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QCA hosts event on investing in Cleantech opportunities

Many senior executives believe that companies with an involvement in environmental markets will emerge as some of the UK's fastest growth sectors. The UK Government clearly sees the importance of this sector too, with the Chancellor's announcement earlier this year of £1bn to fund a green investment bank.

The Quoted Companies Alliance (QCA), the representative body for the UK's small and midcap quoted company sector, is hosting a discussion lunch in the New Year focusing on the UK's cleantech industry, which is pinned to be a major growth sector.

The event, hosted by Hunton & Williams, will take place on 27 January 2011 and is specifically aimed at directors of small and mid-cap quoted companies that are part of the cleantech sector, including those that work in renewable energies and that are part of the FTSE Environmental Opportunities UK and AIM Indices. Companies will hear from Andrew Shepherd-Barron, Director of Equity Research at Peel Hunt, and Tony Campos, Senior Executive, Responsible Investment Unit, FTSE, on what investors in the sector are looking for and how they are valuing companies.

This event follows on from the QCA's successful inaugural Cleantech Discussion Lunch held earlier this year in January 2010.

James Green, Senior Associate at Hunton & Williams, comments: "The UK's cleantech industry has an important part to play in the UK's economic recovery and we are happy to be supporting the QCA in this event for an emerging sector."

Tim Ward, Chief Executive of the QCA, comments: "We are delighted to be holding another Cleantech Discussion Lunch in conjunction with law firm Hunton & Williams. This is a fast developing sector which is attracting a great deal of attention from investors, analysts and the Government. We look forward to supporting many cleantech companies in the coming years with our range of fund manager and market focused events."

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