

## NCPV Hotline — Week of February 1-8, 2008

### Weekly News Items

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### 2-1-08 Hoku – SANYO Polysilicon Supply Agreement

Hoku Materials has amended its polysilicon supply contract with SANYO Electric Co., Ltd. to increase the term of the contract from 7 to 10 years. Story at Solarbuzz:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNACO696.htm>

Hoku: <http://www.hokuscientific.com/>

Sanyo: <http://us.sanyo.com/home.cfm>

### 2-1-08 Phoenix Solar's 9MW of Contracts, Spain

Phoenix Solar S.L., the Spanish subsidiary of Phoenix Solar AG, has signed contracts for the construction of power plants with a peak output of more than 9MW. More at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=51322> or <http://tinyurl.com/27wbk3>

Phoenix Solar: <http://www.phoenixsolar.com/>

### 2-1-08 OCR Solar & Roofing / BP Solar Extended Agreement

OCR Solar & Roofing and BP Solar announced an expanded agreement to provide turnkey solar installations to production homebuilders throughout Northern and Central California. The supply agreement is valued at over \$10 million. More at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/partner/story?id=51315> or <http://tinyurl.com/2puqj5> and <http://www.sacbee.com/103/story/678587.html>

OCR Solar & Roofing: <http://www.ocrsolarandroofing.com/>

BP Solar: <http://www.bp.com/modularhome.do?categoryId=8050&contentId=7035481> or

<http://tinyurl.com/33qcfq>

<http://www.bp.com/modularhome.do?categoryId=7010&contentId=7026283> or <http://tinyurl.com/285tt4>

### 2-1-08 BP Solar for Wal-Mart Stores, California

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. and BP Solar announced the completion of a 591.6 kW solar power system at the Sam's Club in Palm Desert, and the plans for a 605.88 kW solar system at the Wal-Mart store in Palm Springs. Story at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/partner/story?id=51325> or <http://tinyurl.com/2pj5uq>

BP Solar: <http://www.bp.com/modularhome.do?categoryId=8050&contentId=7035481> or

<http://tinyurl.com/33qcfq>

<http://www.bp.com/modularhome.do?categoryId=7010&contentId=7026283> or <http://tinyurl.com/285tt4>

### 2-1-08 SunEdison – Constellation Energy Solar Renewable Energy Credit Agreement, Maryland

SunEdison announced a 15-year agreement to sell Constellation Energy Commodities Group, Inc., a subsidiary of Constellation Energy, an estimated 4 MW of solar renewable energy credits in Maryland.

Story at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1005.htm> and RenewableEnergyAccess:

### **2-1-08 SunEdison – Constellation Energy Solar Renewable Energy Credit Agreement, Maryland - continued**

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/partner/story?id=51326> or <http://tinyurl.com/2fqs4x>

SunEdison: <http://www.sunedison.com/>

Constellation Energy: <http://www.constellation.com/portal/site/constellation/>

### **2-1-08 Cleantech America's CalRENEW-1 Project Approval**

CalRENEW-1, the largest utility-scale PV solar facility being developed under California's Renewables Portfolio Standard program, has received formal approval from the California Public Utilities Commission. The 5-MW system will be located in the City of Mendota, with power sold to Pacific Gas & Electric under a long-term power purchase agreement. Cleantech America, Inc. is developing the project. Story at Solarbuzz:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1004.htm>

Cleantech America: <http://www.cleantechamerica.com/>

### **2-1-08 Applied Materials Acquisition of Baccini**

Applied Materials Inc. acquired Baccini S.p.A. for about \$334 M. Stories at: <http://tinyurl.com/2yx6nb>

<http://tinyurl.com/yt6zyk>

[http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/080131/applied\\_materials\\_acquisition.html?.v=1](http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/080131/applied_materials_acquisition.html?.v=1) or <http://tinyurl.com/2er3n6>

[http://www.news.com/8301-11128\\_3-9862165-54.html?part=rss&subj=news&tag=2547-1\\_3-0-20](http://www.news.com/8301-11128_3-9862165-54.html?part=rss&subj=news&tag=2547-1_3-0-20) or

<http://tinyurl.com/3cgeff>

Applied Materials: <http://www.appliedmaterials.com/>

### **2-1-08 UPC Solar on UC Irvine Campus Rooftops, California**

A newly approved 20-year agreement with Chicago-based UPC Solar will locate PV on the UC Irvine campus rooftops. UPC Solar will design, install, own and maintain 6,500 solar panels to be placed on 11 campus buildings, with a total system size of 1.2 MW DC. Story at Solarbuzz:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1003.htm>

UPC Solar: <http://www.upcsolar.com/>

### **2-1-08 Gloria Spire Solar West Coast Office**

Gloria Spire Solar, LLC announced the opening of a new West Coast office to be located in California's Bay Area. The new office will serve clients in the Western states. Press at:

<http://www.centredaily.com/business/technology/story/371490.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/39jnlw>

