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**D.LIGHT CO-FOUNDERS SELECTED AS 2009 SVN INNOVATION AWARD WINNERS**  
*Award Honors the Next Generation of Socially Responsible Business and Nonprofit Leaders*

**New Delhi, India, 9 October 2009** – D.light Design today announced the selection of CEO Sam Goldman and President Ned Tozun as winners of the 2009 Social Venture Network Innovation Award, which honors and supports the next generation of socially responsible and sustainable business and nonprofit leaders by providing them access to the people and resources within the SVN community that can help them achieve the next level of success. Social Venture Network, the leading peer-to-peer network of socially responsible entrepreneurs, investors and nonprofit leaders in the United States, selected the D.light co-founders as one of five winners and two honorable mentions with the top-ranked submissions for their innovation, impact, and ability to scale their work.

“We are extremely pleased to be given this honor by SVN, and to be recognized among such a prestigious group of business and nonprofit leaders,” said Sam Goldman. “This award recognizes our efforts—and that of our investors, staff, and board—to be innovative and impactful leaders in socially responsible business.”

“This is a significant affirmation of D.light’s mission to provide quality, affordable products for base of the pyramid customers,” said co-winner Ned Tozun. “We look forward to continuing to push the envelope of off-grid consumer electronics with the support of SVN.”

SVN Innovation Award winners will be honored at the invitation-only SVN 2009 Fall Conference, to be held October 22-25 in La Jolla, California. Innovation Award winners will also receive a one-year membership in SVN. They will be promoted for one year on the SVN website and be partnered with select SVN leaders, who will provide mentorship and make helpful introductions throughout 2010.

**About D.light Design**

D.light Design is a fast-growing international consumer products company serving people without access to reliable electricity. Our mission is to enable households without reliable electricity to attain the same quality of life as those with electricity. We will begin by replacing every kerosene lantern with clean, safe and bright light. By 2020, we aim to have improved the lives of 100 million individuals. D.light is financed by prestigious venture capital firms including Nexus India Capital, Draper Fisher Jurvetson, Garage Technology Ventures, the Mahindra Group; with investment from leading social enterprise funds, including the Acumen Fund and Gray Matters Capital. To learn more, please visit [www.dlightdesign.com](http://www.dlightdesign.com).

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