The Carbon Trust

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Federal and State Happenings

Schwarzenegger Signs Two Renewable Energy Bills, Vetoes Others

The Los Angeles Times – October 13, 2009

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U.S. Representative Giffords' Solar Roadmap Bill Passes Science and Technology Committee

Renewable Energy World – October 9, 2009

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DOE Announces \$87 Million in Funding To Support Solar Energy Technologies

Press Release, U.S. Department of Energy – October 8, 2009

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Energy Department Announces New Private Sector Partnership To Accelerate Renewable Energy Projects

Press Release, U.S. Department of Energy – October 7, 2009

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Secretary Chu Announces First Awards from \$1.4 Billion for Industrial Carbon Capture and Storage Projects

Press Release, U.S. Department of Energy – October 2, 2009

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Senators Kerry and Boxer Introduce Clean Energy Jobs and American Power Act

Renewable Energy World – October 1, 2009

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California Approves \$3.1 Billion Energy

Efficiency Program

Clean Edge – September 28, 2009

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Balance Energy Wants To Build Microgrids, Starting With San Diego

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Treasury, Energy Surpass \$1 Billion Milestone in Recovery Act Awards for Clean Energy Projects

Press Release, U.S. Department of Energy – September 22, 2009

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U.S. Energy Secretary Chu Announces \$528 Million Loan for Advanced Vehicle Technology for Fisker Automotive

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Secretary Chu Presents Smart Grid Vision and Announces \$144 Million in Recovery Act Funding To Transition to the Smart Grid

Press Release, U.S. Department of Energy – September 21, 2009

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U.S. Department of Energy Finalizes \$5.9 Billion Loan for Ford to Develop Hybrid and Electric Vehicles

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DOT Secretary Ray LaHood and EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson Propose National Program To Improve Fuel Economy and Reduce Greenhouse Gases

Press Release, U.S. Department of Transportation – September 15, 2009

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Legal News

Climate Bill Differences: Waxman-Markey Versus Kerry-Boxer

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Federal Clean Energy Policy Summaries: Key Updates from the Past Few Weeks

Energy and Clean Technology Advisory, Mintz Levin – October 7, 2009

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What's in a Domain Name? Maybe "Green," "Clean" or "Eco"?

Trademark Advisory, Mintz Levin – October 7, 2009

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Governor Patrick Signs Bill Delaying Implementation of Lobbying Law

Public Finance and Litigation Alert, Mintz Levin – October 2, 2009

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The Second Circuit Reinstates Global Warming Federal Nuisance Claims against Utilities: Connecticut, et al. v. American Electric Power Co., Inc., et al.

Environmental Alert, Mintz Levin – October 1, 2009

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Offsets Drive Opportunities in the New Carbon Economy

Energy and Clean Technology Alert, Mintz Levin – September 30, 2009

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Making Connections, Managing Risk in Startup Deals: A Visit to Boston Law Firm Mintz Levin

Xconomy – August 25, 2009

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Events

October

EnviroTech '09

5th International Exhibition on Environment, Water & Green Building Technologies

October 22-25, 2009

Mediterranean Exhibition Center

Athens, Greece

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National Venture Capital Association Cleantech Roadtrip

October 27-28, 2009
Argonne National Lab
Argonne, Illinois

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Solar Power International 09

October 27-29, 2009
Anaheim Convention Center
Anaheim, California

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Energy Storage Summit

October 27-29, 2009
Hilton Alexandria Mark Center
Alexandria, Virginia

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MIT 100K

October 29, 2009
Kirsch Auditorium, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge, Massachusetts

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November

The Networked Grid

November 4, 2009
PG&E Auditorium
San Francisco, California

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3rd Annual Essential CleanTech Investor Summit

November 10, 2009
Park Plaza Victoria
London, United Kingdom

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New England Clean Energy Council Green Tie Gala

November 11, 2009
John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum
Boston, Massachusetts

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New England Clean Energy Council Conference on Clean Energy

November 12-13, 2009
Hynes Convention Center
Boston, Massachusetts

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Next Generation Biofuels Feedstocks USA

November 16-17, 2009
Le Meridien Hotel
San Francisco, California

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Carbon Capture and Storage Forum

November 25, 2009
Le Meridien Piccadilly
London, United Kingdom

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