



Energy Focus, Inc. Appoints Laszlo Takacs as Chief Technology Officer

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SOLON, Ohio, Nov. 30, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Energy Focus, Inc. (NASDAQ:EFOI) a leader in energy-efficient LED lighting technologies, today announced the appointment of Laszlo Takacs as its Chief Technology Officer. Mr. Takacs, with extensive design and development experience in LED lighting, controls and the Internet of Things (IoT), will be responsible for overseeing the company's product strategy, roadmap, and continued development of smart lighting systems.

"We are thrilled to have Laszlo join our team," said Dr. Ted Tewksbury, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer. "Laszlo is a highly respected lighting technologist with a proven track record of architecting, designing and developing innovative, commercially successful products. We look forward to leveraging Laszlo's extensive knowledge and experience in LED electronics, controls and connected lighting technologies to accelerate the definition and development of our new product portfolio."

Mr. Takacs is an accomplished engineer, scientist and technology leader with three decades of experience in electronics, lighting and controls. Most recently, he served as Senior Principal Engineer at Soraa, Inc. where he implemented flicker-reducing electronic redesigns across the product portfolio and architected the company's first wireless lighting control systems. Prior to Soraa, Mr. Takacs served as Senior Principal Engineer in Rambus' Lighting and Display Technologies division, where he conducted optoelectronic research as well as led the design and development of lighting electronics across the company's lamp portfolio. From 2007 to 2012, Mr. Takacs served as Director of R&D at Energy Focus where he designed and developed our highly successful military Intellitube™ product, which has shipped over 500,000 units to the U.S. Navy and other customers. Earlier in his career, Mr. Takacs held various engineering and technology management positions, including CTO at GENVAC Aerospace and Director of Engineering at General Vacuum in Cleveland, Ohio. He was the lead researcher for Parallel Computational Electromagnetics at the Lockheed Martin Skunk Works in Palmdale, California. Mr. Takacs has authored numerous technical papers and has 17 patents issued and additional patents pending. He earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Electrical Engineering from The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

About Energy Focus

Energy Focus is an industry-leading innovator of energy-efficient LED lighting technology. As the creator of the first UL-verified low-flicker LED products on the U.S. market, Energy Focus products provide extensive energy and maintenance savings, and aesthetics, safety, health and sustainability benefits over conventional lighting. Our customers include U.S. and foreign navies, U.S. federal, state and local government, healthcare and educational institutions, as well as Fortune 500 companies. Energy Focus is headquartered in Solon, Ohio, with a product development center in Taipei, Taiwan. For more information, visit our website at www.energyfocus.com.

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