Gloria Spire Solar: <http://www.gloriaspire.com/>

### **2-1-08 Chevron PV Project at College District, California**

Chevron Corp completed the first phase of a \$35.2 million solar-power project installation at the Contra Costa Community College District in California. The overall project includes a 3.2 MW solar-power generation system, energy-management systems, electrical systems replacements and high-efficiency lighting, heating, ventilation and air-conditioning equipment. Story at:

[http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/080131/chevron\\_solar\\_power\\_installation.html?.v=1](http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/080131/chevron_solar_power_installation.html?.v=1) or <http://tinyurl.com/33xxmf>

Chevron Energy Solutions: <http://www.chevron.com/news/press/release/?id=2008-01-31> or

<http://tinyurl.com/33wruc>

### **2-1-08 Avanzit – Forcimsa Solar Farms in Spain**

Avanzit SA said its joint venture with Forcimsa has been awarded a new turnkey contract from Somarvilla to build 2 PV solar farms in Murcia and Granada, southern Spain. Press at:

<http://www.iii.co.uk/news/?type=afxnews&articleid=6526467&action=article> or <http://tinyurl.com/2hjool>

Avanzit: <http://www.avanzit.com/>

Forcimsa: <http://www.forcimsa.com/>

### **2-1-08 Nano World News, January 2008, Inorganic Nanocrystal Solar Cells**

See "IP Profile: Air-stable Inorganic Nanocrystal Solar Cells Processed from Solution" at Nano World News covering solar cells developed at Lawrence Berkeley Lab based entirely on colloidal semiconductor nanocrystals. Story through NSTI at: <http://www.nsti.org/news/item.html?id=209>

Solexant: <http://www.solexant.com/>

### **2-1-08 Nanotech 2008**

Nanotech 2008 is set for 1-5 June 2008 in Boston, Massachusetts. See:

<http://www.nsti.org/Nanotech2008/symposia/>

<http://www.nsti.org/news/item.html?id=211>

### **2-1-08 Cleantech and Renewables Conference**

The Third Annual Piper Jaffray Clean Technology and Renewables Conference is set for 20 February in New York City. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/383us3>

PiperJaffray: [http://www.piperjaffray.com/2col\\_largeleft.aspx?id=365](http://www.piperjaffray.com/2col_largeleft.aspx?id=365) or <http://tinyurl.com/2ytvcw>

### **2-1-08 Cleantech Investor Summit**

For more on the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Clean-tech Investor Summit, 6-7 February 2008 in Palm Springs, California, see: <http://www.cleantechsummit.com/speakers.htm>

### **2-1-08 IntertechPira Events [Sheri Bonnell]**

IntertechPira's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Organic Photovoltaics conference is set for 21-23 April 2008 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. For more information, visit:

<http://www.intertechpira.com/events.asp?step=2&eventID=598B9421C17B656089D61C17B654472201C17B6|2D573C|113F86> or <http://tinyurl.com/29ms86>

Also, IntertechPira's Photovoltaics Summit 2008 is set for 18-20 June 2008 in San Diego, California. More information at:

<http://www.intertechpira.com/events.asp?step=2&eventID=450713A15A7DE425217E15A7DE425217E15A7DE|2BA053|15F875> or <http://tinyurl.com/2zdwmk>

See the IntertechPira Photovoltaic and Alternative Energy website at:

<http://www.intertechpira.com/channels.asp?step=1&channelID=5B016181A0065|2C9CEB|129C86> or <http://tinyurl.com/28a8on>

### **2-1-08 Northwest Solar Expo**

See information on the "Northwest Solar Expo", 16 April 2008 in Portland, Oregon, at

RenewableEnergyAccess: <http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/events/view?id=45297>

Event Website: <http://www.NWSolarExpo.com/>

### **2-1-08 GreenBiz Report**

See "The State of Green Business in 2008", including a link to the report, at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=51293>

GreenBiz: <http://www.greenbiz.com/>

### **2-1-08 Production Tax Credits for Renewables**

The Senate Finance Committee included measures to extend the Production Tax Credit for renewable energy through the end of 2009 in its version of the economic stimulus package. The fate of the provisions will be determined next week in Congress. Story at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=51307>

See also "U.S. Green-Energy Industry Hopes for Tax Reprieve" at Greentech Media:

<http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/us-green-energy-industry-hopes-for-tax-relieve-541.html> or

<http://tinyurl.com/2tfjuc>

Cleantech@: <http://media.cleantech.com:80/2397/u-s-senate-to-vote-on-renewable-energy-tax-breaks> or

<http://tinyurl.com/2bcfob>

### **2-1-08 Politicos Visit to Solar Integrated**

See the story "Politicos Visit Solar Integrated Technologies", at Greentech Media:

<http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/schwarzenegger-mccain-giuliani-visit-solar-integrated-technologies-542.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/38nc4p>

Solar Integrated: <http://www.solarintegrated.com/>

#### **2-4-08 University of Illinois Solar Commitment, Nano Si Solar**

See the story "UI prof gets a \$9.1 million commitment for solar cell process" at: [http://www.news-gazette.com/news/local/2008/02/02/professor\\_gets\\_a\\_million\\_commitment](http://www.news-gazette.com/news/local/2008/02/02/professor_gets_a_million_commitment) or <http://tinyurl.com/3dcdbn>

