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The Rise Fund Announces $100 Million Strategic Investment in Clima Vision

Partnership will Accelerate Growth of Newly Launched High-Resolution Weather Solutions Platform, Filling Critical Coverage Gaps in Existing Radar Networks

San Francisco, CA; Fort Worth, TX; Louisville, KY – June 2, 2021 – The Rise Fund, TPG’s global impact investing platform, today announced a $100 million strategic investment in Clima Vision, a pioneering weather services and intelligence platform powered by a private network of high-resolution radars, GPS-RO data, and proprietary software to vastly improve the timing and accuracy of weather forecasting and to fill low-level gaps in existing weather surveillance.

Clima Vision was formed out of Enterprise Electronics Corporation (EEC), the world’s largest privately held commercial supplier of weather radar systems. EEC, which is majority controlled by the Cookes family, has a 50-year history and more than 1,200 installations across 95 countries. By combining lower altitude, proprietary data with cutting-edge machine learning and AI technology, Clima Vision’s one-of-a-kind offering provides 10x higher resolution and more accurate forecasting to address critical coverage gaps left by existing radar networks across the U.S.

Clima Vision also struck an exclusive agreement with leading GPS-RO provider GeoOptics to enhance forecasts by leveraging its private network of radio-occultation satellites. With improved weather nowcasting and forecasting, Clima Vision’s technology and data solutions enable customers across industries including agriculture, drones, government, insurance, logistics, media, renewables, and transportation, to make cost-effective and potentially life-saving decisions in real time.

“As weather patterns become increasingly unpredictable and volatile due to climate change, the need for higher-quality regional and hyper local weather data has never been more pronounced,” said Clima Vision Co-Founder and CEO Chris Goode. “Clima Vision’s increased coverage and improved weather information enables earlier and more accurate weather forecasts that can save lives, limit business disruption, and improve the lives of people and communities across the country.”

Goode added, “The Rise Fund understands the need and urgency to invest in technologies that will empower businesses and governments to navigate increasingly dynamic weather patterns, particularly as the world economy endures the inevitable challenges associated with climate change. We are thrilled to partner with The Rise Fund to expand our network, while continuing to serve a growing and diversified set of customers that rely on our proprietary software.”
“Legacy radar systems have often left decision makers with an incomplete picture of the weather-related challenges they face,” said Edward Beckley, Partner at TPG and senior member of The Rise Fund’s climate investing team. “The rollout of low altitude radar sites will provide proprietary data to ClimaVision’s innovative AI-driven software platform, facilitating next-generation weather forecasting. As the need for efficient and accurate climate solutions becomes increasingly urgent, we look forward to working with Chris and his expert team of industry veterans to expand the reach of these crucial insights.”

As part of the transaction, TPG’s Edward Beckley, Steven Mandel, and Mariana Popa, who make climate investments on behalf of the Rise platform, will join ClimaVision’s board of directors alongside Chris Goode and Co-Founder Colin Cookes.

The partnership with ClimaVision highlights The Rise Fund’s focus on investing in solutions that are delivering the necessary technology, products, and services that help businesses and communities mitigate or slow the effects of climate change. Enabling solutions, like ClimaVision, are a core pillar of The Rise Fund’s climate investing strategy. Other Rise investments that provide enabling solutions for the climate transition include Element Markets, the leading independent marketer of renewable natural gas and environmental commodities in North America; CLEAResult, the largest provider of energy efficiency and demand response solutions in North America; and C3.ai, the leading multi-sector, big data aggregation and analytics platform that leverages AI to improve the efficiency of energy utilities and other enterprises.

Goldman Sachs acted as exclusive financial advisor and King & Spalding acted as legal counsel to ClimaVision in relation to this transaction. Latham & Watkins acted as legal counsel to The Rise Fund.

About ClimaVision
ClimaVision brings together the power of a proprietary, high-resolution weather radar and satellite network combined with advanced weather prediction modelling and decades of industry expertise to reduce existing coverage gaps and drastically improve forecast ability. ClimaVision’s revolutionary new approach to climate technology weather solutions is poised to help reduce the economic risks of climate change on companies, governments, and societies alike. ClimaVision is backed by The Rise Fund, the world’s largest global impact platform committed to achieving measurable, positive social and environmental outcomes alongside competitive financial returns. The company is headquartered in Louisville, KY, with research and development operations in Raleigh, NC. To learn more, visit www.Climavision.com

About The Rise Fund
The Rise Fund is the world’s largest global impact platform committed to achieving measurable, positive social and environmental outcomes alongside competitive financial returns. With more than $5 billion in assets under management across its platform, The Rise Fund works with growth-stage, high potential, mission-driven companies that have the power to change the world. Headquartered in San Francisco, The Rise Funds was founded in 2016 by TPG in partnership with Bono and Jeff Skoll and offers deep expertise in business solutions to help achieve the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals. As part of TPG, The Rise Fund offers investment resources, business-building skills, rigorous measurement and a global network to help portfolio companies accelerate growth and impact. With the ability to invest across a wide variety of sectors and countries at scale, The Rise Fund focuses on opportunities in climate, education, food and agriculture, financial technology, healthcare and technology. For more information, visit www.therisefund.com or @therisefund on Instagram.
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