

# Green Gas – The Rising Star

By Maria Esposito

On 2 December 2010, colleagues were in New York City to attend the 12th Annual Platts Global Energy Awards, and Green Gas picked up the coveted 'Rising Star' Award. Collecting the award on our behalf, CEO Chris Norval said: *'It's only five years ago that we started out, so it means a huge amount to be honoured with this international award, in the face of strong competition. This award is also recognition, from a distinguished international panel of judges, of the enormous dedication and hard work of the whole team at Green Gas and the continuing support of our shareholders.'*

The people at Platts also seemed very impressed, noting that our: *'Track record of steady profitable innovation in climate and environment-friendly energy production set it apart from other entries. Securing a 2006-2009 three-year compound growth rate of 354%, while simultaneously expanding its project portfolio to 50 in nine countries and reducing its greenhouse gas emissions by more than three million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent annually, was seen by judges as no easy feat.'*

The Platts 'Rising Star Award' recognises the achievements of either start-up or existing businesses that have moved into a new field. Judging

criteria such as strategic vision; financial results – especially growth; operational excellence; innovation and peer recognition are used to determine the winner. Platts notes that: *'Elbowing into a new space...takes guts, flawless execution, brilliant marketing and a tremendous organisational ability to learn fast.'*

Competition for this year's 'Rising Star' award was fierce and shortlisted companies from around the world included; Alter NRG Corp; ARMZ Uranium Holding Co.; CoaLogix; Element Markets LLC; Enviromental Power Systems; Nodal Exchange; OPOWER; OTC Global Holdings; Pricelock Inc; Stream Energy; Viridity Energy.

For those not already in the know, Platts is the world's leading energy and metals information provider, which also organises the energy industry's most prestigious annual awards programme. The Platts Global Energy Awards recognise those that have transcended the status quo in the name of excellence in leadership, innovation and performance. Many refer to them as the Energy Industry 'Oscars'.

This latest accolade is the second time Green Gas has been successful at major industry awards in as many years. In 2009, we were awarded the Cleantech Connect awards for 'Best Execution' and 'Best Management'. These awards are a sign that while we certainly have a journey ahead, to fulfill our strategic vision 'to become a leading global clean energy and climate change mitigation company', we have already made a great start.



From left to right:  
Dan Tanz, VP and Global Head of Editorial for Platts;  
Chris Norval, CEO Green Gas International;  
Amanda Drury, CNBC News Anchor;  
Mark Fronmuller, VP and Director of the Global Energy Practice at SAIC