#### **2-4-08 Fraunhofer ISE's New Module**

Researchers at the Fraunhofer Institute of Solar Energy Systems have developed a solar module that uses organic dyes in combination with nanoparticles to produce electricity. Members of the Fraunhofer ISE are traveling to Tokyo for Nanotech 2008 to demonstrate the new module. Story at

RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story.jsessionid=2716ED607FF5F8908046EF6CD2830929?id=51316> or <http://tinyurl.com/3as8wq>

Faunhofer: <http://www.ise.fraunhofer.de/>

Nanotech 2008: <http://www.ics-inc.co.jp/nanotech/en/>

#### **2-4-08 Fujikura Dye-sensitized Solar Cell Improvements**

Fujikura Ltd. has succeeded in operating a dye-sensitized solar cell for 1,000 continuous hours in a hot, humid environment. The company modified the materials and methods used to seal the solar cell so the liquid electrolyte and organic pigment molecules would not leak. Story at:

<http://www.tradingmarkets.com/site/news/Stock%20News/1058686/> or <http://tinyurl.com/2ymgcm>

Fujikura Ltd: <http://www.fujikura.com/>

#### **2-4-08 Applied Materials Featured in Business Week**

See "Fueling the Solar Energy Boom" featuring Applied Materials at BusinessWeek:

[http://www.businessweek.com/globalbiz/content/feb2008/gb2008021\\_112318.htm?campaign\\_id=rss\\_daily](http://www.businessweek.com/globalbiz/content/feb2008/gb2008021_112318.htm?campaign_id=rss_daily) or <http://tinyurl.com/ytbuhj>

Applied Materials: <http://www.appliedmaterials.com/>

#### **2-4-08 Motech and Gintech Record Revenues**

Motech Industries and Gintech Energy have both reported record revenues for January. Story at DigiTimes:

<http://www.digitimes.com/NewsShow/NewsSearch.asp?DocID=PD00000000000000000000000004596&query=SOLAR> or <http://tinyurl.com/26jzty>

Motech: <http://www.motech.com.tw/>

Gintech: <http://www.gintech.com.tw/home.html>

#### **2-4-08 Sino-American Silicon Products Sales**

Sino-American Silicon Products is aiming to break the NT\$10 billion mark in sales in 2008. Story at DigiTimes:

<http://www.digitimes.com/NewsShow/NewsSearch.asp?DocID=PD00000000000000000000000004596&query=SOLAR> or <http://tinyurl.com/2avl38>

SAS: [http://www.saswafer.com/index/index\\_tw.aspx](http://www.saswafer.com/index/index_tw.aspx)

[http://www.saswafer.com/index/index\\_en.aspx](http://www.saswafer.com/index/index_en.aspx)

#### **2-4-08 Yingli Reduced Solar Wafer Thickness, 2008 Guidance**

Yingli Green Energy Holding said it trimmed the thickness of its solar wafers by 10%, successfully reducing its wafers to 180 microns, down from 200 microns. Stories at:

<http://media.cleantech.com/2406/yingli-slims-down-its-solar-wafers> or <http://tinyurl.com/3817y3>  
[http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/080204/yingli\\_green\\_energy\\_wafers.html?.v=1](http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/080204/yingli_green_energy_wafers.html?.v=1) or <http://tinyurl.com/2fe453>

Yingli: <http://www.yinglisolar.com/enmain/user/index.asp>

Yingli 2008 Guidance: <http://www.centredaily.com/business/story/377793.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/28ofce>

#### **2-4-08 Evergreen Solar Offering**

Evergreen Solar, Inc. filed a registration statement for a proposed offering of common stock. Press at Evergreen: <http://www.evergreensolar.com/app/en/investors/> and

<http://biz.yahoo.com/bizj/080204/1586088.html?.v=1>

#### **2-4-08 Tatung into Solar**

Said Wei Shan Lin, chairman and president of Tatung, "We are looking into setting up a production plant for solar-cell technology products in Thailand". See the story "Tatung looks to Thai solar scene" at: [http://www.nationmultimedia.com/2008/02/04/business/business\\_30064310.php](http://www.nationmultimedia.com/2008/02/04/business/business_30064310.php) or <http://tinyurl.com/2ovok6>  
Tatung: <http://www.tatung.com/en/index.asp>

#### **2-4-08 Manz Automation Offer for Intech Machines Co.**

According to this press, Manz Automation AG has published an acquisition offer for Intech Machines Co., Ltd., a company listed in Taiwan. More at: [http://www.stock-world.de/nachrichten/dgap/2490372-DGAP\\_News\\_Manz\\_Automation\\_AG\\_english.html](http://www.stock-world.de/nachrichten/dgap/2490372-DGAP_News_Manz_Automation_AG_english.html) or <http://tinyurl.com/ywd8vm>  
Manz Automation: <http://www.manz-automation.com/statisch/english/home/index.htm> or <http://tinyurl.com/2ppn72>

