



## **Novozymes Joins Nidus Partners to Advance New Energy Technologies from Research to Commercialization**

ST. LOUIS (Sept. 6, 2011) – [Nidus Partners LP](#) (Nidus) today announced Denmark-based [Novozymes](#) has joined Nidus as a corporate partner. Novozymes will collaborate with Nidus and its other partners [Bunge Limited](#) (NYSE:BG) and [Monsanto Company](#) (NYSE:MON) to select and develop early-stage energy technologies.

“The investment and participation of Novozymes, a recognized world leader in bioinnovation, is another major milestone for Nidus,” stated Vicki Gonzalez, managing partner of Nidus. “This deal further confirms our unique approach in leveraging our partners’ strategic market insight to efficiently select and de-risk early-stage energy technologies.”

Launched in September, 2010, Nidus takes a novel approach to commercialization by using its partners to identify market opportunities and experienced entrepreneurs to find and develop technologies that address these market needs. To date, Nidus has reviewed hundreds of technologies resulting in three start-ups: Electrochaea LLC, Six Convert LLC and Xtend Energy.

“Novozymes sees Nidus as a unique collaboration to identify and build the business case for novel energy technologies,” said Steen Skjold-Jorgensen, Novozymes Vice President, Research and Development. “The experienced entrepreneurial partners in Nidus provide a professional approach to maturing early-stage energy technologies. This partnership is a natural enhancement to our own exploratory activities.”

Partners have a right of first offer for the innovations developed through Nidus. A limited number of additional partners with the appropriate market and technical expertise will be invited to participate in the partnership.

Nidus currently screens dozens of technologies each year, selecting a very small percentage for commercialization. Those chosen meet a market need, have potential for a strong intellectual property position and a principal investigator that is willing to collaborate to commercialize the technology.

Examples of Nidus companies include:

- Electrochaeta: a renewable natural gas technology that converts waste carbon dioxide from existing manufacturing and stranded electric power into methane, the main component for natural gas.
- Xtend Energy: manufacturer of ultra-high-performance Lithium-ion battery cathode materials that will help address the issues of cost and performance for electric vehicle batteries.

### **About Nidus Partners, L.P.**

Nidus Partners LP is a unique collaboration between proven entrepreneurs and strategic corporations who, together, are commercializing renewable, sustainable and transformative energy technologies. By identifying and commercializing early-stage energy innovations, Nidus creates sustainable businesses that provide a competitive advantage to its select partners. For more information, please visit <http://www.niduspartners.com> or follow our business on [www.twitter.com/NidusPartners](http://www.twitter.com/NidusPartners)

### **About Novozymes**

Novozymes is the world leader in bioinnovation. The company researches, develops and manufactures industrial enzymes, microorganisms and biopharmaceutical ingredients. Together with customers across a broad array of industries Novozymes creates tomorrow's industrial biosolutions, improving its customers' business and the use of our planet's resources.

With over 700 products used in 130 countries, Novozymes' bioinnovations increase industrial performance and safeguard the world's resources by offering superior and sustainable solutions for tomorrow's ever-changing marketplace. Read more at [www.novozymes.com](http://www.novozymes.com).

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