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GEO and Digi International Collaborate to Provide a Full Energy Management Solution for the Utility Market (- Partnership to enhance the European smart metering market by developing a new, sophisticated energy management solution -)
 MINNETONKA, Minn., Feb 08, 2011 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Digi International (NASDAQ:[DGII](#)) and Green Energy Options (GEO) today announced at the E-World Energy and Water Exhibition that they are entering a joint collaboration agreement to develop a real-time, web-based energy management system for the European utility market. The new energy consumption information and control solution is based on the iDigi platform and Digi X-Grid solution, a solution for extending the power grid beyond the meter.

GEO designs and manufactures energy monitoring systems for use in both the commercial and domestic environment, with more than 1,200,000 energy displays currently in the European market. GEO has collaborated with Digi before, notably during the development of npower's microgeneration solution -- a key product in npower's smart energy trials. In 2010, GEO utilized Digi's embedded modules again, this time as part of the pioneering Inov Grid project with EDP in Portugal. The project is testing GEO's Solo in-home displays, which have been integrated with the Energy Box smart meter to provide real-time information and consumption awareness for the consumer.

Leveraging the success of past collaboration, GEO chose to partner with Digi International once again to work together in advancing the European smart metering market forward. During the development process, GEO will have the full support and advantage of the Digi X-Grid solution - a development package that includes Digi's Smart Energy gateways, XBee ZigBee modules and adapters, and the iDigi Platform to provide secure, real-time access to devices within an extended grid infrastructure. With this in mind, Patrick Caiger-Smith, Chief Executive Officer at GEO, said: "Digi's expertise in the field of ZigBee

wireless communications and its investment into their market-leading web based application framework, iDigi, make Digi our ideal partner in the energy management space."

Daniele Cognolato, Digi's Smart Grid Business Development Manager, said: "We are excited to be working together with GEO who are already an established leader in the European energy management market. Digi's X-Grid platform will enable GEO to move from visual display devices to complete visualization and control systems – a revolution in their aim of making energy visible."

About Digi International

Digi International is making wireless M2M easy by developing reliable products and solutions to connect and securely manage local or remote electronic devices over the network or via the Web. Digi offers the highest levels of performance, flexibility and quality, and markets its products through a global network of distributors and resellers, systems integrators and original equipment manufacturers (OEMs).

For more information, visit Digi's Web site at <http://www.digi.com>, or call 877-912-3444.

About Green Energy Options (GEO)

Based in Cambridge and Berlin, Green Energy Options (GEO) specialise in the design and manufacture of energy management display systems for the domestic and commercial market in the UK and six other European countries. GEO has grown since its creation in 2006 and is now one of the leading display manufacturers having sold over 1,200,000 products. GEO take pride in helping to develop the market and introducing new ideas and innovative approaches while maintaining a strong focus on making energy visible.

For more information, visit GEO's Web site at <http://www.greenenergyoptions.co.uk>

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