#### **2-4-08 Investment in ersol**

Ventizz Capital Fund III and Ventizz Capital Fund IV have acquired a minority stake in ersol Thin Film GmbH to invest in ersol's thin-film PV technology development. Story at: [http://www.solarindustrymag.com/e107\\_plugins/content/content\\_it.php?content.937](http://www.solarindustrymag.com/e107_plugins/content/content_it.php?content.937) or <http://tinyurl.com/ynuqcf>  
ersol: <http://www.ersol.de/en>

#### **2-4-08 More on EMCORE Solar Power Systems – SunPeak in Southwest U.S.**

EMCORE announced it would supply between 200 and 700 MW of solar-power systems for large-scale projects that privately held SunPeak Solar is developing in the Southwest. See more on the story at Greentech Media: <http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/concentrating-on-the-southwest-sun-547.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/2mfuy5>  
SunPeak Solar: <http://www.sunpeaksolar.com/>  
Emcore: <http://www.emcore.com/>  
Story at RenewableEnergyAccess: <http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story;jsessionid=2B0322A898B2B5FF4E7CF61C81053140?id=51324> or <http://tinyurl.com/2wkpj9>

#### **2-4-08 Qatar Solar Power**

Qatar is considering building one of the world's largest solar power complexes. Stories at: <http://www.reuters.com/article/environmentNews/idUSL0214833920080204> or <http://tinyurl.com/2c5axe>  
<http://www.ameinfo.com/145492.html>  
[http://www.menafn.com/gn\\_news\\_story\\_s.asp?StoryId=1093183856](http://www.menafn.com/gn_news_story_s.asp?StoryId=1093183856) or <http://tinyurl.com/36mojy>

#### **2-4-08 Europe's Solar Capital**

See this story, "Berlin Aims to Become Europe's Capital of Solar Technology" at: <http://www.dw-world.de/dw/article/0,,3100372,00.html?maca=en-rss-en-all-1573-rdf> or <http://tinyurl.com/3852be>

#### **2-4-08 New EPIA General Secretary [EPIA-Communication Dpt]**

Adel El Gammal is the new EPIA General Secretary as of 1 February 2008. Prior to joining EPIA, Adel El Gammal held various executive positions within leading multinational blue-chip companies in the field of IT and Management Consulting. After starting his career in France and Belgium, he held responsibilities at a European level spanning 16 countries, including business unit management, strategic business development, merger & acquisition activities, and international programme direction. Press from EPIA. EPIA: <http://www.epia.org/index.php?id=28>

#### **2-4-08 Lennar Solar Homes, California**

Lennar is building its first solar-powered homes in the Santa Clarita Valley. Ninety-six homes in the Patina neighborhood of the West Creek development will each be equipped with solar panels, a tankless water heater, a monitoring system, and other energy efficiency features. Stories at: [http://www.dailynews.com/cj\\_8144571?source=rss](http://www.dailynews.com/cj_8144571?source=rss) and [http://www.the-signal.com/?module=displaystory&story\\_id=53058&format=html](http://www.the-signal.com/?module=displaystory&story_id=53058&format=html) or <http://tinyurl.com/2kwtny>

#### **2-4-08 More on U.S. DOE Renewable Energy Forum**

In order to meet the goals of Secretary Bodman's Transformational Energy Action Management (TEAM) Initiative, the U.S. DOE plans to enter into contracts for on-site renewable energy projects. DOE has issued a Request for Information on the development of on-site renewable projects at DOE sites and is holding a forum on 12 February 2008 in Washington, DC to answer questions on the RFI and the TEAM Initiative and to receive feedback from participants. See the flyer and RFI at:

[http://www.eere.energy.gov/femp/news/events\\_detail.html?event\\_id=3288](http://www.eere.energy.gov/femp/news/events_detail.html?event_id=3288) or <http://tinyurl.com/227seu>

On-line registration at: <http://www.doeevents.com/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x2737d7fa> or <http://tinyurl.com/28229k>

#### **2-4-08 Xantrex Inverters for PV Installation, Spain**

Xantrex Technology inverters have been installed by A.S.U.R. S.A. for a 1.5 MW PV installation in Miramontes, Spain, in the region of Castile La Mancha. The installation consists of 15 Xantrex Grid Tie 100 kW inverters, 1100 fixed Sanyo modules, 5700 Mitsubishi amorphous silicon modules and 24 dual-axis trackers provided by Talleres Clavijo. Of the 24 trackers, 21 are equipped with Sanyo HIT modules, with 168 panels each. More at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/news/NewsEUPR439.htm>

Xantrex: <http://www.xantrex.com/>

Clavijo: <http://www.talleresclavijo.com/helios/heliosing.html>

#### **2-4-08 Danfoss and Ibersolar Agreement**

Danfoss and Ibersolar have signed a co-branding agreement. Story at:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/news/NewsEU497.htm>

