

Beneq Selected by Global Cleantech Cluster Association as 2011 Later Stage Award Top 30 Finalist

Award category: Advanced Materials

[Beneq](#) today has the pleasure to announce that it has been chosen by the [Global Cleantech Cluster Association](#) (GCCA) as a 2011 Later Stage Award Top 30 finalist. Inclusion in the GCCA Global Top 30 reflects the strong business and market position of the company in the category sector, and signifies its innovative approaches and technologies are gaining a foothold in the new global green economy. Beneq was nominated for the GCCA Later Stage Award by the Finnish Cleantech Cluster in May 2011. The company's business model, market position, profitability and potential at creating and capturing market share (among other criteria) have subsequently qualified it to be a GCCA Later Stage Award 2011 Global Top 30 Finalist.

"Narrowing down 185 nominations from cleantech clusters all over the world down to 30 was a very competitive process," says Ben Taube, Chairman of the GCCA. "These Top 30 Finalists are the rising stars of the world's clean technology sector."

"These companies, with their customers and revenue, are building significant green collar economies in the regions where they operate," said Shawn Lesser Co-Founder of the GCCA. "For the health of the planet, both economically and environmentally, we are committed to spotlighting these game-changing companies on the world stage."

The GCCA Later Stage Award Global Top 30 Finalists were selected out of the 4000 companies represented by the GCCA's 30 member clusters, ranging from North America and Europe to Asia. Each cluster conducted internal evaluations to nominate up to 10 companies in 10 categories, including solar, wind, energy storage, green buildings, water and more. In total, these member clusters nominated 185 companies for the 2011 Later Stage Award.

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***About the Global Cleantech Cluster Association**, The Global Cleantech Cluster Association creates conduits for companies to harness the tremendous benefits of international cleantech cluster collaboration in an efficient, affordable, and structured way. Global Cleantech provides a gateway for established and emerging cleantech companies to gain exposure to potential investors, new markets, influential networks, innovative technologies and best practices. GCCA was founded by swisscleantech, the Finnish Cleantech Cluster, and Watershed Capital Group. The GCCA Later Stage Award is sponsored by Grant Thornton International. For more information about Global Cleantech, please visit www.globalcleantech.org.*

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