



Association of Cleantech Incubators of New England

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Association of Cleantech Incubators of New England appoints Executive Director

Fall River, MA (September 12, 2013) The Association of Cleantech Incubators of New England (ACTION) announced today that Dr. Gillian Isabelle has joined the organization as Executive Director, effective September 1, 2013. Dr. Isabelle fills a newly created role at ACTION and will assume most of the operational responsibilities of current President, Michael D. Ryan, who will remain an active member on the organization's Board of Directors. As the founding President of ACTION, Mr. Ryan launched the organization in 2010, and oversaw its growth to become a primary resource for cleantech incubators and entrepreneurs in the New England region, providing access to resources, educational programs and connections to the regional cleantech ecosystem.

"ACTION is very pleased to have attracted such an outstanding professional for our newly created role of Executive Director, made necessary by our ongoing organizational growth and ACTIONNetwork development. We look forward to working with Dr. Isabelle in support of our incubators, their clients and affiliates, and the development of the cleantech industry", commented Mr. Ryan.

Dr. Isabelle is an engineer and cleantech entrepreneur, and a 2011 Fellow with the New England Clean Energy Council. For several years, she has worked at the intersection of science and business, leading multi-disciplinary teams and building collaborative partnerships to advance early-stage technologies towards commercialization. Previously, she spent five years at the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard, as Founding Director of the Broad's Business Development Office. She has also worked with PureTech Ventures, a venture creation firm in Boston, serving on the executive management team for three startup companies. Prior to PureTech, Gillian spent 10 years with Corning, Inc. in roles from product development in telecommunications to business development in the life sciences. She received her S.B. and Ph.D. degrees from MIT, and an M.S. from University of California, Berkeley, all in Materials Science and Engineering.

About ACTION

The Association of Cleantech Incubators of New England (ACTION) is New England's network of cleantech incubators, sharing the common goals of accelerating the growth and success of early-stage companies, strengthening the regional cleantech cluster, and creating more green jobs in New England.

Their network of incubators provides diverse resources and a highly- supportive hub in which entrepreneurs, business leaders, government agencies, community leaders, investors, universities, and other interested organizations can collaborate toward the successful commercialization of enterprises that will build a prosperous green economy, improve the quality of our lives and sustain the health of our environment. Visit www.actionnewengland.org