Danfoss: <http://www.danfoss.com/Spain/BusinessAreas/Solar+Energy>

Ibersolar: <http://www.ibernsolar.com/esp/default.htm>

#### **2-4-08 Solar Power in New South Wales**

The largest rooftop solar system in New South Wales was put into operation at an event attended by the Hon. Peter Garrett, Federal Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts. The 100 kW system is made up of 640 solar panels manufactured locally at BP Solar's facility in Sydney Olympic Park. Story at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/news/NewsASPR172.htm>

BP Solar: <http://www.bp.com/modularhome.do?categoryId=9060&contentId=7038519> or

<http://tinyurl.com/3324kb>

#### **2-4-08 ICP Solar Technologies Expanded Business Development Team**

ICP Solar Technologies Inc. announced that it has expanded its business development team. Press at RenewableEnergyAccess: <http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/partner/story?id=51340> or

<http://tinyurl.com/38anwy>

ICP Solar: <http://www.icpsolar.com/>

#### **2-4-08 Verde Energy Help with Obtaining Financing, Bids, Installation**

Verde Energy helps residential and commercial customers obtain project financing, competitive project bids and expert installation of solar power, solar thermal, wind power and other renewable energy systems. See "Get Competitive Bids From The Nation's Best Solar Integrators" at:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/catalog/product?id=22238> or <http://tinyurl.com/3bxelq>

Verde Energy: <http://www.VerdeEnergy.com/>

#### **2-4-08 Dyesol at Industry Conferences**

Dyesol board members and senior scientists are speaking at key industry conferences in Japan, Egypt, and Australia. Press at Dyesol: <http://tinyurl.com/2nd2bo>

Dyesol News: <http://www.dyesol.com/index.php?page=News>

#### **2-4-08 Green Jobs**

See "Green Collar Jobs Seen as Prosperous" at Associated Press:

<http://ap.google.com/article/ALeqM5inlaqrWEEP6OOKiwOewwUggyJHIQD8UI0GK00> or

<http://tinyurl.com/2jrjua>

#### **2-4-08 FY 2009 Budget Submission**

Secretary of Energy Samuel Bodman will host a press briefing to present President Bush's Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Request for the U.S. DOE today at 1:15 pm EST. Press at:

<http://www.energy.gov/news/5917.htm>

DOE segment (see p. 393): <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/usbudget/fy09/pdf/appendix/doe.pdf>

Secretary Bodman is scheduled to speak on the proposed 2009 budget before the Senate Energy and Natural Resource Committee on 6 February and the House Energy and Commerce Committee on 7 February.

#### **2-5-08 Suniva Funding**

U.S. solar cell maker Suniva said it received \$50 million in funding from New Enterprise Associates, Goldman Sachs Group Inc. and others. The funds will be used for a manufacturing facility that will open in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of this year, Chief Executive John Baumstark said. Stories at:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/fundsFundsNews/idUSN0461504620080205> or <http://tinyurl.com/2b3kw7>  
[http://www.ajc.com/services/content/business/stories/2008/02/04/venture\\_0205.html?cxtype=rss&cxsvc=7&cxcat=6](http://www.ajc.com/services/content/business/stories/2008/02/04/venture_0205.html?cxtype=rss&cxsvc=7&cxcat=6) or <http://tinyurl.com/35az34>

Suniva: <http://www.suniva.com/>

#### **2-5-08 Odersun Funding for 2<sup>nd</sup> Factory**

Odersun AG announced that it has secured €61 million of funding to build its second factory, SunTwo.

Story at Solar Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEU499.htm>

Odersun AG: [http://www.odersun.de/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=33&Itemid=67](http://www.odersun.de/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=33&Itemid=67) or  
<http://tinyurl.com/yutwa5>

<http://www.odersun.de/>

#### **2-5-08 LDK Outlook**

LDK Solar Co., Ltd provided an outlook for the first quarter 2008. Press at:

<http://money.cnn.com/news/newsfeeds/articles/prnewswire/AQTU11105022008-1.htm> or

<http://tinyurl.com/24ou96>

LDK Solar: <http://www.ldksolar.com/>

#### **2-5-08 GiraSolar President's Letter**

GiraSolar, Inc. announced that it has posted a President's letter on its website to update shareholders about recent developments and events. Press at: <http://www.centredaily.com/business/story/378756.html>

GiraSolar: <http://www.girasolar.com/>

#### **2-5-08 Solon Module Production Expansion in Italy**

Solon plans to build a new solar module production site in Italy with an annual capacity of 120 MW, investing 25 million euros. Story at:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssTechMediaTelecomNews/idUSL0551368320080205> or

<http://tinyurl.com/3225wv>

Solon AG: <http://www.solonag.com/>

#### **2-5-08 ECD Secured Credit Facility Agreements**

Energy Conversion Devices, Inc. announced that its wholly owned subsidiaries, United Solar Ovonic LLC and United Solar Ovonic Corporation, have entered into a new secured revolving credit facility with an aggregate commitment of up to \$55 million. More at:

<http://money.cnn.com/news/newsfeeds/articles/prnewswire/CLTU035A05022008-1.htm> or

