

## **NATUREO FINANCE raises £24 million for OXIS Energy**

### **ABOUT NATUREO FINANCE**

Founded in 2008, NATUREO FINANCE is an independent corporate mergers-acquisitions and fundraising consultancy specialised in the ecological and energy transition sectors. NATUREO FINANCE aims to provide innovative technology companies with industrial, sectoral and financial expertise to enable them to respond to the challenges of growth in an international environment.

This three-fold expertise can be seen particularly in the field of renewable infrastructures and in the assistance provided to industrial companies in the energy storage sector.

**NATUREO FINANCE, a leading European corporate finance boutique, focused on the energy transition and ecological sectors, has attracted additional funding from Safran, Arkema and Aerotec Brazil for the British lithium-sulfur battery technology company, OXIS Energy (“OXIS”).**

The transaction was carried out by EDF subscribing to a reserved capital increase of McPhy for a total amount of approximately €16 million, at a price per share of €5.10, representing 3,137,250 new shares of the company, representing 21.7% of its capital and 20.4% of its voting rights.

After supporting OXIS Energy in its £15 million fund raising with Sasol in 2012, Natureo Finance has been retained by OXIS to advise them in this new round of financing. The investments made by these companies bring the total capital raised for this round to just under £24 million.

OXIS Energy is at the forefront of the development of lithium sulfur (Li-S), the next generation of lithium-sulfur battery technology. OXIS's technology offers a significant increase in gravimetric energy, having announced back in October 2018 that the Company achieved 425Wh/kg on large 16Ah cells.

The closing of this transaction demonstrates Natureo Finance's abilities to structure a syndicate of “strategic investors” to support the development of deep-tech companies; also its specific expertise in supporting companies in the energy transition sector. The OXIS transaction will help foster the development of the technology through access to innovative materials and accelerate its commercialization through demonstrators.

Eric Missonnier-Rohart, Partner at Natureo Finance, commented: *“We have been following OXIS Energy for the last 8 years. When we first met the OXIS's team it had just demonstrated the potential of its technology; it is now on the verge of commercializing it. We are very pleased to help OXIS develop further by advising them during this latest fund raising which should provide the company with the financing needed to bring its technology to the market. At Natureo Finance, we value long-term relationships. This transaction illustrates how the building of long-term relationships help us to better advise our clients through a more intimate knowledge of their business and their needs in term of partners”.*