IdaTech names new President/CEO

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IdaTech, LLC, a global fuel cell solutions developer and manufacturer based in Bend, announced Thursday that Claude Duss has resigned as President and Chief Executive Officer, for personal reasons. Harol (Hal) Koyama has been appointed as IdaTechâ€™s new President and Chief Executive Officer.

Harol (Hal) Koyama was named new President/CEO of IdaTech on Mar. 1.
Duss served as President and CEO since May 2001. â€œMy time with IdaTech has been rewarding. I have enjoyed working with one of the industryâ€™s leading fuel cell companies and continue to be a strong supporter of IdaTech and wish it great success,â€• he said.

Duss had been commuting between Northern California and Bend, Oregon since he relocated to the southern state near the end of 2006, and cited personal and lifestyle reasons for his decision. He will provide transition support to the company until the end of this year.

â€œClaude has added great value to IdaTech, guiding its development to a world class fuel cell and reforming company. We will appreciate his continued support during transition,â€• said Koyama. â€œWe are in a very good position to take advantage of IdaTechâ€™s leading technology position and emerging commercial markets,â€• he added.

Koyama has been with IdaTech since 2003, serving as Senior Vice President of Sales & Marketing and most recently also responsible for Product Engineering and R&D.

Koyama has more than ten years of diversified international business experience in onsite generation applications within the Combined Heat and Power, Oil and Gas, Waste Fuel and other power generation markets. Prior to IdaTech, Koyama was Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing at Capstone Turbine Corporation (Capstone), a leading micro-turbine producer. Before Capstone, he was Vice President of Business Development for fuel cell company International Fuel Cells, a United Technologies Corporation (UTC) business. Koyama also spent three years at the UTC corporate headquarters, focusing on mergers and acquisitions. He has over five years experience as a management consultant with the international consulting firm McKinsey & Company, where he focused on energy and operations issues.

Koyama holds a degree in Physics/Mathematics from the University of Oregon, a Masters Equivalent in Nuclear Engineering from United States Navy where he served as Nuclear Submarine Officer, and a Masters in Business Administration from the Stanford University Graduate School of Business.

About IdaTech:IdaTech is a global leader in the development and manufacturing of clean and reliable

PEM fuel cell solutions for telecommunications, commercial and industrial backup power from 1 to 15 kW. IdaTechâ€™s unique technologies provide solutions for a wide range of applications from portable to off grid power and directly support efforts towards sustainable energy.

IdaTechâ€™s portfolio of industry-certified fuel cell solutions are based on the companyâ€™s fuel processing, fuel cell stack and power module and fuel cell system integration capabilities. With the support of strategic partners and customers, the companyâ€™s energy solutions are being deployed domestically and internationally for stationary, portable and other advanced applications.

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