



**October 2014 – We are Proud to Announce Gramitherm®  
is nominated in the Top 30 for the 2014 Later Stage Awards of  
The Global Cleantech Cluster Association.**

The Global Cleantech Cluster Association is pleased to announce its Global Top 30 for the 2014 Later Stage Awards.

The GCCA Later Stage Award Top 30 semi-finalists and Top 10 winners are selected from an original pool of 10,000 eligible companies represented by the GCCA's 52 member clusters. Each cluster conducts internal evaluations to nominate up to 10 companies in the 10 categories. In total, these member clusters nominated over 100 companies for the 2014 Later Stage Award. That number was later narrowed to the Global Top 30 semi-finalists and the Top 10 winners.

A panel of Cleantech venture capitalists, investors and serial entrepreneurs who collectively manage \$3.5 billion in clean technology investment, will now judge the final 10 winners and one Grand Prize winner. **The announcement is scheduled at the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Cleantech Investing Seminar in Lausanne (EPFL), Switzerland on December 3, 2014.**

*“The 2014 Global Top 30 companies exhibit market strength, breakthrough innovation, and a competitive position for growth,”* said Dr. Peter Adriaens, Head Judge of the GCCA Later Stage Awards, developer of the Keystone Compact™ and associated scoring method, and CEO of the KeyStone Compact Group Ltd, a global strategy and investment-level business analytics company.

*About the Global Cleantech Cluster Association (GCCA)*

GCCA's vision is to drive sustainable regional economic development, on a global scale.

GCCA – making local clusters, global: Cleantech clusters are a key instrument to accelerate the development and deployment of sustainable solutions addressing the increasing global climate instabilities and resource shortages.

As a meta-cluster, GCCA creates momentum and moves the Cleantech market by networking disparate clusters together and screening best in class Cleantech companies across the globe.

For companies, investors, science and government representatives GCCA offers conduits to harness the tremendous benefits of international Cleantech cluster collaboration in an efficient, affordable network. For cluster management teams, GCCA offers highly valuable benchmarking insights, exchange of best practices and peer-to-peer coaching, thus driving cluster business excellence.

Only three years after its launch, already 50 clusters from across the world joined GCCA, representing 10'000 Cleantech companies.

To provide access to capital, GCCA runs the annual Later Stage Awards. The 20 winners of the 2011 and 2012 GCCA Later Stage Award secured funding of over USD 530 million so far. In 2013, GCCA signed the collaboration agreement with the P80 Group Foundation. P80 brings together the largest 80 pension funds that want to invest more in proven sustainable technologies.

### About Gramitherm

Gramitherm® is a unique Swiss technology allowing to produce insulating boards made with natural grass "silage". These products can be used for new buildings as well as for renovations.

Gramitherm® offers excellent protection against cold. Thanks to its high specific heat capacity, it also offers very efficient protection against heat. Furthermore, it effectively absorbs sound over a wide range of frequency. Harmless additives secure protection against fire and fungi.

Gramitherm® is compressible and ideal for roof application between rafters. It is easy to cut (with a simple cutter) to the requested dimensions on site, and it can be handled fast and easy.

Gramitherm® is green as grass: Gramitherm® products are 100% eco-friendly and demonstrate high performance insulation.

Gramitherm® new business model is light asset, lean structure, with a global coverage potential, and managed in close connection to local agricultural partners. Both production and distribution are built in short circuits.

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