



Natureo Finance secures GBP 15 million (USD 24 million) deal for British lithium battery company OXIS Energy

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The corporate finance advisory boutique, Natureo Finance, has announced that it has successfully secured an investment of GBP 15 million (USD 24 million) from the South African strategic investor Sasol New Energy for the British based company OXIS Energy Ltd.

The new capital will be used to further develop OXIS's Polymer Lithium Sulfur (PLi-S) chemistry, industrialise the production of electrolyte and cathode active materials, and accelerate the commercialisation of OXIS's proprietary PLi-S battery technology.

To that end, OXIS Energy will benefit from Sasol's extensive experience in the commercialisation and scaling-up of chemical processes.

"We are delighted that our sectorial knowledge and expertise, in which we have invested considerably, could be brought to service for OXIS, a highly innovative company with tremendous growth prospects. Our financial proficiency and industry knowledge helped the company broaden the scope of potential technical and commercial activities with strategic corporate partners," said Philippe Schmitt, MD, Natureo Finance. "We were able to offer specialist corporate financial advice and help OXIS shape its strategic business plans." he added.

OXIS Energy has developed next-generation battery technology that offers superior energy density to current lithium-ion batteries, while being intrinsically safe at the same time. The successful commercialisation of this technology will ensure safer and more cost effective rechargeable batteries, with substantially higher capacity than any comparable technology on the market.

OXIS Energy's technology is also well suited to applications such as e-bikes, e-scooters, electric vehicles and electric boats, as well as stationary applications such as industrial back-up power or grid storage.

The CEO of OXIS, Huw Hampson-Jones, said: "the scope for OXIS technology is immense and our priority now is to focus on industrialisation and commercialisation. 2012 is a pivotal year in the company's development. We are establishing strong technical partnerships with first class providers of raw materials as well as leading battery makers. These collaborations and Sasol's direct contribution will enable us to bring much safer lithium batteries to the market place over the next few years."

Natureo Finance acted as Oxis Energy's sole financial advisor during this transaction.

OXIS Energy Limited - Powering the revolution in transportation:

Since 2004, OXIS Energy has been at the cutting edge in the design and development of Polymer Lithium Sulfur cells for electric vehicles' battery systems. It is now moving towards the commercial production of these systems. OXIS has been granted 26 patents with 32 pending. It has demonstrated empirical data that justifies its assertion that its battery technology is inherently safe.

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