



## **Victor Westerlind Joins RockPort Capital Partners as General Partner**

**Boston, MA and Menlo Park, CA, October 28, 2008** – RockPort Capital Partners, the cleantech venture capital firm founded in Boston, has announced that Victor Westerlind has joined the firm as a General Partner in their Menlo Park office. Westerlind brings broad venture experience in several sectors, including semiconductors, advanced materials, and the wireless and enterprise hardware industries.

Westerlind was most recently a partner at InterWest Partners. Earlier, he worked in product marketing and product management roles at Applied Materials where he helped bring semiconductor physical vapor deposition (PVD) equipment into the flat panel display industry.

“RockPort is extremely pleased to have Victor as our newest partner” said David Prend, a Managing General Partner. With a full time presence in our now well established California office, he combines his proven technical expertise with a knowledge of cleantech investing, enhancing the strong RockPort franchise.”

Before working in venture capital, Westerlind was an engineer in the venture-backed startup Candescant Technologies, developing novel field emission flat panel display technology and gaining valuable experience commercializing new technologies. Westerlind started his career at Hughes Aircraft Company working on a number of engineering projects, ranging from missile defense systems to satellite communications systems.

Wilber James, also Managing General Partner, said “Victor is a terrific addition to the RockPort team. His collaborative, determined yet discerning style of investing is a perfect fit with our culture and philosophy. He is highly respected by the entrepreneurs with whom he has worked, which is a hallmark of leading cleantech firms.”

Westerlind attended Stanford University on a Hughes Fellowship, where he focused on Micro Electro Mechanical Structures (MEMS). Victor holds an MBA from Harvard Business School, a MS in Electrical Engineering from Stanford University and a BS in Electrical Engineering from Cornell University.

### **About RockPort Capital Partners**

RockPort Capital Partners, [www.rockportcap.com](http://www.rockportcap.com), is a leading venture capital firm partnering with clean tech entrepreneurs around the world to build innovative companies and bring disruptive technologies and products to the 21st century. RockPort’s investment approach is distinguished by collaboration with management teams to foster growth and create value. Combining domain expertise with policy and international experience, RockPort has a proven track record of leveraging its insights and networks to foster growth and create value.

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