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Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox Establishes First CleanTech™ Industry Group Firm Recognizes Growing Importance of Clean Technology Industry

WASHINGTON, DC – March 1, 2006 – To address the growing market for clean technologies, Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox, an internationally-recognized intellectual property law boutique, announced today the launch of its CleanTech™ Industry Group. Clean technologies are designed to provide products and services that reduce or eliminate environmental impact and improve the quality of life.

“With alternative-energy technology estimated to capture 10 percent of all venture dollars by 2009, inventors need protection,” said David Cornwell, a director of Sterne Kessler and head of the CleanTech™ Industry Group. “Our CleanTech™ Industry Group will provide the full scope of intellectual property protection needed to minimize risk and ensure that entrepreneurs can capitalize on their products while safeguarding their intellectual property.”

The CleanTech™ Industry Group will serve a diverse range of technology clients with products, services, and processes targeting bioplastics, biomass, clean water technologies, fuel cells, "green" building materials, geothermal technologies, mining techniques, wind technologies, natural pesticides and photovoltaics.

According to Cleantech Venture Network, in 2004, clean technologies captured nearly 6 percent of the \$20.9 billion invested across all industries. In addition, clean technology is the seventh ranked industry behind software, biotechnology, telecommunications, medical devices and equipment, semiconductors, and telecommunications gear.

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“At Sterne Kessler we strive to creatively and strategically protect our clients' innovations and meet their unique needs. Given our customized approach, the firm is positioned to provide a comprehensive strategy using all available forms of IP protection, including utility and design patents, trade dress, trademarks, trade secrets, copyright, technology transfer and litigation,” continued Cornwell.

To learn more about the CleanTech™ Industry Group at Sterne Kessler, visit the web at www.skgf.com/cleantech.

Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox P.L.L.C. - Strategists and Advisors specializing in the protection, transfer and enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights. Founded in 1978 and based in Washington, D.C., the firm has over 100 patent attorneys, agents and technical specialists representing a broad range of clients, including emerging and established companies, venture capital firms, universities and select individuals. For additional information, please visit www.skgf.com.

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