

Press Release

FORTISTAR announces the acquisition of a 7 MW power plant located in Linden, New Jersey from BNP Paribas

White Plains, New York, October 20, 2003: Fortistar acquired the Linden Project out of foreclosure from BNP Paribas and Bayerische Hypo-und Vereinsbank. Fortistar and the banks have structured the transaction to align the interests of the parties in order to ensure repayment of the project loans as quickly as possible. The Linden Project is a 7 MW equivalent behind-the-fence energy project located on the site of a petroleum pipeline services company in Linden, New Jersey. The project has long-term contracts with its host and with PSE&G, a subsidiary of Public Service Enterprise Group.

“The structure that Fortistar and the banks have implemented is a model for the bank loan restructuring market,” said Mark Comora, President of Fortistar. “By aligning the interests of the parties, the structure permits Fortistar to implement technical, contractual and market-based enhancements to accelerate capital recovery of the lenders and to build back end equity value”.

Based in White Plains, Fortistar is a privately owned independent power company that is focused on owning and managing independent power projects with well structured contracts that provide a base of reliable long term cash flow. Fortistar then enhances that cash flow through means it has developed over the past five years. With the Linden Project, Fortistar will be extending its business model to an independent power project which has had recent difficulties. This is Fortistar’s fourth acquisition over the past eighteen months.