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INAWA's variator Selected by Global Cleantech Cluster as 2012 Award Top 30

Will be recognized at the Savannah (USA) International Clean Energy Conference, Nov. 11 – 13, for business growth and market success in Energy Efficiency

Dijon – France - September 05, 2012 – INAWA, innovative start-up <http://www.inawa.fr/en/menu2/home> announced that it has been chosen by the Global Cleantech Cluster Association <http://www.globalcleantech.org/> (GCCA) as a 2012 Later Stage Award Top 30 semi-finalist. Inclusion in the GCCA Global Top 30 reflects the business growth and market position of the company in the energy efficiency sector, and signifies its novel approaches and technologies are making an impact in the consistently-rising green economy.

INAWA was nominated for the GCCA Later Stage Award by the <http://www.frenchcleantech.com/> 2012 for **its innovative Continuously Variable Transmission device (CVT) dedicated to bike, e-bike, e-scooter, LEV, automobile and so on.**

INAWA's business model, market position, and potential at creating and securing market traction (among other criteria) qualified it to be a GCCA Later Stage Award 2012 Global Top 30 Finalist. **INAWA**, along with the other 2012 Global Top 30 companies, will be honored at the GCCA's Later Stage Award Dinner, held in conjunction with the Savannah International Clean Energy Conference (see <http://www.savannahcleanenergy.com/>) on November 12, 2012. The 2012 Later Stage Award is sponsored by Deloitte.

"The Top 30 companies have a proven track record of promoting and increasing the use of green technology in their home markets," adds Shawn Lesser, Co-Founder of the GCCA. "With a goal to advance the global use of clean energy and products, we are committed to spotlighting these innovative companies on a world stage."

The GCCA Later Stage Award Global Top 30 Finalists were selected out of the 4000 companies represented by the GCCA's 45 member clusters. The Top 30 finalists were screened for investment grade using a Keystone Method™, a business and venture development tool that has been reliably used since 2006. The Keystone Method was developed by GCCA Head Judge Dr. Peter Adriaens and CleanTech Acceleration Partners at the University of Michigan.

"Choosing 30 companies out of this year's 200 nominations was an extremely competitive process," said Ben Taube, Chairman of the GCCA. "These Top 30 Finalists represent a premier group of rising stars in the clean technology industry."

The INAWA's CVT technology is a patented cutting edge continuously variable system improving the performances and efficiency of machines using a transmission.

