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Castile invests in North End Technologies as it pursues a new vision for personal interactions via the Internet

Three accomplished entrepreneurs and innovators have recently launched North End Technologies to pursue a new vision for personal interactions via the Internet. The company, currently operating in stealth mode, is seeking to leverage the evolving market demand for personal, interactive communications as well as advances in technology such as widespread wireless connectivity and cheap computing power. Castile Ventures has provided seed financing to support the first phase of the founders' business plan.

The founders bring a unique blend of technological, operational and entrepreneurial experience: **Grinnell More**, CTO, has been involved in mobile robotic platforms for over 20 years; **Tim Root**, VP of R&D, has over 15 years experience in video and audio technology companies including PictureTel and PolyCom; and **Tom Ryden**, CEO, has been involved with numerous emerging technology companies and was most recently the Director of Sales & Marketing at iRobot. **[More Info]**



Bob Steinkrauss, security industry veteran, joins ChosenSecurity as CEO

Castile is pleased to welcome **Robert Steinkrauss** as chairman, president and CEO of Castile portfolio company ChosenSecurity, a leading specialist in identity verification and security services. Bob brings nearly 35 years of executive leadership in security and networking to ChosenSecurity with roles at market leading companies such as Authentica (acquired by EMC), Xedia (acquired by Lucent) and Raptor (IPO).



Bob Steinkrauss
Chairman, President & CEO
ChosenSecurity

"I'm looking forward to getting involved as the CEO at ChosenSecurity, where I've been a member of the board of directors for some time. ChosenSecurity's On-Demand PKI platform is serving 3,500 customers worldwide. This includes some of the largest banks, manufacturers and pharmaceutical companies because it provides quality of service, expertise, and industry and government accreditations that few companies are able to match internally," said Steinkrauss. **[More Info]**



Aurora Networks ranks in top three of optical transport market; highest rate of growth amongst peers

Aurora Networks, a global leader in advanced optical transport systems for broadband networks, is one of the top three manufacturers in the optical transport sector by market share. The company's innovative solutions enable cable operators to optimize network performance and lower the cost of deployments for advanced residential and commercial broadband services. Aurora's reputation for cutting-edge technology and award-winning engineering has propelled the company to the highest growth rate among the market leaders over the last three years. [\[More Info\]](#)



Industry veteran, Bruce Ryan, joins Ahura Scientific board; company receives multi-million dollar National Guard order

Ahura Scientific, a leader in handheld systems for chemical identification, has elected industry veteran **Bruce Ryan** to the company's board of directors. Mr. Ryan, well known to Castile from his board role at another Castile portfolio company, will serve as an independent director and chair the Ahura Scientific Audit Committee.

"Ahura Scientific is making great strides in handheld chemical identification, breaking through barriers with each new development," said Bruce Ryan. "I look forward to being a part of the company's continuing success."

Bruce has extensive Board experience having served as chairman of the audit committees for nine public corporations and currently serves on the boards of IONA Technologies, KVH Industries and Kronos, Inc.

Separately, Ahura Scientific announced that they had received a major order from the National Guard Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Teams (WMD-CSTs). After an extensive evaluation, FirstDefender was selected for deployment to all WMD-CSTs nationwide based on its unique features. [\[More Info\]](#)



Neah Power demonstrates fuel cell prototype; Chris D'Couto joins as COO

Neah Power (OTCBB:NPWS) announced it has reached a major objective in its development by demonstrating the first independently operating prototype of a fuel cell.

"The completion of this working prototype further advances our current strategic partnerships and enables new ones focused on bringing the product to market" said **Dan Rosen**, executive chairman.

"This is a remarkable achievement and a turning point for the micro fuel cell industry," added **Peter Schwartz**, a noted futurist and Neah Power advisor. "I have followed the industry for many years and Neah's demonstration has the ability to transform the way the military and consumers think about portable power."

Separately the company announced that **Dr. Gerard C. (Chris) D'Couto** has joined Neah in the new position of COO. D'Couto most recently served as senior director of marketing at FormFactor where he headed the launch of two products critical to the ongoing success of the company. Before FormFactor, D'Couto had a nine-year tenure at Novellus Systems, with positions of increasing responsibility ranging from product management to technology development and sales. [\[More Info\]](#)



Dr. Daryoosh Vakhshoori of Ahura Scientific represents NE at E&Y Entrepreneur of the Year National Finals

Castile would like to congratulate Dr. Daryoosh Vakhshoori, founder and president of Ahura Scientific, on his selection as New England's E&Y Entrepreneur of the Year for Innovation. Selected from a field of over 80 entrepreneurs, Daryoosh traveled to Palm Springs to represent New England amongst 280 other regional finalists. As a finalist in the Emerging Technologies segment, Dr. Vakhshoori was recognized for his entrepreneurial leadership and technological innovation. [\[More Info\]](#)



Michelle Malcolm joins Castile as operations support manager

Michelle Malcolm has joined the Castile team as operations support manager. Michelle's responsibilities include database and pipeline management, office support and fund management assistance.

Michelle has a background of operations management in the financial and marketing services industries. Prior to joining Castile, Michelle was an Executive Assistant at MDT Advisers where she supported several executives and was responsible for office oversight. Michelle graduated in 2000 from Fairfield University with a B.S. in Information Systems

Please join us in welcoming Michelle to Castile.



Michelle Malcolm
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