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### Thomas Weisel Partners Hosts Annual Alternative Energy Conference

**New York, NY, June 12, 2008** – Thomas Weisel Partners (NASDAQ: TWPG; TSX: TWP), a growth sector focused investment bank, will host its Annual Alternative Energy Conference, June 12 at the Mandarin Oriental 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 industry in 2008 and beyond.

The conference will showcase presentations from over 30 established and emerging public and private companies, including those engaged in alternative fuels, energy efficiency, fuel cells, smart grid technologies, solar power, and wind power.

“Rising energy prices, political uncertainty in oil producing regions and increased environmental standards and regulations are creating tremendous potential for alternative energy solutions”, said Keith Gay, Head of TWP’s Research Group. “We believe the management teams will provide investors with a unique look into various sectors of the alternative energy industry and a chance to find out what is on the horizon for 2008.”

Thomas Weisel Partners’ Alternative Energy equity research team is led by Jeff Osborne. Mr. Osborne brings 10 years of experience in the financial services industry, including five years of sell-side experience at Thomas Weisel Partners and CIBC World Markets, five years on the buy-side at Munder Capital Management and Sanford C. Bernstein & Co. He was most recently ranked third in The Wall Street Journal’s 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Best on the Street analysts survey in the Electronic and Electrical Equipment industry group.

A full list of company participants follows:

ADA-ES Inc.  
American Superconductor Corporation  
Amtech Systems, Inc.  
Ballard Power Systems, Inc.  
BTU International, Inc.  
Composite Technology Corporation  
Comverge, Inc.  
ConsumerPowerline  
Echelon Corporation  
EnerNOC, Inc.  
Evergreen Solar, Inc.  
Fuel Tech, Inc.  
FuelCell Energy, Inc.  
GreatPoint Energy  
GreenHunter Energy, Inc.  
groSolar  
Hoku Scientific, Inc.  
ISE Corporation

Lehigh Technologies  
Mascoma Corporation  
Metabolix, Inc.  
Metalico, Inc.  
Microfield Group, Inc.  
Orion Energy Systems, Inc.  
Plug Power Inc.  
PowerSecure International, Inc.  
Renewable Energy Group, Inc.  
Solar Integrated Technologies, Inc.  
SunPower Corporation  
Suntech Power Holdings Co., Ltd.  
VeraSun Energy Corporation  
Virent Energy Systems, Inc.  
Westport Innovations Inc.  
Xunlight Corporation  
Ze-Gen

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