**Nordic Cleantech Open – Third Edition launched today**

Cleantech Scandinavia announces that the third edition of the start up competition Nordic Cleantech Open (NCO) is being launched today. It is the competition that upgrades and accelerates start up companies and puts the participants in front of the right people.

The program for this edition is ambitious and will include:

* A Nordic Camp in Lahti, Finland. The competing companies will be supported in their development by especially invited investors and industrials.
* Participation at the Corporate Cleantech Venture Day in Lahti, November 20th, 2013. The event focuses on the industry applications of cleantech solutions.
* A Nordic Cleantech Showcase in Paris, France. France has emerged as a leading European nation when it comes to new cleantech oriented venture funds.
* A grand final event in Stockholm in May 2014

The jury will, as previously, consist of more than 50 investors and influential industry representatives from multinational companies. This jury will select the top 25 companies.

*"Our competition is different as we do not primarily focus on selecting one single winner. Our competition provides value for all applicants and most of all we provide value for our top 25 companies. These companies all have solutions with huge potential and we provide the tools and contacts necessary to reach this potential. Our jury, consisting of investors, industrials and other decision makers, are central both in selecting and supporting the companies”,* says Magnus Agerström, MD at Cleantech Scandinavia.

The Nordic Cleantech Open is a business competition aiming to identify, upgrade and display the top 25 early stage clean tech companies in the Nordic region each year. The competition is backed by Swedish Energy Agency, Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth, TEKES and Lahti Regional Development Ltd – Ladec.

**Website**

For more information about the competition and the companies visit

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