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**THOMAS WEISEL PARTNERS HOSTS ANNUAL
ALTERNATIVE ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES CONFERENCE**

New York, NY, November 10, 2009 – Thomas Weisel Partners (NASDAQ: TWPG), a global growth-focused investment bank, will host its Annual Alternative Energy & Natural Resources Conference, November 10, at the NY Palace Hotel in New York. Institutional investors and company management will gather for this one day conference, which will focus on opportunities and challenges in the alternative energy & natural resources industry for the remainder of 2009 and beyond.

The conference will showcase presentations from over 90 established and emerging public and private companies from around the globe, representing alternative energy, base metals, basic materials, energy exploration and production, gold & precious metals, international oil & gas, oil & gas exploration and production and uranium.

“We remain committed to focused coverage in the Alternative Energy & Natural Resources sectors, which witnessed a strong rebound in 2009. The Alternative Energy Peer Stock Price Index leads the entire sector, up 45.8% YTD, compared with the S&P 500 up 15%. The S&P Energy sub-index is up 11%, with the Metals & Mining sub-index up 40%. Gold equities had a strong showing this year, with the NYSE Gold index up a robust 42%. We believe that various factors including a gradual economic recovery and improvement in global demand will continue to improve over the next year,” said Keith Gay, Head of TWP’s Research Group.

The conference will be led by Thomas Weisel Partners’ eleven senior alternative energy and natural resource research analysts: Dana Benner, CFA, energy equipment & services; David Dudleyke, international oil & gas; Heather Douglas, CFA, gold & precious metals; Horst Hueniken, CFA, basic materials, Thomas Martin, international oil & gas; Andrew Mikitchook, CFA, gold & precious metals; Kurt Molnar, oil & gas exploration and production; Jeff Osborne, alternative energy; Michael Scialla, oil & gas exploration and production; Simon Tonkin, base metals & uranium; Dilip Warriar, alternative energy. Analysts will offer insight into the major trends impacting their respective sectors.

A full list of company participants includes:

Accenture Ltd.	BPZ Resources, Inc.
Active Power, Inc.	BTU International, Inc.
Advantage Oil and Gas Ltd.	Calfrac Well Services Ltd.
Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.	Celtic Exploration Ltd.
Altair Nanotechnologies, Inc.	Centamin Egypt Limited
Alter NRG Corp.	China Wind Systems, Inc.
Andean Resources Limited	CIC Energy Corp.
ARC Energy Trust	Coastal Energy Limited
Ballard Power Systems, Inc.	Coda Automotive
Bankers Petroleum Ltd.	Colossus Minerals Inc.
Bannerman Resources Limited	Comverge, Inc.
Better Place	Concho Resources Inc.
Big Ass Fans	CPower
Birchcliff Energy Ltd.	Daylight Resources Trust
BPL Global, Ltd.	Denbury Resources Inc.

Despatch Industries, Inc.
Duluth Metals Limited
Eldorado Gold Corporation
Ener1, Inc.
EnerNOC, Inc.
Exide Technologies
Extract Resources Limited
Fuel Systems Solutions Inc.
Fuel Tech, Inc.
FuelCell Energy, Inc.
GlobeStar Mining Corporation
Gran Tierra Energy
groSolar
GT Solar Incorporated
Guyana Goldfields Inc.
IAMGOLD Corporation
Itron, Inc.
Kodiak Oil & Gas Corp
Luca Technologies Inc.
Magma Energy Corp.
Maxwell Technologies, Inc.
MBA Polymers, Inc.
Medoro Resources Ltd.
Mega Uranium Ltd.
Metalico, Inc.
Migao Corporation
Mullen Group Ltd.
Ormat Technologies, Inc.
Osisko Mining Corp.
Pacific Rubiales Energy Corporation
Paladin Energy Ltd.
Paramount Resources, Ltd.
Petra Solar, Inc.

Petrolifera Petroleum Ltd.
Platinum Group Metals
Plug Power Inc.
Potash One Inc.
Precision Drilling Trust
Premier Gold Mines Limited
Progress Energy Resources
Quadra Mining Ltd.
Quantum Fuel Systems Technologies Worldwide
Queenston Mining Inc.
Red Back Mining
Renewable Energy Group, Inc.
Rentech, Inc.
Rex Energy Corporation
Satcon Technology Corporation
Savanna Energy Services Corp.
SEMAFO Inc.
ShawCor Ltd.
Southwestern Energy Company
St. Mary Land & Exploration Company
Sterling Resources
Toreador Resources Corporation
Trican Well Service Ltd.
Trilogy Energy Trust
Ultra Petroleum Corp.
UQM Technologies, Inc.
US Geothermal
Venoco, Inc.
Verenium Corporation
Western Potash Corporation
Xunlight Corporation
Zenn Motor Company Inc.

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