Crux Releases Debt Capital Report on the State of American Clean Energy Financing Amid Evolving Federal Policy

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NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, June 4, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Today, Crux, the capital markets technology company for the clean economy, released its first debt capital report on lending and investment dynamics in the U.S. clean energy and manufacturing sector. This report comes at a time when surging energy demand and policy uncertainty presents both opportunities and challenges for American developers and manufacturers.

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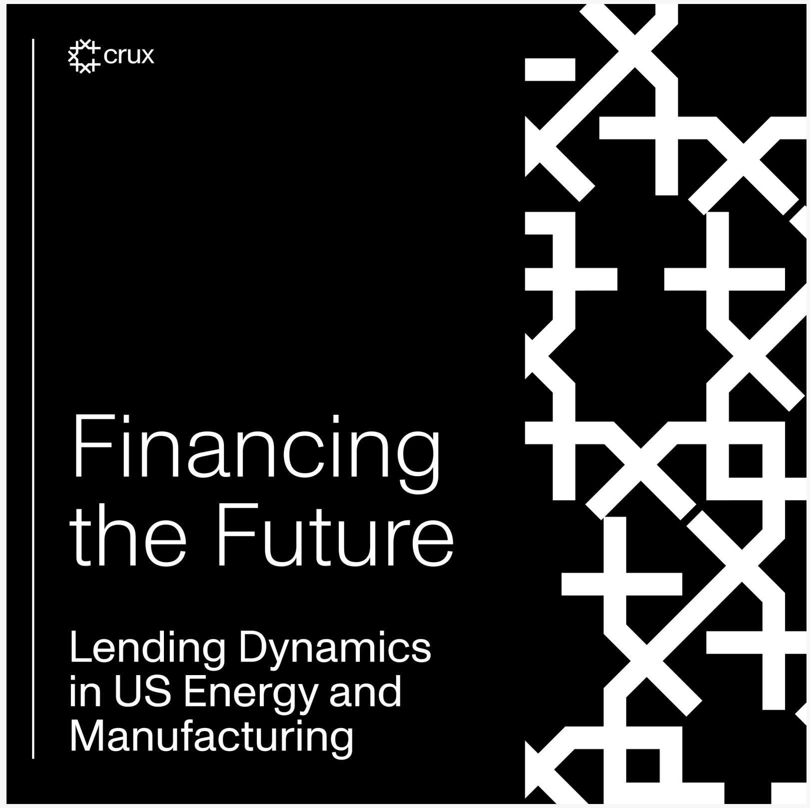
Crux is addressing today’s critical need for greater transparency into capital costs, project availability, and investor appetite, just as the company’s authoritative market intelligence reports have done for the transferable tax credit market. Transferable tax credits are driving hundreds of billions in private investment into American energy and manufacturing projects. The credits have also presented an opportunity to centralize otherwise disparate project finance markets for advanced manufacturing, bioenergy, battery storage, critical minerals, and clean energy.

"As we face unprecedented energy demands and shifting geopolitics, the efficiency and transparency of capital markets will determine whether America can successfully build the energy infrastructure of the future," said Alfred Johnson, CEO and co-founder of Crux. "This report pulls back the curtain on financing trends that have historically been opaque, giving project developers and manufacturers the insights they need to structure competitive financing packages."

Critical Timing Amid Policy Uncertainty:

The report's release comes as potential changes to federal tax credit policies could reshape the financing landscape. If transferable tax credits are scaled back or repealed for certain market segments, clean energy developers and manufacturers will face an even greater need to source alternative financing through debt capital markets. Private debt markets are opaque, illiquid, and inefficient.



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"The interconnected nature of clean energy financing means that changes in one area ripple throughout the entire market," explained Johnson. "For example, our data shows that tax credit bridge lending – which allows projects to pull forward the value of future tax credits – has become increasingly accessible, with terms largely driven by advance rates and the presence of committed investment-grade tax credit buyers. If tax credit policies change, understanding these debt market dynamics becomes even more critical for project success."

Key Market Findings:

There were nearly $340 billion in new American clean energy investments last year, but macroeconomic factors such as interest rate volatility and supply chain inflation continue to impact capital costs. Uncertainty in these variables may dampen appetite for long-duration lending and reduce advance rates, particularly for early-stage projects and those deploying less-established technologies.

For clean energy developers and manufacturers, understanding capital market dynamics has never been more essential.

Key findings from Crux's market report include:

- Capital markets are increasingly open to a wider variety of projects, but availability varies based on technology, strength of the sponsor, and contracted offtake. Capital is most widely available for solar and storage projects; and nearly all investors at all stages of the development process indicated that solar was a technology that they invest in. Less established technologies

— like advanced manufacturing, biofuel, carbon capture, and nuclear — have historically faced challenges accessing debt financing, but in recent years have seen growing interest from investors supported by transferable tax credits.

- Investment structures like tax and preferred equity are highly dynamic and evolving. Tax equity structures have evolved to hybrid structures, or t-flips, which explicitly contemplate the sale of a portion of tax credits in the transfer market. These structures comprised about 60% of the tax equity committed in 2024, and that share is expected to rise. This trend has already expanded the availability of tax equity to a broader range of projects.

- For construction/term lending, projects with contracted offtake generally have greater capital availability and lower cost of capital. However, the data indicates a smaller but meaningful group of lenders are open to merchant or partially contracted projects. While more than 70% of investors indicated that they were more willing to invest in a fully contracted project, some lenders view merchant or partially contracted projects as a better fit for their return requirements.

- Capital markets are likely to continue to expand in both availability and cost-competitiveness, but require a stable and constructive policy environment to do so. Policy volatility is unconstructive for risk-averse project finance lenders, and is likely to disrupt investment. This effect is particularly concentrated in newer technologies, such as nuclear, manufacturing, and biofuels. Whether the market continues its cycle of expansion or whether it recoils back to the most well established wind and solar projects will be a function of ongoing political processes.

Serving the Full Clean Energy Ecosystem:

Unlike previous market analyses that focus primarily on investment-grade sponsors and established technologies, this report provides comprehensive insights into the broader clean energy ecosystem. This includes projects spanning clean fuels, carbon capture, nuclear plants, geothermal, critical minerals production, and advanced manufacturing facilities, by developers and manufacturers ranging from large utilities to regional developers and startups.

Crux launched in early 2023 to supercharge the clean economy by making capital markets more liquid, efficient, and intelligent. The company first tackled the nascent transferable tax credits market: developing the central marketplace for transfers; assembling an expert team; and providing leading market intelligence to help developers and manufacturers exchange tax credits for private sector investment into their companies. By 2024, Crux had expanded its offerings to help developers and manufacturers access liquidity in a range of debt products as well; the Crux debt capital marketplace has a network of over 90 lenders who have collectively issued $1.3B of term sheets, with $700M in term sheets signed, to date.

To date, Crux has facilitated more than 80 transactions totaling billions of dollars in tax credits and loans across advanced manufacturing, battery storage, bioenergy, critical minerals, geothermal, hydropower, microgrids, solar, and wind. More than 630 market participants use Crux's platform.

For more information about Crux, visit https://www.cruxclimate.com/.

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