

## SUNFIRE IS NAMED IN THE 2015 GLOBAL CLEANTECH 100

- [List Recognizes the Top Private Companies in Clean Technology](#)

**San Francisco, 25. Januar 2016.** sunfire, a developer of high-temperature fuel cells, electrolysers and a pioneer in the fields of Power-to-Liquids and Power-to-Gas, today announced it was named in the prestigious [2015 Global Cleantech 100](#), produced by [Cleantech Group](#), whose mission is to connect corporates to sustainable innovation through its [i3 Connect platform](#) and global events.

The Global Cleantech 100 represents the most innovative and promising ideas in cleantech. Featuring companies that are best positioned to solve tomorrow's clean technology challenges, Global Cleantech 100 is a comprehensive list of private companies with the highest potential to make the most significant market impact.

"To be named in the Global Cleantech 100 means a lot to us. It shows that it really pays off to break new grounds. We are happy that our innovative technology appeals to both customers and investors. We are proud to contribute to the global energy transition," said Carl Berninghausen, CEO of sunfire.

This list is collated by combining proprietary Cleantech Group research data, with weighted qualitative judgments of hundreds of nominations, and specific inputs from a global 100-person Expert Panel. To qualify for the list, companies must be independent, for-profit, cleantech companies that are not listed on any major stock exchange.

This year, a record number of nominations were received: 6,900 distinct companies from 60 countries. These companies were weighted and scored to create a short list of 323 companies. Short-listed nominees were reviewed by Cleantech Group's Expert Panel, resulting in a finalized list of 100 companies from 17 countries.

The 100-member expert panel was drawn equally from leading financial investors and representatives of multi-national corporations and industrials active in technology and innovation scouting across Asia, Europe, and North America. The composition of the expert panel broadly represents the global cleantech community, from pioneers and leaders to veterans and new entrants. The diversity of panelists results in a list of companies that command an expansive base of respect and support from many important players within the global cleantech innovation ecosystem.

"The Global Cleantech 100 provides us with insight into the collective opinion of key market players on which megatrends and innovation companies are most likely to have a significant impact in the next 5-10 years," said Michele Parad, Senior Manager at Cleantech Group and lead author of the Global Cleantech 100 Report. "Now in its 7th year, the Global Cleantech 100 program reveals which themes are staying relevant and which sectors are taking center stage."

- The complete list of 100 companies was revealed on January 25th at Cleantech Forum San Francisco: <http://events.cleantech.com/cleantech-forum-sf/>
- For complete information on sunfire's leadership within the cleantech space, [access i3 by visiting i3connect.com](#)—Cleantech Group's leading market intelligence platform—and search for sunfire.
- The list is accompanied by a full report with commentary and insight on the 2015 Global Cleantech 100—authored by Cleantech Group, powered by data from i3, and sponsored by [Chubb](#). Download the report at: <http://www.cleantech.com/indexes/global-cleantech-100/2015-global-cleantech-100/>
- The complete list of Global Cleantech 100 expert panel members is available at <http://www.cleantech.com/indexes/global-cleantech-100/expert-panelists/>

### **About Cleantech Group**

Founded in 2002, Cleantech Group's mission is to accelerate sustainable innovation. Core to this mission is i3, an online platform that connects corporates with innovation, at scale, by allowing them to find, vet, and connect with start-ups—efficiently building an innovation pipeline. The i3 platform comes to life at our global Events, which convene corporates and start-ups, along with other players shaping the future of sustainable innovation.

Cleantech Group is headquartered in San Francisco and has offices in London.

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### **About sunfire**

Founded in 2010, sunfire GmbH develops and produces high-temperature electrolysis cells (SOECs) and high-temperature solid oxide fuel cells (SOFCs).

The firm's high-temperature fuel cells facilitate the highly efficient generation of electric power and heat according to the principle of cogeneration. This sees electric power and heat generated on-demand at the point of consumption – with local cogeneration at the lower end of the output scale therefore regarded as the energy concept of the future.

High-temperature electrolysis splits steam into hydrogen and oxygen. It is characterized by a particularly high level of efficiency and is powered by renewable energy. The hydrogen produced can either be efficiently converted into fuels using the sunfire Power-to-Liquids process or used without further processing in the H2 mobility or industrial sectors.

sunfire was founded by Carl Berninghausen, Christian von Olshausen and Nils Aldag. The firm is supported by business angels ('sunfire Entrepreneurs' Club'), INVEN CAPITAL, the

ERP Startfonds at KfW, TOTAL Energy Ventures and Electranova Capital (a venture capital fund financed by EDF and Allianz).

For further information please visit [www.sunfire.de](http://www.sunfire.de).

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