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## **ARTIS in consortium offered £1.2 million grant**

Symphony Environmental Technologies Plc (“Symphony”), the degradable plastics and waste-to-energy Group, announces that its wholly owned subsidiary, Symphony Energy Ltd (the “Company”) has now been officially advised by the Technology Strategy Board that the Company and its consortium partners have been offered a £1.19m grant for collaborative research and development in the area of High Value Manufacturing, for the consortium’s Rubber Product Enhanced Recovery Technology project (“RuPERT”).

The Company is the lead partner; the other members of the consortium are ARTIS (a business of Avon Rubber P.l.c.), Imperial College London, ABB Limited (Robotics Division), Hughes Pumps Limited and Credowan Limited (Subsidiary of Cobham Plc). The partners were chosen for their expertise which wholly supports the collaborative research and development of microwave pyrolysis and rubber product enhanced recovery.

The Grant will support a substantial part of Symphony’s external project cost through the Partners but excludes direct management cost. The Grant project is subject to reaching and completing further intellectual property and other agreements with the consortium members.

The Company now has until the 1 July 2008 to accept the offer and would anticipate a project launch within the next three months.

Michael Laurier, CEO of Symphony, and Robert Nash, MD of Symphony Energy said:

“We are delighted to be working with all the partners on this exciting programme and look forward to giving updates as we progress through the stages and bring the technology to commercialisation”.

Dr. Geoff Fowler, Research Fellow of Imperial College London commented:

"This award builds on the close working relationship between my Research Group and Symphony and we are delighted to be a key part of the team. The opportunities offered by the



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award are significant - both in terms of the research and the environmental benefits which innovative, energy efficient, material recovery technology of this type affords."

Mike Badger, Account Manager at ABB Ltd (Robotics Division) commented:

"We are pleased to be involved in the RμPERT consortium and wholly support the research and development of processes for product recovery as these innovative technologies are essential in today's environment".

Phil Cranford, Managing Director of Hughes Pumps Ltd commented:

"We are also delighted to be involved in this ground breaking project, working alongside other consortium partners who are also leaders in their particular fields".

Nigel Bowes, Sales and Marketing Director of Credowan Ltd commented:

"We are very happy to be part of the RμPERT consortium, supporting it with our expertise and look forward to the exciting opportunities that the project will bring".

Martyn Bennett, Chief Scientist of ARTIS commented:

"We are very excited to be involved in this programme and believe Symphony Energy has put together the right mix of expertise in the consortium to deliver a successful outcome to the project".

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