<http://tinyurl.com/ypulp5>

ECD Ovonic: <http://www.ovonic.com/>

#### **2-5-08 Nanoantenna Solar Technology**

Researchers at Idaho National Laboratory, with partners at Microcontinuum Inc. and Patrick Pinhero of the University of Missouri, are developing a novel way to collect energy from the sun. The new approach uses a special manufacturing process to stamp tiny square spirals of conducting metal onto a sheet of plastic. Press at Solar Headlines: <http://www.solarheadlines.com/node/3042>

### **2-5-08 Nanoantenna Solar Technology - continued**

More at INL (12/17/2007): <http://www.inl.gov/featurestories/2007-12-17.shtml>  
Microcontinuum Inc.: <http://www.microcontinuum.com/>

### **2-5-08 More on Chevron Energy Solutions PV for School District, California**

Chevron Energy Solutions and the Contra Costa Community College District have completed the first phase of a PV project – 2.65 MW of solar carports. The final phase will add 534 kW this year. Story and photo at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1008.htm>  
Chevron: <http://www.chevronenergy.com/>

### **2-5-08 More on UC Irvine 1.2-MW PV Deal with UPC Solar**

A newly approved 20-year agreement between University of California Irvine and UPC Solar will locate a 1.17 MW PV system on campus rooftops. Story at RenewableEnergyAccess: <http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=51354>  
UPC Solar: <http://www.upcsolar.com/>  
UCI Press: [http://today.uci.edu/news/release\\_detail.asp?key=1724](http://today.uci.edu/news/release_detail.asp?key=1724)

### **2-5-08 Photovoltaic Solar Cells Announcement**

See announcements from “Photovoltaic Solar Cells Inc” at: <http://www.photovoltaicsolarcells.com/>  
<http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/080204/clm155.html?.v=29>

### **2-5-08 SEMI Photovoltaic Fab Managers Forum [Eddy Blokken]**

SEMI, in close collaboration with SolarWorld, is organizing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Photovoltaic Fab Managers Forum in Dresden, Germany, 9-11 March. This event is focused on stimulating the discussion between fab managers and their suppliers to achieve higher manufacturing efficiencies and to see what alternatives one has to solve production issues. An optional fab visit to SolarWorld is set for 11 March (limited number of participants). More information at the websites, or contact Eddy Blokken at [eblokken@semi.org](mailto:eblokken@semi.org). Websites: [http://wps2a.semi.org/wps/portal/\\_pagr/147/\\_pa.147/800?dFormat=application/msword&docName=P040664](http://wps2a.semi.org/wps/portal/_pagr/147/_pa.147/800?dFormat=application/msword&docName=P040664) or <http://tinyurl.com/wa6fl>  
PV Group: <http://www.pvgroup.org/index.htm>  
Events: <http://www.pvgroup.org/Events/index.htm>

### **2-5-08 Global Conference on Renewable Energy Approaches for Desert Regions [Mohammed Al Ta'ani]**

For information on the Second Global Conference on Renewable Energy Approaches for Desert Regions, GCREADER 2008, set for 28-31 October in Amman, Jordan, visit: <http://gcreader2008.ju.edu.jo/>

### **2-5-08 More on New Secretary General, EPIA**

Adel El Gammal has been appointed as the new Secretary General of the European Photovoltaic Industry Association. More on this story at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/news/newsEU0498.htm>  
EPIA: <http://www.epia.org/>  
<http://www.epia.org/index.php?id=28>

### **2-5-08 WorldWater & Solar Technologies VP and General Manager of ENTECH**

WorldWater and Solar Technologies Corp. announced that Scott Albertson, WWAT Vice President and Production Manager, has been named Vice President and General Manager of ENTECH, Inc., the wholly owned subsidiary of WorldWater & Solar Technologies Corp. Story at: <http://www.solarheadlines.com/node/3060>  
<http://www.worldwater.com/pages-news/1-News-ScottAlbertson-1-31-08.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/28mjdb>  
ENTECH, Inc.: <http://www.entechsolar.com/>

### **2-5-08 SolarWorld Roundtable, Camarillo, California [Anne Schneider]**

SolarWorld's Camarillo, California PV factory hosted a roundtable discussion about energy conservation and renewable energy between City of Camarillo, Ventura County, and University of California representatives and Dr. Jürgen Rüttgers, Prime Minister of North Rhine Westphalia, Germany. Press from SolarWorld: <http://www.solarworld-usa.com/Prime-Minister-visits.1623.0.html>

### **2-5-08 Suntech at Investor / Industry Events**

Suntech Power Holdings Co., Ltd. announced that its management is scheduled to present at several upcoming investor conferences and industry events. Press at:

<http://money.cnn.com/news/newsfeeds/articles/prnewswire/CNTU01505022008-1.htm> or

<http://tinyurl.com/yyufhe>

Suntech: <http://www.suntech-power.com/>

### **2-5-08 Virginia Tech in 2009 Solar Decathlon**

The U.S. DOE selected Virginia Tech to compete in the 2009 Solar Decathlon. More on the team

