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## NEWS RELEASE

### **CamSemi signs second 'clean technology' investor in C round extension**

#### ***Denmark's BankInvest Group invests \$8 million in Cambridge-based company to help bring more energy-efficient power management ICs to market***

CamSemi has today announced an extension to its C round funding to bring the total sum raised to \$34 million (£17 million). BankInvest Group is taking an \$8 million equity stake in CamSemi through its New Energy Solutions VC fund and has become the second cleantech investor to back the company's technologies, products and approach.

Carbon Trust Investments joined as CamSemi's first shareholder focused on clean energy technologies when the C round funding - led by 3i and existing shareholders Scottish Equity Partners (SEP) and TTP Ventures - was initially announced in October 2007.

CamSemi is developing sophisticated ICs that will allow manufacturers to introduce highly "cost-efficient" mains-connected converters and battery chargers that are smaller, cheaper and more power efficient than existing wasteful solutions. The company's first breakthrough products were introduced at the end of last year and new lower cost, more efficient supplies for high volume consumer products are now in full-scale production. Two further controllers were launched in April this year targeting the low power cordless phone and audio markets; two major markets still dominated by linear power converters that typically waste about half the power they consume.

Jens Christian Mathiesen, senior partner at BankInvest New Energy Solutions said:

"BankInvest is actively investing to help bring more energy-efficient, sustainable technologies to market and is delighted to add CamSemi to our growing portfolio. The company's products and value proposition in challenging the traditional power conversion sector are compelling. CamSemi is already shipping in volume and has a strong development pipeline supported by a clear, well managed strategy towards market leadership and long-term commercial success."

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David Baillie, CEO at CamSemi said:

“We are delighted to have our achievements and products endorsed so strongly by BankInvest, who first approached us about taking a stake in our future following all of the worldwide publicity we received about our first products and C round closure. The additional funding we have secured will help support our ongoing product development programmes and allow us to further strengthen our sales and support resources for the world-class products that we have launched, as well as those still in the pipeline.”

## **Notes for editors**

### **About CamSemi**

CamSemi is the emerging leader in power management ICs for optimised energy-efficient off-line power conversion. The company’s unique solutions and approach can help manufacturers of mains-powered electronics develop smaller, lighter and more energy-efficient products while also reducing their design timescales and system costs.

The company was founded to bring to market a new generation of sophisticated power management ICs that help manufacturers more easily meet the world’s increasing demand to save energy but at acceptable cost. CamSemi’s products are based on its portfolio of patented and proprietary technologies including intelligent control architectures and PowerBrane™ which allows near-ideal switching performance of power devices such as LIGBTs and MOSFETs. These breakthrough approaches can benefit multiple markets, although initial products are targeted at the switch mode power supply and lighting sectors.

Further information at [www.camsemi.com](http://www.camsemi.com)

### **About BankInvest Group – New Energy Solutions**

BankInvest New Energy Solutions venture fund was established in 2002 by the BankInvest Group. Its two funds of more than €150 million are dedicated to cleantech and energy solutions with a geographical focus on Scandinavia, Europe and North America. The team consists of 7 investment professionals with a strong track record in management, business development, technology and financing.

New Energy Solutions is part of the BankInvest Group, an asset management house established in 1969 by a group of Danish banks. The BankInvest Group has more than €25 billion under management.

For further information please visit [www.biventure.com](http://www.biventure.com)

### **About Carbon Trust Investments**

Carbon Trust Investments is the venture capital investment subsidiary of the Carbon Trust. Carbon Trust Investments has invested in 11 investments over the last 5 years, with two of these companies - Ceres Power PLC and CMR Fuel Cells PLC - having listed on AIM. Other portfolio companies include Pelamis Wave Power Ltd, Heliswirl Technologies Ltd, Natural Buildings Technology Ltd, Whitfield Solar Ltd, Acal Energy Ltd, CamSemi, Green Biologics, Bowman Technology and Exus Ltd.

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### Photography



- 1 BankInvest Group is the second cleantech investor to back CamSemi and its approaches for helping manufacturers of high volume consumer electronics to introduce much more energy-efficient power supplies.



- 2 CamSemi's latest C2471 controllers – launched in April this year – target low power consumer goods such as radio alarms and cordless phones: two major markets still dominated by iron-cored, linear power converters that typically waste about half the power they consume.

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