



**PRESS RELEASE**

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**RIG Investments acquires AlgaeLink**  
***Global leader in algae growing equipment will be rebranded AlgaeLink Solutions***

**RIG Investments N.V. (RIG), a venture capital company focused on investments in renewable energy technology, announces today the acquisition of AlgaeLink N.V, a global leader in algae growing solutions. An additional capital injection made by RIG and the appointment of new management will boost the further roll out of the company strategy. The company will be rebranded “AlgaeLink Solutions”.**

AlgaeLink Solutions is an international manufacturer of commercial scale algae cultivation equipment. The company is highly specialized in optimizing algae growth in photo-bioreactors and its innovative and proprietary technology has enabled the company to take a leading position in this promising new growth industry.

The company's offering includes the development and manufacturing of algae growing systems, consultancy and algae farm operations. The company serves three key global markets for algae products which are related to food, feed and fuel: food products based upon high-value human food and pharmaceutical components, feed for aquacultures and fuel for new bio fuel processes. Besides these end-markets, algae offer a powerful solution for CO2 sequestration.

The newly appointed management of AlgaeLink Solutions will be led by Chief Executive Officer Peter van den Dorpel. Peter's extensive market knowledge and strong international management experience will provide leadership for further organisational growth and business expansion. He says about the acquisition: “The acquisition and capital injection of RIG will further boost our business of exploiting commercially scaleable, economically feasible technology. I'm confident this move will greatly contribute to the successful international roll out of our strategy”.

The acquisition is part of RIG's investment strategy which focuses on companies in renewable energy technology. SNS Securities as Corporate Finance Advisors, has assisted RIG in the acquisition. Henk Keilman, founder and CEO of RIG Investments says: “The world is at the forefront of one of the greatest technological shifts ever: the energy technology revolution. We are convinced that next to renewable forms of electricity like windenergy, new forms of liquid energy will emerge to replace oil. AlgaeLink Solutions combines unique technology, industry knowledge and management capacities to make algae growing commercially viable today. I'm confident the company will continue to expand its international success over the next few years”.

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### **About AlgaeLink Solutions**

AlgaeLink Solutions is a Netherlands-based cultivator of algae and a global manufacturer of algae growing systems. We are building a world-wide supply chain and network that is sustainable and delivers value from "earth-to-engine". Our operations cover aquaculture, agronomy, refining and trading. We are pioneering the science, we design, build, own, operate and market algae growing facilities world-wide.

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### **About RIG Investments N.V.**

RIG Investments is a privately owned venture capital company based in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. RIG is managed by an experienced investment team, headed by its founder and CEO Henk Keilman. The investment focus is on innovative, technology driven companies with good management and excellent growth potential. RIG currently has investments in over 20 companies active in the media, communications, technology and renewable energy sectors.

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