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## **Alstom invests an additional \$75m in BrightSource Energy to strengthen its position in solar power as part of its renewable offering**

Alstom has decided to invest \$75m in BrightSource Energy, Inc. This further reinforces Alstom's partnership with BrightSource, following Alstom's \$55 million initial investment in the company in May 2010 and the partnership agreement signed in August 2010 to provide fully integrated solar thermal power plants. This latest investment positions Alstom as BrightSource Energy's second largest shareholder.

Alstom and BrightSource are partnering in countries, such as the Mediterranean ring and Africa, where solar conditions best suit BrightSource's tower technology and where Alstom has a proven track record in engineering and construction of power plants. Alstom's expertise in steam turbine technology together with its integrated plant solutions will complement BrightSource's solar technology to offer highly efficient solar thermal power plants.

In October 2010 BrightSource Energy began construction of its Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System (ISEGS) in San Bernardino County, California. The 392 megawatt-gross Ivanpah project is the world's largest solar power plant under construction.

Philippe Joubert, Alstom Power President, said: "With this new investment, we continue to build our partnership with BrightSource Energy to provide highly efficient solar thermal power plants that will bring customers cost-efficient and reliable carbon-free power. This further reinforces our commitment to the solar thermal market, in line with Alstom's clean power strategy to provide leading solutions spanning hydro, geothermal, wind, biomass, waste-to-energy and tidal".

"Alstom's additional investment in BrightSource Energy further demonstrates the strength of our partnership. We look forward to continue developing our solar thermal power offering globally and to meeting the world's growing demand for reliable, clean energy," said John M. Woolard, President and CEO of BrightSource Energy.

### **About Alstom**

*Alstom is a worldwide leader in power generation, power transmission and rail infrastructure and sets the benchmark for innovative and environmentally friendly technologies. Alstom builds the fastest train and the highest capacity automated metro in the world. It provides turnkey integrated power plant solutions and associated services for a wide variety of energy sources, including hydro, nuclear, gas, coal and wind. It offers a wide range of solutions for power transmission, with a focus on smart grids. The Group employs 93,000 people in more than 70 countries and had sales of over €23 billion in 2009/10 (pro forma figures).*

## **About BrightSource Energy Inc.**

*BrightSource Energy, Inc. provides clean, reliable and low cost solar energy for utility and industrial companies worldwide. The BrightSource Energy team combines nearly three decades of experience designing, building and operating the world's largest solar energy plants with world-class project development capabilities. The company now has contracted to sell more than 2,600 megawatts of power to be generated using its proprietary solar thermal technology. BrightSource Energy's solar plants are designed to minimize their impact on the environment and help customers reduce their dependence on fossil fuels. Headquartered in Oakland, California, BrightSource Energy is a privately held company with operations in the United States, Israel, and Australia.*

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