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**CASCADIA CAPITAL FORECASTS TOP SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIES
PREDICTIONS FOR 2011**

Sector Marked by M&A and Commercialization of New Technologies

SEATTLE – December 6, 2010 – [Cascadia Capital](#), a diversified, boutique investment bank serving both private and public growth companies around the globe, today announced its sustainable industries predictions for the coming year. Chairman and CEO Michael Butler, an emerging thought leader in the New Energy Economy, predicts the energy sector to spur a flurry of M&A and investment activity as renewable energy technologies mature.

Sustainable Industries Predictions for 2011:

1. Cap and Trade Discarded by Congress in National Energy Policy

A national energy policy is a top priority that crosses party lines given its importance to the future of the economy and the environment. Cascadia believes that Congress will implement a policy in the coming year that focuses primarily on gas, nuclear and renewable energies; however, it will not include economic incentives for achieving a reduction in carbon emissions. There are too many loopholes, including free permits and offsetting, which prevent cap and trade from becoming a feasible option in the U.S.

2. Rising Oil Prices Lead to Investments in Natural Gas

Oil markets are traditionally sensitive to a pick up in economic activity. As the economy continues to slowly improve over the next 12 months, Cascadia predicts that oil will hit \$100 per barrel. At the same time, oil companies will look to expand their operations by purchasing natural gas assets and companies that make technology for natural gas extraction. Although natural gas is not as clean as renewable sources, it will continue to be seen as a viable energy source readily available in the U.S.

3. Waste to Energy Technology Ready for Prime Time

Cascadia believes that technologies capable of converting municipal solid waste to energy will be ready for commercialization in 2011, with companies like Plasco Energy Group and InEnTec leading the charge. The industry will also see projects similar to the Salinas project in California roll out over the coming year.

4. Traditional Energy Companies Pursue Acquisitions in Renewable Energy

Cascadia predicts that traditional energy companies such as BP, Chevron and Shell will enter the renewable energy sector through acquisition. M&A activities will be primarily focused on companies in the wind, solar, waste to energy and energy efficiency markets.

“Energy policy and sustainable technologies continue to draw significant debate from consumers, pundits, politicians and investors around the world,” said Butler. “In 2011,

the energy landscape will be marked by significant investment activity from oil companies, M&A of renewable energy companies, and the introduction of new technologies for transforming waste to energy. These markets will continue to draw a great deal of attention as oil prices continue to rise and the formation of a national energy policy is thrust back into the spotlight.”

The rate of financing mechanisms, technological innovation and policy changes that impact the Sustainable Industries space has been staggering over the past five years. Cascadia Capital helps clients navigate this dynamic market through constant dialogue and strong relationships with venture capital, growth equity, private equity, debt and corporate investors who operate in this market sector on a global level.

About Cascadia Capital, LLC

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