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## **Technology from Ideas Limited**

### **TfI Announces Joint Development Agreement with DuPont**

Technology from Ideas Limited (TfI) is pleased to announce a new collaboration that will accelerate the commercialisation of its WaveProtector™ technology. The newly signed Joint Development Agreement (JDA) with DuPont will see TfI and DuPont jointly develop passive protection material technology specifically for the wave energy sector. It will also allow TfI to access and utilize DuPont's extensive range of materials and apply them to wave energy devices for the benefit of its WaveProtector customers.

With government and private investment in renewable technologies energy increasing, TfI has been focused on the emerging opportunities in this sector. TfI's passive protection technology is based on the application of tailored, non-linear materials to wave energy devices. TfI's system will lower the forces to which existing devices are exposed to while maximizing the energy capture. This increases survivability and maintainability while delivering a significantly lower cost of ownership and hence lower power generation costs. The WaveProtector technology is adaptable to a wide range of wave energy devices and TfI expects to announce collaborations with leading wave energy companies in the near future.

**Commenting on today's announcement, Dan Richardson, TfI's Managing Director, said:** "This collaboration is an exciting development for us as it really drives this important technology closer to market. DuPont's depth of expertise in cutting edge material science and lessons learnt from other sectors means that we can utilize the best material solutions for our WaveProtector customers. Our technology can bring substantial enhancements in cost and performance to wave energy device manufacturers. We're also currently developing collaboration with engineering companies so that our prospective customers have the supply chain in place to deliver this technology once they are ready to integrate and adopt the technology."

**Speaking about their new Joint Development Agreement, Jean-Maurice Griffon, Global Business Manager for DuPont Flexible Solutions, said:** "DuPont is constantly seeking out new sectors in which to exploit its material portfolio and expertise. TfI's exciting WaveProtector™ technology combined with their knowledge of the wave energy sector makes them an excellent partner for DuPont. We're looking forward to developing technology solutions that can have a real impact and help make this important industry a reality."

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