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Shizen Energy Inc. Selected as 2015 Platts Global Energy Awards Finalist

25th December 2015, Tokyo – Shizen Energy Inc., a developer and IPP of renewable energy power plants in Japan, has been named a finalist while it did not lead to winning in the [Platts Global Energy Awards](#), an annual program recognizing exemplary industry leadership and innovation. The 2015 [finalists](#) were chosen from nearly 200 nominees from nearly three dozen nominating countries and representing 4 continents and Shizen Energy Inc. is the only Japanese company.

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Shizen Energy Inc. is evaluated based on financial growth, innovation, net job growth, operational excellence, scope and strategic vision in the Rising Star Award (Company) category that recognizes the achievements of either a genuine startup business or an existing business that has moved into a brand new field. The uniqueness of strategic business model is recognized that Shizen Energy Inc. established joint venture companies with juwi AG of Germany in 2013 soon after its foundation in 2011 so that it can provide full services from planning and development to fundraising, EPC and O&M, for renewable energy power plants, within the Group. Also, the innovative program of “Koshi Agriculture Boosting project” that will return some of the proceeds from electricity sales to the community are well evaluated.

About Shizen Energy Inc.: At Shizen Energy Inc., our strength lies in our ability to provide all necessary integrated services for renewable energy power plants, from planning and development to fundraising, EPC and O&M, within our Group. Based on our philosophy of “Changing the world with energy,” we aim to spread high-quality renewable energy power plants that contribute to regional development from a long-term standpoint. Three representative directors, Ken Isono, Kenji Kawado and Masaya Hasegawa, established the company in June 2011 in Japan following the Great East Japan Earthquake. These entrepreneurs in their thirties are unique in the Japanese construction and power industries, which are dominated by time-honored companies. Based on the slogan of “Global and local,” they established juwi Shizen Energy Inc. (EPC) and juwi Shizen Energy Operation Inc. (O&M) in 2013 in collaboration with juwi AG of Germany. Our involvement in the photovoltaic power generation business has amounted to 700MW, including joint development projects. The projects our group completed currently number about 30 for a total of 37.4MW around Japan. We also launched IPP, wind and small hydroelectric power generation business. We are also planning a model by which we will return some of the proceeds from electricity sales to the community. Based on our philosophy of “Changing the world with energy,” we aim to spread high-quality renewable energy power plants that contribute to regional development from a long-term standpoint.

For details, please see Shizen Energy Group website: <http://www.shizenenergy.net/en/>

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