



**Press Release**  
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## **NTR's Stirling Energy Systems Ltd. Strengthens Board With Appointment Of Seasoned Manufacturing Leaders**

**Dublin, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2009** – NTR plc, the international renewable energy group, announces today that its concentrating solar thermal company, Stirling Energy Systems Ltd, has appointed Michael Baunton, CBE and Bob Johnson as non executive advisors to the Board.

### **Michael Baunton, CBE**

Michael Baunton has held senior leadership positions in the industrial equipment and automotive manufacturing industries for over 20 years. Most recently he was Vice President of Caterpillar with responsibility for their \$5bn EMEA manufacturing business. Prior to Caterpillar, from 1995 - 1998, he was Group Chief Executive of Perkins Engine Company. He also previously held senior operating roles in automotive OEMs including Tenneco and Quinton Hazell.

Michael is chairman of Industry Forum in the UK, an industry and government partnership that provides manufacturing improvement services, and has been a member of the Executive Committee of the AmCham EU. In 2004 he was made a Commander of the British Empire (CBE) in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the UK automotive and engineering industries. Michael is a Fellow of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers.

### **Bob Johnson**

Bob Johnson held the position of CEO, Dubai Aerospace Enterprises from 2007 - 2009. Prior to this he served as the Chairman of Honeywell Aerospace, the world's largest supplier of aircraft engines, equipment, systems and services for commercial transport, regional, general aviation and military aircraft, until his retirement in 2006. He was also the President and Chief Executive Officer of Honeywell Aerospace from 1999. Before joining Honeywell, he held senior roles across several companies operating within aerospace industry. He began his career at GE Aircraft Engines (GE) in 1969.

Bob is a member of both Board of Directors and Trustees of Arizona State University Foundation. He is also a member of three corporation boards: Roper Industries, Spirit Aero Systems, and Ariba.

Commenting on their appointments, Ian Simington, NTR's Solar Chief Executive said, "We are delighted to have two outstanding leaders of industrial product businesses become advisors to our Board. We have significant momentum built up with our supply chain partners in preparation for launch of high volume production next year. In their careers, Bob and Michael have launched and supported many similar products and will bring valuable insights as we prepare for a smooth launch

and ramp up of our product support capabilities”.

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**About NTR plc**

NTR plc, the international renewable energy group, builds and runs green energy and resource-sustaining businesses. Founded in 1978, NTR has evolved from being a developer and operator of infrastructure in Ireland to an international developer and operator of renewable energy (wind, solar and ethanol) and sustainable waste management businesses in the USA, UK, and Ireland. The company employs over 4,100 people.

**About Stirling Energy Systems (SES Inc.)**

Stirling Energy Systems (SES) is the global supplier of the SunCatcher solar dish engine system, the latest innovation in modular Concentrating Solar Power (CSP), and next generation of grid-quality, solar-electric power generation. The SES SunCatcher combines a mirrored concentrator dish with a high-efficiency Stirling engine to track, collect and convert the sun's thermal energy to grid-quality electricity. The SunCatcher technology has significant advantages over other CSP technology including zero water use for power production, minimal impact to the environment, the highest electric efficiency and cost competitiveness. Founded in 1996, the company maintains corporate headquarters in Scottsdale, Arizona, and engineering and test site operations at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, New Mexico. NTR owns a controlling stake in SES Inc.