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## **Northern Power Systems Launches European Wind Business**

*Opens European Office and names Managing Director*

**BARRE, VT USA – September 30, 2009** – Northern Power Systems, Inc. ([www.northernpower.com](http://www.northernpower.com)), a next-generation wind turbine company and manufacturer of the Northwind 100, today has announced its expanded presence in Europe. To strengthen its commitment and better support its customers, Northern Power Systems has appointed Reinout Oussoren as European Managing Director and has opened its European headquarters in Zurich.

Mr. Oussoren will manage strategy, business development, sales, applications engineering and a growing network of premier development partners. He brings more than 20 years of commercial and operational leadership experience to Northern Power, most recently with GE Energy.

“Northern Power has an enormous opportunity to place its next generation 100 kW turbines across Europe in numerous distributed generation applications,” said Rein Oussoren. “I am extremely pleased to join the company and lead the establishment of a rapidly growing European sales and support organization.”

"As Northern accelerates its growth in Europe and builds a strong sales and support organization, it is critical that we have world-class leadership on the ground in Europe," said John P. Danner, President and CEO of Northern Power Systems. "We could not be more excited to have a professional of Mr. Oussoren's caliber join our team."

Prior to establishing its European office, Northern Power Systems had already booked over € 5 million in orders for its 100 kW turbines across Europe for applications that vary in size and need. For example, turbines in the United Kingdom are being installed at sites that include schools, hospitals and municipal facilities. In Italy, turbines have been purchased singly and in pairs by independent power developers to take advantage of the € 0.30 per kWh Feed-In-Tariff (FIT), which is limited to installations up to 200kW.

The Northwind 100 has a unique permanent magnet direct drive (PMDD) design that ensures higher energy capture, delivers “grid-friendly” power quality and dramatically reduces maintenance. The gearless design of the Northwind 100 is quiet, reliable and fully conforms to CE marking provisions. Sophisticated controls and safety features of the turbine include 24 hours per day, 7 days per week remote monitoring and support, which make the Northwind product line exceptionally well suited for entrepreneurs, landowners, farms, schools, municipalities and investors in the fast-growing European wind market.

### **About Northern Power Systems**

Northern Power Systems has over 30 years of experience in developing advanced, innovative wind turbines. The company's next generation wind turbine technology is based on a vastly simplified architecture that utilizes a unique combination of a permanent magnet generator and direct-drive design. This revolutionary new approach delivers higher energy capture, eliminates drive-train noise,

and significantly reduces maintenance and downtime costs. The company currently manufactures the Northwind 100 turbine, designed specifically for community wind applications such as schools/universities, businesses, commercial farms, and municipalities. Northern Power Systems is a fully integrated company that designs, manufactures, and sells wind turbines into the global marketplace from its headquarters in Vermont, USA. For additional information visit [www.northernpower.com](http://www.northernpower.com).

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