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3TIER Opens Office in Bangalore, India Adoption of renewable energy critical to meeting country's increasing power demands

SEATTLE (April 14, 2008) – 3TIER, one of the world's largest independent providers of energy assessment and power forecasting, today announced the opening of an office in Bangalore, India, one of the top four wind-power markets in the world and the most developed market in Asia.

“India has the elements needed to prove that it is possible to leapfrog fossil fuels and fully integrate renewable energy projects into a country's energy portfolio,” said Kenneth Westrick, founder and CEO of 3TIER. “It has good wind resources in its southern and western states, tremendous potential to tap into solar and hydropower, a government commitment to explore renewable energy sources and a market of more than 1 billion people – including 420 million people with no access to electricity.

“In fact, of the 80,000 villages today that have no access to electricity, it is estimated that 30,000 never can be electrified using fossil fuels. But utilizing renewable energy sources – wind, solar and hydropower – it will be possible to electrify remote areas,” Westrick said. “We believe there is an urgent need in this country to find new sources of power – and that India offers a tremendous opportunity for 3TIER to help developers and the government accelerate the adoption and integration of renewable energy.”

3TIER uses its knowledge about weather, climate and their impacts on weather-driven renewable energy resources to help developers make better decisions about their investments – before, during and after projects are built.

“As the most densely populated country in the world with many villages that have no electricity, there is strong demand to augment the power grid in India,” said Steven Cashen, 3TIER's director of international marketing development. “3TIER will work closely with developers to assess and forecast potential wind, solar and hydro energy projects.”

The Archean Group, an India-based wind energy developer and Independent Power Producer (IPP), already has signed an agreement to use 3TIER's FullView Assessment™,

a powerful tool that provides highly customized information about specific wind or solar resources at any global location scalable from project sites to entire countries.

FullView provides the most accurate comprehensive assessments regarding the availability, variability and long-term reliability of a weather-driven renewable resource. FullView is an essential tool for evaluating wind and solar resources at finer resolutions or over complex terrain.

Technical highlights of FullView include:

- The highest level of detail possible for renewable energy resources for specific locations in hourly, monthly and yearly intervals – over time and space.
- Each assessment is customized to fully reflect the needs of the client and the specific project location.

“With the rapid growth of the renewable energy market, developers are looking for the quickest way to find information about potential project sites, as well as how to maximize their energy production,” Cashen said. “India’s anticipated growth and commitment to developing renewable power sources is a powerful combination to providing a viable solution to bring power to those without.”

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ABOUT 3TIER

3TIER is one of the largest independent providers of wind, solar and hydro energy assessment and power forecasting worldwide with offices in North America, Latin America and Asia. People around the world turn to 3TIER when they want the best scientific information to make decisions about renewable energy projects — from the prospecting stage to operations. For more information, visit www.3tiergroup.com.

ABOUT ARCHEAN GROUP

Archean Group is a large conglomerate of businesses spanning various interests as ores and minerals, coal, common salt, industrial chemicals, shipping and ship building and alternate energy resources. The group proposes to set up large-scale wind energy projects in India, for sale of power to the grid and for captive consumption by its group companies. For more information, visit www.archeangroup.com.