



**Robert J. Johnsen, Chief Executive Officer, Primus Green Energy**

Mr. Johnsen was formerly the CEO of three advanced alternative fuels companies where he managed their transformational growth from start-up into high-value commercial entities. Those companies were:

- BC International Corporation, one for the first advanced biofuels companies of any kind, through a merger it later became NASDAQ listed Verenium Corporation and, subsequent to its sale, it is now the core of the cellulosic ethanol business of BP Biofuels;
- Mascoma Corporation, where he was also co-founder, has developed and is commercializing its landmark consolidated bioprocessing cellulosic ethanol production platform. Private Equity Analyst magazine named Mascoma its “Deal of the Year” of 2006 and it recently withdrew its registration for its IPO; and,
- Promethegen Corporation, where he was also co-founder, is developing processes to produce biodiesel from waste paper sludge through the use of a patented breakthrough microbial technology licensed from MIT. It merged with Novogy, Inc and closed in December, 2011 on the first \$4.0 million of its \$7.5 million Series A round.

Mr. Johnsen’s management experience builds on his over 20 years as an investment banker, during which time he completed more than \$3 billion in financings in over 100 transactions, primarily in private placements and asset and energy project finance where he completed complex structured transactions for large corporations including US Steel, Airbus Industries, AT&T, and MCI and for independent power projects. He also arranged equity raises for smaller innovative growth companies in industries ranging from renewable energy to retailing to information technology. He was a senior banker at leading financial and entrepreneurial institutions, including Dain Rauscher Wessels (Managing Director), Johnsen Wallace, Inc. (President), and Lehman Brothers (Vice President).

Mr. Johnsen earned a BBA in Economics from Baruch College (CUNY) and an MBA in Finance from New York University’s Stern School of Business.