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Hydrovolts Wins \$50k Investment from the Zino Society Green Fund

SEATTLE, WA. May 12, 2009 - The [Zino Society](#) has awarded Hydrovolts, Inc. its \$50,000 Green Fund for first-stage investment. The company's new hydrokinetic renewable energy technology and game-changing business model impressed the investors behind the Green Fund who selected Hydrovolts from a field of twelve exciting companies. Hydrovolts earlier won the Society's Zenith Award for Best Investment Opportunity by popular vote of members at the Green Investment Forum.



Hydrovolts co-founders Chris Leyerle and Burt Hamner with Zino Society president Cathi Hatch.

“This investment from the Zino Society is recognition that we have a truly unique technology and business model with huge global potential,” says Burt Hamner, president of Hydrovolts. “Our new technology makes it possible to generate renewable energy from fast water currents that could not be tapped before, using a really novel turbine design. It’s a challenge to explain it quickly. The presentation coaching and business model feedback we received from ZINO Soci-

ety members was incredibly helpful. The award of the ZINO Green Investment Fund will help us achieve the full funding we seek and we are looking forward to working with the Fund investor group as our company grows.”

Cathi Hatch, ZINO Society CEO, said “Three years ago when we launched the ZINO Green Investment Forum, Clean Tech was barely on the investment radar screen. This year the fund investors described the kind of company we envisioned awarding the ZINO Green Investment Fund to. Hydrovolts exactly fits that vision.”

In April 2009 Hydrovolts was also voted winner of the “First Look Forum” of the [Northwest Entrepreneur Network](#) (NWEN) out of a starting field of over 50 companies.

The Hydrovolts technology enables distributed renewable energy generation from fast water currents found in canals, spillways, and other constructed water channels. The floating turbines are inexpensive to make and quick to install, with no site construction needed. The company is raising funds from private investors and is applying for the many grant funds available for renewable energy demonstration projects.

Information about Hydrovolts, including animation and video of its new turbine, are online at www.hydrovolts.com. For more information contact Burton Hamner, President, at 206-491-0945 or email burt@hydrovolts.com.

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