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TRILOGY SEARCH RECRUITS VP OF SALES & MARKETING FOR AMPT

Burlingame, Calif. (February 7, 2011) – Retained executive search firm Trilogy Search Non+Profit has recruited Rafael E. Gutierrez as vice president of sales and marketing for Ampt, a solar energy company based in Fort Collins, Colorado. Ampt increases the lifetime performance and uptime of large-scale PV solar systems. Chuck Pappalardo handled the assignment on behalf of Trilogy.

Mr. Gutierrez is a senior sales and marketing executive with significant experience in the solar and technology industries. Prior to joining Ampt, Rafael served as senior vice president of worldwide sales and marketing for Ascent Solar, a leading manufacturer of Thin Film solar modules. Before that, he held several executive-level positions with Seagate, an \$11 billion computer peripherals company, with responsibility for strategic marketing, business development, M&A, engineering, and operations. Rafael was also a principal design engineer with Digital Equipment Corporation.

Rafael received his MS in Applied Statistics and Operations Research from the University of Northern Colorado and a BA in Mathematics, with honors, from Bellevue University. He also graduated from the Harvard Business School Executive Leadership Development Program.

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