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## ***CleanStar CEO TO DISCUSS BIOFUELS START-UP IN INDIA***

*at the  
Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies  
Bowers Auditorium, Sage Hall , 205 Prospect St.  
12:00-1:30 Friday February 22, 2008*

*Sponsored by the Industrial Environmental Management Program*

**12:00 - 1:30 p.m., Bowers Auditorium, Sage Hall, 205 Prospect St.  
Free and Open to the Public, Light Lunch provided**

Mr. Sagun Saxena, Chief Executive Officer of Energy Pvt. Ltd. will speak at the Yale University School of Forestry & Environmental Studies on Friday, February 22rd, at noon in Bowers Auditorium, Sage Hall, 205 Prospect St. His talk, entitled “Launching a Biofuels Start-up in India: CleanStar, Jatropha and Economic Development,” is sponsored by the Industrial Environmental Management (IEM) Program.

The talk is part of the 2007/2008 IEM Speaker Series sponsored by the Yale IEM Program. In its 18th year, the IEM Lecture Series brings speakers from a variety of companies and organizations to the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies to discuss the relationship between business and the environment. This year’s lecture series explores green domestic markets in developing countries.

Since its launch in late 2005, CleanStar has been partnering with leading research institutes to evaluate the commercial potential for growing plants and trees on a sustainable basis on land that is not used for food production. To date, the company has planted more than 100,000 trees using a wide variety of planting material and agronomic management practices. In 2008, the company plans to start developing its first commercial BioFuel feedstock plantation projects in Asia, Africa and Latin America in partnership with a global agribusiness company, investment fund, and BioFuel supplier.

Mr. Saxena is the founding CEO of Clean Star Energy and is also founder of the CleanStar Trust for Sustainable Development, an independent non-profit organization focused on mobilizing the rural poor in the fight against climate change. The trust’s donor-driven programs focus on helping the absolutely poorest and marginalized communities in rural India improve their livelihoods by growing trees that produce BioFuel.

Mr. Saxena has degrees in Chemical Engineering and Materials Science Engineering from the University of California at Berkeley (where he conducted research on the design of rural BioGas production systems) and an MBA focused on social entrepreneurship from the University of Oxford. Mr. Saxena also has 6 years of management consulting and project management experience in the U.S., Europe, and Asia.

The IEM Lecture Series is supported in part by the Joel Omura Kiruhara Fund. For more information about the lecture series, please contact Melanie Quigley, program coordinator, at 203.432.6953 or [Melanie.quigley@yale.edu](mailto:Melanie.quigley@yale.edu).

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