[http://www.wsls.com/sls/news/local/new\\_river\\_valley/article/virginia\\_tech\\_to\\_compete\\_in\\_2009\\_solar\\_decathlon/4952/](http://www.wsls.com/sls/news/local/new_river_valley/article/virginia_tech_to_compete_in_2009_solar_decathlon/4952/) or <http://tinyurl.com/2vlnr3>

Solar Decathlon: <http://www.solardecathlon.org/2009.html>

### **2-5-08 Xcel Energy Renewables RFP**

Xcel Energy is seeking proposals for renewable energy sources to help meet its obligations under the New Mexico Renewable Energy Act. Information at:

[http://www.bizjournals.com/albuquerque/stories/2008/02/04/daily2.html?ana=from\\_rss](http://www.bizjournals.com/albuquerque/stories/2008/02/04/daily2.html?ana=from_rss) or

<http://tinyurl.com/2dxuty>

<http://www.centredaily.com/business/story/374758.html>

### **2-5-08 Puget Sound Energy's RFP for PV at Schools**

As part of Puget Sound Energy's ongoing efforts to advance renewable energy generation, the utility issued an RFP to provide up to 5 schools in PSE's service area with 1 to 5 kW PV systems. PSE Press:

<http://www.pse.com/newsarchive/Pages/newsSolarSchoolsRFP.aspx?navpath=/InsidePSE/newsroom> or

<http://tinyurl.com/3957xj>

### **2-5-08 Research and Markets Report on U.S. Energy Industry**

Research and Markets announced the addition of "Analyzing the Energy Industry in the United States" to their offering. Research and Markets: <http://www.researchandmarkets.com/reports/c81620>

### **2-5-08 President's FY 2009 Budget**

U.S. Secretary of Energy Samuel W. Bodman announced President Bush's Fiscal Year 2009 budget request for DOE. DOE Press: <http://www.energy.gov/news/5920.htm>. See DOE's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy FY 2009 Budget-in-Brief at:

[http://www.eere.energy.gov/ba/pba/budget\\_formulation.html](http://www.eere.energy.gov/ba/pba/budget_formulation.html)

### **In related solar news...**

#### **2-5-08 Velux Solar Water Heaters in U.S.**

Denmark-based Velux said it will start selling its solar water heater system in the U.S. Story at:

<http://media.cleantech.com/2411/velux-to-sell-solar-water-heaters-in-u-s> or <http://tinyurl.com/377fay>

<http://www.prleap.com/pr/113663/>

Velux: <http://www.veluxusa.com/products/solarWater/default.htm>

#### **2-6-08 Conergy Financing [Thorsten Vespermann]**

Conergy AG has secured follow-up financing with the support of a banking consortium. Commerzbank AG and Dresdner Kleinwort have provided the company with additional liquidity of €240 million. In addition, financial Covenants have been waived for the fiscal year 2008. Commented Conergy's CEO and co-founder, Dieter Ammer, "We thus have our financing signed and sealed a month ahead of

### **2-6-08 Conergy Financing [Thorsten Vespermann] - continued**

schedule. We are on the right track and are delighted that our banks support our turnaround and our growth strategy.” More in the press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEU0500.htm>  
Press from Conergy at: [http://www.conergy.de/en/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-182/271\\_read-8740/](http://www.conergy.de/en/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-182/271_read-8740/) or <http://tinyurl.com/2d8e6x>

### **2-6-08 ersol – SCHOTT Cooperative Agreement**

ersol Thin Film GmbH, a subsidiary of ersol Solar Energy AG, and SCHOTT Solar GmbH have concluded a cooperative agreement under which they will jointly develop micromorphous technology for thin-film solar cells. Story at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUTE23.htm>  
ersol: <http://www.ersol.de/>  
SCHOTT Solar: <http://www.schottsolar.com/>

### **2-6-08 Jupiter Solar PV Cell Manufacturing, India**

Jupiter Solar Power Ltd, a subsidiary of Jupiter International, will invest Rs 1,000 crore over the next 3 years to set up 2 PV solar cell manufacturing plants – one in Calcutta and the other at Baddi in Himachal Pradesh. Story through Solarbuzz <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/Newspage.asp> at: [http://www.telegraphindia.com/1080206/jsp/business/story\\_8868463.jsp](http://www.telegraphindia.com/1080206/jsp/business/story_8868463.jsp) or <http://tinyurl.com/2xh3h4>

### **2-6-08 Spire Contract for PV Module Assembly Line, South Korea**

Spire Corporation announced that it has received a contract from Dongyang Creditech Co. Ltd. located in South Korea to provide a PV module assembly line capable of producing up to 12 MW of solar modules per year. Story at:

[http://www.businesswire.com/portal/site/google/index.jsp?ndmViewId=news\\_view&newsId=20080206005705&newsLang=en](http://www.businesswire.com/portal/site/google/index.jsp?ndmViewId=news_view&newsId=20080206005705&newsLang=en) or <http://tinyurl.com/2cffe4>

