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Dr. Rahul Walawalkar wins ‘Global Young Entrepreneur Excellence Award 2020’

- Selected unanimously by eminent jury board comprising of Government, Academia, and Industry for his valuable contribution towards energy storage and renewable energy
- The award ceremony took place at the ongoing Virtual 11th World Renewable Energy Technology Congress & Expo (WRETC) from 15th -16th December 2020

Pune, India: Dr. Rahul Walawalkar, President & MD, Customized Energy Solutions India and President, India Energy Storage Alliance (IESA) won the ‘Global Young Entrepreneur Excellence Award 2020’ for his valuable contribution & leadership in the field of energy storage and renewable energy at the ongoing Virtual 11th World Renewable Energy Technology Congress & Expo (WRETC) on 15th December 2020.

The Energy and Environment Foundation Global Excellence Awards was introduced in 2011 by the Energy and Environment Foundation to recognize excellence, innovation, best practices and entrepreneurship and honor individuals for their excellent contributions, commitment, professionalism, and actions that have made a positive impact on the environment.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Rahul Walawalkar, President & MD, Customized Energy Solutions (CES) India and President, India Energy Storage Alliance (IESA) said, *“I am honored to receive the Energy and Environment Foundation’s ‘Global Young Entrepreneur Excellence Award 2020’ in energy storage and renewable energy category. It has been a remarkable journey over past 16 years as renewable energy and other emerging technologies such as energy storage have matured around the globe. I have been fortunate to get an opportunity to enter this field at the right time and learn from experts and thought leaders. It has been a privilege to lead IESA for the past 8 years and help shape the regulatory and policy framework for advanced energy storage technologies. I would like to thank my IESA team and colleagues from Customized Energy Solutions for being part of this transformational effort.”*

He further added “CES is accrediting the way emerging technologies are adopted by electricity industry around the globe. I take this opportunity to congratulate my team members for their collective effort as we strive to make India a global hub of R&D and manufacturing of advanced Energy Storage & EV technologies.”

Dr. Rahul Walawalkar is also the recipient of ‘Brad Roberts Award’ that recognizes outstanding industry contribution conferred by the US Energy Storage Association, ‘Power Innovations Award 2016’ conferred by the Independent Power Producers Association of India, and the ‘Storage Crusader Award 2017’ awarded by the Renewable Energy India. He is also the recipient of India Smart Grid Forum ‘President’s Award 2018’ that recognizes his invaluable contribution towards the growth of Smart Grids in India.

The 11th virtual edition of the WRETC & Expo event is currently taking place (December 15-16, 2020) with the theme of the Expo being, ‘Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency & Sustainable Solutions for a Green Economy’. The conference is focused on green technologies that ensure clean, reliable, and affordable renewable energy supply.

About India Energy Storage Alliance (IESA):

India Energy Storage Alliance (IESA) is the premier alliance focused on the advancement of advanced energy storage and e-mobility technologies in India. The alliance was founded in 2012 by Customized Energy Solutions (CES). IESA's vision is to make India a global hub for R&D, manufacturing and adoption of advanced energy storage and e-mobility technologies. In the last eight years, IESA member circle has grown from five to 100+ members and covers verticals from Energy Storage & EV Manufacturers, Charging Infrastructure, Research institutes & universities, Renewable Energy companies, and Power electronics companies.

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About Customized Energy Solutions (CES)

Customized Energy Solutions is one of the fastest-growing energy consulting & services companies, operating in North America for the past 22 years. Established in 1998, Customized Energy Solutions assists clients in managing and staying ahead of the changes in the wholesale and retail electricity and natural gas markets. CES India is working with over 500 clients across the value chain of the electricity industry globally. CES started their India operations in 2010 and is working with commercial and industrial customers to help reduce their energy costs through better utilization of the energy markets and emerging technologies. CES' Emerging Technologies group provides a range of products and consulting services to help project developers, investors, technology companies and other clients understand the value proposition of new energy storage-based technologies. They have helped in bringing innovative energy services such as demand response to India and are pioneers in the integration of the latest technologies such as energy storage, microgrids as well as smart grid maturity models for Indian consumers.

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