

Active Energy Group Plc

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Appointment of Finance Director

Active Energy Group Plc (AIM: AEG.L), the London Stock Exchange AIM-listed international supplier of Biomass for Energy (BFE) fuel products, industrial wood chip, and forestry management and development services, is pleased to announce the appointment of Brian Evans-Jones to the Board as Finance Director, with effect from 1 October 2014.

Brian Evans-Jones, aged 57, a chartered accountant, trained with Coopers and Lybrand, qualifying in 1985, after which he joined a strong provincial practice specialising in SMEs and business consultancy, which he took over as senior partner in 1992 before leaving to developing his own practice, which he continued until 2003.

He has acted as a consultant to, officer of, and investor in a number of businesses primarily in the food, manufacturing and property sectors, including a number of turn-around situations and early stage companies. These have included Harsco Inc., Celtic Oriental, Boditronics, Ty Nant Spring Water and Seconds Ahead.

Active Energy Group Plc Chief Executive Officer, Richard Spinks, said, *"I would like to welcome Brian Evans-Jones as Finance Director of Active Energy Group Plc. He has an excellent track record of working within fast-growing international businesses and is therefore ideally suited to AEG. Brian is already well known to the AEG team, having worked on a project basis for the Group in the first half of 2014. I am therefore confident that his appointment will significantly enhance the finance function across the Group and our ability to achieve our operational ambitions."*

Additional information relating to Brian Evans-Jones:

Directorships & Partnerships

Current	Within the past 5 years
Landsker Construction Ltd.	Ensemble Combined Services Ltd.
Celtic Oriental Ltd.	OTR Investments Ltd.
SBA Capital Ltd.	Mwldan Business Park Ltd.
Creak Ltd.	Seconds Ahead Ltd.
Eastwood Flame Ltd.	Price Tag LLP
Anevrís Ltd.	Secret Trade LLP
	Dynamo Property Ltd.

Mr Evans-Jones was a director or partner of the following undertakings at the time of, or within 12 months preceding, their insolvency, described in further detail below:

Seconds Ahead Ltd.: A liquidator was appointed by members on 2 April 2008 and this company was then dissolved on 28 May 2011. The liquidator's statement of affairs dated 23 April 2010 indicated a total deficit in respect of all creditors, secured and unsecured of £8,727.

S Ahead LLP: An administrator was appointed on 22 August 2008 and the partnership was subsequently dissolved on 13 August 2009. The total deficit in respect of all creditors, secured and unsecured, reported in the statement of administrator's proposals dated 17 December 2008 was £4.75 million.

Mwldan Business Park Ltd.: A liquidator was appointed by creditors on 9 July 2009 and this company was then dissolved on 28 May 2011. The liquidator's statement of affairs dated 9 July 2009 indicated a total deficit in respect of all creditors, secured and unsecured, of £61,023.

Secret Trade LLP: Liquidators were appointed by the members and creditors of the company on 16 April 2010 and the partnership was subsequently dissolved on 30 October 2012. The total deficit in respect of all creditors, secured and unsecured, reported in the return of final meeting dated 26 July 2012 was £2.94 million.

Price Tag LLP: Liquidators were appointed by the members and creditors of the company on 9 September 2010 and the partnership was subsequently dissolved on 18 January 2013. The total deficit in respect of all creditors, secured and unsecured, reported in the return of final meeting dated 11 October 2012 was £899,565.

No further disclosure is required under Paragraph (g) to Schedule Two of the AIM Rules with respect of Brian Evans-Jones.

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About Active Energy Group:

- Company website: www.active-energy.com
- Active Energy Group Plc, a London Stock Exchange AIM-listed company (AIM: AEG.L), is an international supplier of Biomass for Energy (BFE) wood chip for green energy power generation, industrial wood chip for MDF manufacturing, Biomass fuel granules and granulating systems, and forestry/timberland development and management services.
- The Group, headquartered in London, operates from five locations:
 - Ukraine, where it is the largest producer and exporter of MDF-quality wood chip
 - Spain and Montenegro, from where it supplies BFE Biomass wood chip to European power plants
 - The United Kingdom, where it operates an R&D facility for its new Biomass fuel granulating systems
 - Canada, where it has entered into a landmark forestry joint venture – *KAQUO Forestry & Natural Resources Development Corporation* - with three indigenous Métis Settlements to commercialise c.200,000 hectares of mature forestry/timberland assets
- The Group is led by a highly experienced and dedicated management team with a proven track record of working in the industries and regions from which its revenues are generated.
- In June 2013, AEG acquired its major trading partner and raised approximately £3.5 million to facilitate future growth and expansion of its international production and shipping facilities.
- In May 2014, the Group announced the formation of a new subsidiary, AEG Pelleting Limited, to commercialise and market a revolutionary new Biomass for Energy (BFE) fuel granulating process that converts sawdust and other industrial and agricultural co-products into valuable fuel granules for use in large-scale power plants and micro-CHP boilers.
- European Biomass for Energy (BFE) Market:
 - Biomass-fuelled power is expected to account for over 50% of European renewable energy, according to an EU directive on National Renewable Energy Action Plans.
 - EU directives and continued commissioning of new Biomass and CHP power plants in Europe continue to generate additional demand for Biomass fuel, with little visibility on where that fuel will be sourced.
 - The European Renewable Energy Council (EREC) estimates that Biomass-based energy production will grow from 43TWh (Terawatt Hours) in 2005 to 250TWh in 2020.
 - Key NGO bodies such as the European Biomass Association and Eurelectric (the European Union of the Electricity Industry) advocate establishing harmonised, binding sustainability criteria for solid Biomass fuel.
- Turkish MDF Market:
 - Turkey is the leading producer of MDF in Europe, producing an estimated 4.3 million m³ in 2012 in six plants around the country.
 - AEG has developed relationships with all of the major Turkish MDF manufacturers.
 - Currently, circa 69% of the wood chip imported into Turkey comes from across the Atlantic; all of it for production of wood-based panels, primarily MDF.
 - By contrast, wood chip from AEG's port-side production facilities in Ukraine can be transported across the Black Sea in approximately one-tenth of the shipping time from the U.S., Canada and Latin America, which provides manufacturers with substantial cost savings and cashflow advantages, as well as considerably fresher and higher-quality product.