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**NORTHWINDS ADVISORS EXPANDS ITS PLATFORM TO SERVE WESTCOAST CLIENTS**

**Harrison, NY – April 7, 2010** -- NorthWinds Advisors is pleased to announce the addition of Jonathan Fitzgerald as a senior member of its investment banking team.

Mr. Fitzgerald has joined NorthWinds as a Managing Director in which he will spearhead NorthWinds' west coast investment banking activities. Mr. Fitzgerald has over twenty years of investment banking experience in which he has sourced, lead and executed a wide variety of large and complex transactions across multiple industries with a focus on the energy sector.

"Jon has extensive investment banking experience in all areas of our business but most importantly he will be instrumental in building NorthWinds' cleantech platform at time when many such companies are looking for our focused services," said Garth Klimchuk, NorthWinds' Founder and Managing Director.

Mr. Fitzgerald most recently led Morgan Joseph's cleantech banking practice and previously served as the Interim-CEO of Harvest Wind Limited, a development stage wind turbine manufacturer based in Oregon. He currently is a member of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Audit Committee of DayStar Technologies, Inc., a NASDAQ-listed solar technology company. Mr Fitzgerald previously served as a Board Adviser to iSense Corporation, BostonPoly Corporation, and Trustwater LLC.

Mr. Fitzgerald was Co-Head of Capital Markets origination for North America at Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein in which he oversaw the origination of loan, bond and equity products for the firm's key corporate relationships across multiple industry sectors and had direct client coverage responsibility for the Regulated and Un-Regulated Energy Sectors. He was also a member of the firm's Capital Markets Management, Credit and New Business Committees. Prior to joining Dresdner, Mr. Fitzgerald worked in New York and London at Credit Suisse First Boston where he won multiple *Deal of the Year* awards on behalf of his clients.

"I am extremely excited about joining such a strong team that has been able to develop such a solid platform and proven track record in the renewable energy sector," said Mr. Fitzgerald. "Being able to more directly develop and serve NorthWinds' western region client base and also begin to develop a cleantech focus is a natural extension of the business."

Mr. Fitzgerald received a B.A. with Distinction from Bowdoin College, an M.Sc. (Econ) from The London School of Economics and Political Science and an M.B.A. from The Wharton School of The University of Pennsylvania.

**About NorthWinds Advisors**

NorthWinds Advisors LLC, headquartered in Harrison, NY, is an independent FINRA-registered financial advisory firm focused on providing mergers & acquisition, capital raising and strategic advisory services exclusively to the renewable energy sector. The firm has strong and wide-ranging relationships with equity and debt capital providers, project developers and technology innovators. The firm has been the exclusive advisor in the sale of over 2,000 megawatts of alternative energy projects and is currently involved in several thousand megawatts of wind and solar projects encompassing all forms of funding requirements and M&A. NorthWinds is an affiliate company of NorthWinds Renewables, a merchant banking firm providing early stage investments in renewable energy companies and projects including large-scale biodiesel projects through its NorthWinds Biodiesel subsidiary. Visit NorthWinds on the web at [www.northwindsadvisors.com](http://www.northwindsadvisors.com).