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CDTi's Zero-Platinum Group Metal Catalyst Technology Approved for Patent Grant

27 Additional ZPGM Patent Applications Filed During 2013

VENTURA, Calif., July 23, 2013 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Clean Diesel Technologies, Inc. (Nasdaq:CDTI) ("CDTi" or the "Company"), a leader in advanced emissions control solutions, is pleased to announce that the United States Patent and Trademark Office has approved an important patent to its innovative Zero-Platinum Group Metal ("ZPGM") Catalyst Technology. This newly allowed patent strengthens CDTi's ZPGM intellectual property ("IP") position for emissions control catalysts, free of platinum group metals ("PGM").

With an estimated \$6 billion spent annually by original equipment manufacturers ("OEMs") on PGM purchases for catalysts, CDTi's program to develop ZPGM catalyst systems for internal combustion emission control targets opportunities for OEMs to address their rising PGM costs. The Company is currently exploring the various commercial opportunities within the many on- and off-road emission control markets for this proprietary technology.

"We are pleased with the USPTO's allowance and believe a strong and growing patent portfolio of advanced low-PGM and ZPGM technologies is an important component of the value proposition as we seek additional OEM's and other commercial partners to accelerate the commercialization of our patented and proprietary materials technology. We are in the process of establishing an extensive intellectual property portfolio, particularly in ZPGM technology, to support a critical component of our recently announced technology strategy. With twenty-seven more U.S. filings in process, we have significantly accelerated our pace in 2013. The approval validates the uniqueness of our ZPGM technology and patent portfolio. With further progress, we expect to be in a position to offer a compelling opportunity for OEMs to potentially eliminate their cost for PGM," said Craig Breese, President and Chief Executive Officer of CDTi.

About CDTi

CDTi is a vertically integrated global manufacturer and distributor of emissions control systems and products, focused on the heavy duty diesel and light duty vehicle markets. CDTi utilizes its proprietary patented Mixed Phase Catalyst (MPC®) technology, as well as its ARIS® selective catalytic reduction, Platinum Plus® fuel-borne catalyst, and other technologies to provide high-value sustainable solutions to reduce emissions, increase energy efficiency and lower the carbon intensity of on- and off-road engine applications. CDTi is headquartered in Ventura, California and currently has operations in the U.S., Canada, France, Japan and Sweden. For more information, please visit www.cdti.com.

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