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Topanga Technologies Opens New Silicon Valley R&D Center in San Jose

The San Jose Redevelopment Agency recruited company to San Jose

San Jose, Calif. –Topanga Technologies has located and leased a 7,000 square-foot facility at 2178 Paragon Drive in San Jose. The San Jose Redevelopment Agency, working with Cornish & Carey, facilitated the transaction.

Topanga's new facility will be used for research, development and manufacturing of the company's solid-state-driven plasma lighting technology. Topanga will also open up the facility as a system demonstration and education center to inform the clean-tech community about the environmental and economical benefits of plasma lighting.

"We're delighted to welcome Topanga to San Jose and look forward to watching them grow here in the years to come," said Mayor Chuck Reed. "As the innovation center of the world, San Jose has proven to be a great place for clean tech companies to develop and showcase their new technologies."

Topanga is the latest company to join the ranks of San Jose's growing clean tech sector. Since adopting its Green Vision in 2007, San Jose has moved aggressively to recruit companies that will help the city meet its goal of attracting 25,000 clean tech jobs. The city has also taken steps to make it easier for companies to relocate to San Jose, including efforts to expedite the permitting process.

"It was a pleasure working with the San Jose Redevelopment Agency staff to identify and secure a building that meets all of our engineering and manufacturing needs," said Greg Barry, CEO of Topanga Technologies. "This showcase facility in Silicon Valley will be an important venue in which to demonstrate the advantages of our highly efficient and bright lamp as well as meet our exacting manufacturing standards."

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Topanga's Chief Technology Officer, Vice President of Product Engineering, and Product & Application Engineers will be located in the Silicon Valley facility, working to scale the company's business through product development and new product introduction.

"Agency staff work closely with emerging companies, such as Topanga, to ensure that we grow the jobs for San Jose," said Harry Mavrogenes, Executive Director, San Jose Redevelopment Agency. "Topanga is a rising star, and we are thrilled to welcome them to the area."

With all lighting engine components and lamps manufactured at its two U.S. facilities, including headquarters in Los Angeles, Topanga is a leading designer and producer of advanced industrial and commercial lighting technology. Topanga currently has four employees in San Jose and will expand to 12 employees by the end of the year.

About Topanga Technologies

For industrial and commercial lighting, Topanga Technologies is the leading innovator of solid-state drivers and electrode-free plasma lamps, providing energy efficient, economical and reliable lighting solutions that surpass both traditional and new technology platforms. Founded in 2005, Topanga Technologies has headquarters in Los Angeles, CA. For more information, visit www.topangatech.com

About the San Jose Redevelopment Agency

The Agency is dedicated to improving the quality of life for all who live and work in San Jose. Governed by the City Council, acting as the Redevelopment Agency Board, the Agency facilitates and oversees comprehensive programs for development to revitalize and strengthen quality of life and competitiveness for San Jose's downtown, neighborhoods and industrial areas. For more information, visit www.sjredevelopment.org.

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