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**LIME ENERGY TO PRESENT AT THE 4th ANNUAL
MERRIMAN CURHAN FORD CLEANTECH CONFERENCE**

Conference to Be Held May 13, 2008, at Le Parker Meridien New York

Elk Grove Village, IL–May 9, 2008 – Lime Energy Company (LIME: Nasdaq), one of the nation's leading energy efficiency solutions providers, today announced that David Asplund, Chief Executive Officer, will present at the 4th Annual Merriman Curhan Ford & Co. CleanTech Conference on May 13, 2008 at 3:30 PM Eastern Standard Time. The event will be held at Le Parker Meridien in New York City, 118 W. 57th Street.

In addition to presentations from attending companies, this year will also feature several expert panel discussions on topics including biofuels, clean coal technology, electric vehicles, energy-efficient lighting, energy storage, next-generation solar and utility-scale solar.

More information about the conference can be found at: www.merrimanco.com

About Lime Energy Co.

Lime Energy is one of the nation's leading energy efficiency solutions providers. Lime brings together more than 75 years of experience in design, engineering and installation of energy efficient solutions providing customers with guaranteed saving results and high returns on invested capital. The company's stock is traded on NASDAQ under the symbol LIME. Additional information is available at the company's website at <http://www.lime-energy.com> or by calling 847-437-1666.

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