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BROOKFIELD, CT, Sep 23, 2008 (MARKET WIRE via COMTEX) -- Validus DC Systems, a leading provider of integrated DC power infrastructures for data centers and telecommunication facilities, today announced that it has been named one of the 2008 Energy, Environment, Green Tech Companies of the Year by the Connecticut Technology Council (CTC), the state's industry association for the technology sector. The award is one of 16 Innovation Pipeline Awards given by the CTC annually to Connecticut-based, emerging technology companies.

"Being recognized as one of Connecticut's most promising companies in the area of energy conservation and green technology is an honor and reflects the dedication of the entire Validus team," said Rudy Kraus, CEO and founder, Validus DC Systems. "The award underscores the dramatic green benefits of using direct current (DC) power for data centers, such as up to a 40 percent improvement in energy efficiency and seamless integration of renewable energy sources."

Validus' DC power infrastructure can significantly reduce the total energy consumption required for data center power and cooling. By eliminating inefficiencies inherent in legacy AC power infrastructures such as multiple energy-wasting power conversions, transformations and unnecessary heat-producing components needed for AC system reliability, Validus' end-to-end solution delivers immediate energy-efficiency and reliability benefits along with significant long-term operational cost savings.

Additionally, Validus' technology provides a simple and more efficient path for companies to integrate renewable energy into their data center. Since all renewable energy sources such as solar panels, wind turbines, and fuel cells produce DC electricity, up to 50 percent of the renewable energy can be wasted due to conversion, transformation and distribution losses when distributed through AC power systems. The Validus DC system does not require these additional power conversions and transformations thus can preserve the true potential and efficiency of the renewable energy source.

"We look at hundreds of new ideas and start-ups every year and the companies recognized here are the ones we feel are not only the most exciting but have a real chance to become fast growing new firms," said Matthew Nemerson, the CTC President and CEO.

Over 190 nominations were submitted for this year's Innovation Pipeline "Companies to Watch" Awards. The awards were presented at the Innovation Pipeline 2008 Companies to Watch Awards ceremony on September 16 at the Dolce Norwalk Leadership & Innovation Center.

### About The Connecticut Technology Council

The Connecticut Technology Council is the State's industry association for the technology sector. The Mission of the Connecticut Technology Council is to improve economic growth and a high quality of life for Connecticut by promoting a culture of innovation of community leaders in business and government. The Goal of the Connecticut Technology Council is to build a statewide network of innovators and entrepreneurs to educate and influence elected officials and policy leaders about the critical importance of technology innovation and growth in Connecticut. [www.ct.org](http://www.ct.org)

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About Validus

Validus DC Systems is a leading provider of fully integrated Direct Current (DC) power distribution infrastructure for Data Centers and telecommunications facilities. The company's "Hybrid Power" technology combines the best attributes of Alternating Current (AC) system design and DC energy efficiency, offering scalability, reliability and modularity; all while improving energy efficiency by up to 40%. By deploying Validus' solutions based on DC power, customers are able to increase processing power and server densities in new and existing facilities at a lower total cost of ownership due to reduced complexity, greater uptime and reduced power and cooling costs. For more information, please visit: [www.validusdc.com](http://www.validusdc.com)

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