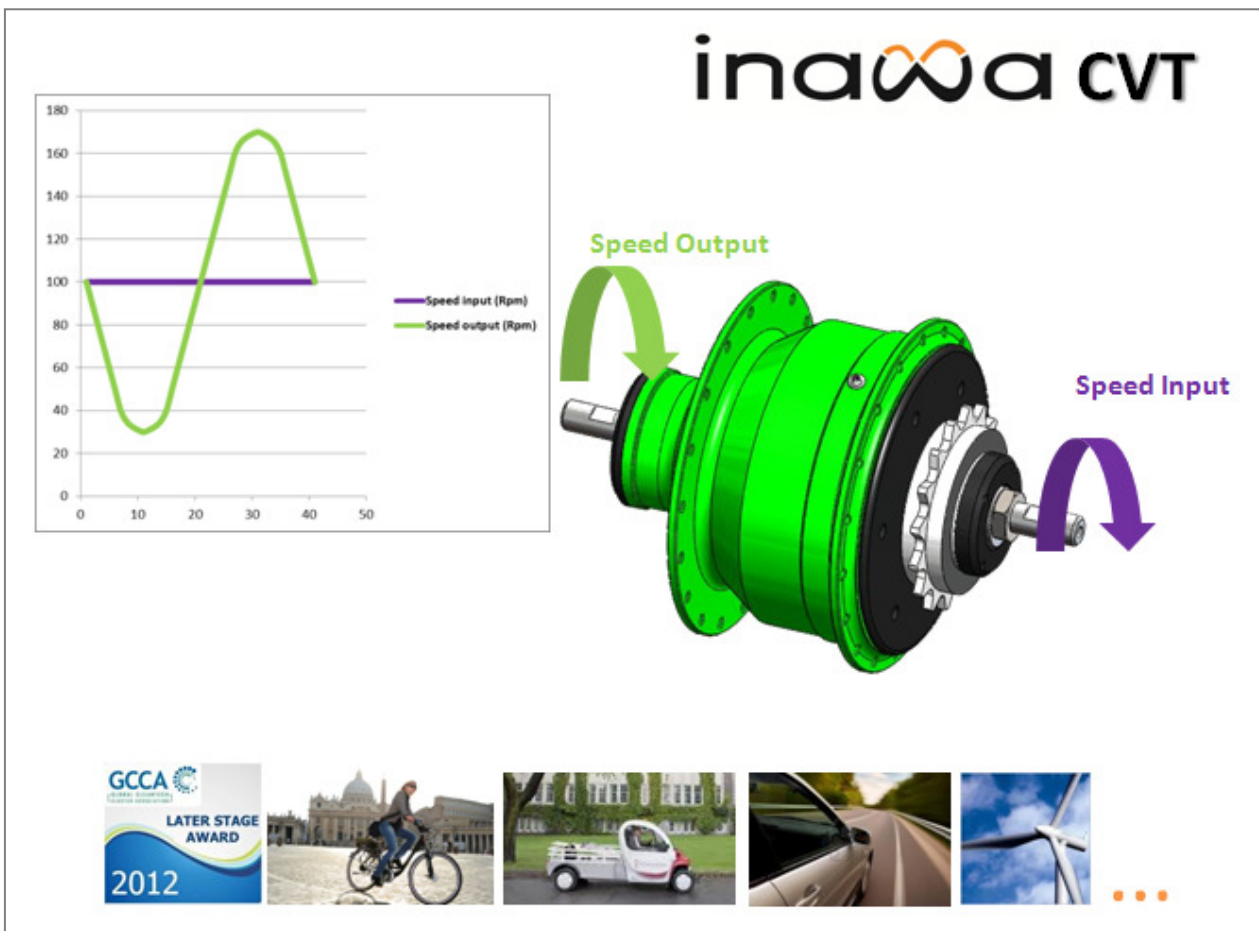
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- ➔ Ratio range: around 650% where the best current CVT are between 360% for e-bike for and 450%/625% for automotive
- ➔ Weight : 1.5kg when the current best in class is at 2.3 for an e-bike application and 30Kg for an automotive application when the currents solution are between 60 and 100kg
- ➔ Efficiency: between 95 to 98% when the current are 80 to 94%

Simplicity and industrial potential of the architecture: less than 50 pieces when the current best is around 100 (for e-bike for instance)

Then, the INAWA's CVT could allow substantial energy savings with smart monitoring systems associated...



About INAWA

Based near Dijon in Burgundy (France), dedicated to the innovation and inspired by the “less is more” trend, INAWA is a French start up founded at the end of 2010. The Team is a melting pot of know-how from mechanical and ergonomics to IP and B2B marketing and work with great partners in open innovation. We are supported by public and private funds.

About the Global Cleantech Cluster Association

Global Cleantech is a non-profit association, headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, U.S. that creates conduits for companies to harness the tremendous benefits of international cleantech cluster collaboration in an efficient, affordable, and structured way. Global Cleantech provides a gateway for established and emerging cleantech companies to gain exposure to potential investors, new markets, influential networks, innovative technologies and best practices. GCCA was founded by the Finnish Cleantech Cluster, Skipso, swisscleantech, Technica Communications and Watershed Capital Group. For more information about Global Cleantech, please visit <http://www.globalcleantech.org>.

Winners of the 2012 GCCA Later Stage Award will present their companies at the [Savannah International Clean Energy Conference](#) (November 11- 13). The event is set to be a global gathering of the top-tier cleantech and energy professionals from across the globe. Keynotes and panel topics will explore the significance and worldwide impact of clean energy independence, clean technologies and economic growth. The conference is presented in collaboration with [CleanTech Connections](#), [The Pendleton Consulting Group](#), Stephen Green, incoming chair of the [Georgia Chamber of Commerce](#) and [Watershed Capital Group](#),

A full list of all the GCCA Later Stage Award 2011 Global Top 30 Finalists can be found at: <http://www.globalcleantech.org/awards/2012-global-top-30/>

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