Spire: <http://www.spirecorp.com/>

<http://www.spirecorp.com/spire-semiconductor/>

Dongyang Creditech: <http://www.dycrt.co.kr/english/about/01.htm>

### **2-6-08 More on Suniva Funding and Plans**

See more on Suniva's \$50 million in funding at CNet: [http://www.news.com/8301-11128\\_3-9865042-54.html?tag=newsmap](http://www.news.com/8301-11128_3-9865042-54.html?tag=newsmap) or <http://tinyurl.com/26zb6x> and VentureBeat:

<http://venturebeat.com/2008/02/05/suniva-a-solar-photovoltaic-maker-launches-out-of-stealth-with-50m/> or <http://tinyurl.com/2s8ssd>

Suniva: <http://www.suniva.com/>

### **2-6-08 Recurrent Energy Supply Agreements**

Recurrent Energy announced it signed supply agreements with module suppliers Yingli Green Energy, Suntech, and SolarWorld California. Press at:

<http://biz.yahoo.com/bw/080206/20080206005770.html?.v=1>

Recurrent Energy: <http://www.recurrentenergy.com/>

### **2-6-08 Perfectenergy 4.4 MW Order**

Perfectenergy International Limited announced the signing of a 4.4 MW order of solar cells and modules for deployment in Spain. Press at CNNMoney:

<http://money.cnn.com/news/newsfeeds/articles/prnewswire/LAW08206022008-1.htm> or

<http://tinyurl.com/yynnj72>

Perfectenergy: <http://www.perfectenergy.cn/about.html>

### **2-6-08 Nanowire Solar Cells**

Researchers at McMaster University in Ontario say that they have grown light-absorbing nanowires made of high-performance PV materials on thin but highly durable carbon-nanotube fabric. See “Flexible, Nanowire Solar Cells” at MIT Technology Review: <http://www.technologyreview.com/Nanotech/20163/>

### **2-6-08 Nanotechnology Approaches to Solar Technology**

See more on the Q1 NanoSystems (now Bloo Solar) and UC Davis nanotechnology approaches being applied to solar technology at The California Aggie Online: <http://tinyurl.com/2g32so>  
Q1 NanoSystems <http://www.q1nano.com/> now Bloo Solar: <http://www.bloosolar.com/>

### **2-6-08 Renewable Energy Corporation Updates**

See press on REC updates at Forbes:

<http://www.forbes.com/afxnewslimited/feeds/afx/2008/02/06/afx4619920.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/2lway9>  
and CNNMoney:

[http://money.cnn.com/news/newsfeeds/articles/djf500/200802060240DOWJONESDJONLINE000081\\_FO\\_RTUNE5.htm](http://money.cnn.com/news/newsfeeds/articles/djf500/200802060240DOWJONESDJONLINE000081_FO_RTUNE5.htm) or <http://tinyurl.com/2n2pl2>

REC: [http://www.recgroup.com/default.asp?V\\_ITEM\\_ID=448](http://www.recgroup.com/default.asp?V_ITEM_ID=448)

### **2-6-08 More on LDK Results**

LDK Solar Co. issued a first-quarter earnings outlook. Press at Solarbuzz:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsASCO205.htm> and

[http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/080205/ldk\\_solar\\_outlook.html?.v=1](http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/080205/ldk_solar_outlook.html?.v=1)

[http://www.forbes.com/markets/2008/02/05/ldk-solar-energy-markets-equity-cx\\_cg\\_0205markets25.html?feed=rss\\_markets](http://www.forbes.com/markets/2008/02/05/ldk-solar-energy-markets-equity-cx_cg_0205markets25.html?feed=rss_markets) or <http://tinyurl.com/225wzq>

LDK: <http://www.ldksolar.com/index.html>

### **2-6-08 Evergreen at Small and Mid Cap Growth Conference, Updates**

Evergreen Solar, Inc. announced that the company will be presenting at the Deutsche Bank Small and Mid Cap Growth Conference in Naples, Florida, 15 February. Evergreen press at:

<http://www.evergreensolar.com/app/en/investors/>

Deutsche Bank Conference (see Energy): <http://conferences.db.com/americas/growth08/hm/content.php>

More Evergreen Solar updates at: <http://www.evergreensolar.com/app/en/investors/>

### **2-6-08 Dyesol Newsletter Issue 1, 2008**

Dyesol's January 2008 Newsletter is available. Watch for it or request it at Dyesol:

<http://www.dyesol.com/index.php?page=Newsletters>

### **2-6-08 PV Powered's Commercial Inverter**

PV Powered, Inc. has announced that its PVP30kW commercial inverter is now in stock and ready for immediate shipment. Press at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=51369>

PV Powered: <http://www.pvpowered.com/>

### **2-6-08 EERE Network News [Kevin Eber]**

The latest issue of EERE Network News with coverage of the President's FY 2009 budget submission, clean energy investment, and other topics, is available at: <http://www.eere.energy.gov/news/enn.cfm>

### **2-6-08 Feed-in-Tariff Versus Marginal Incentive**

See the story "Feed-in Tariff versus Marginal Incentive" by Adam Browning, co-founder and Executive Director of Vote Solar, at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/recolumnists/story?id=51362> or

<http://tinyurl.com/ys8dcd>

The Vote Solar Initiative: <http://www.votesolar.org/>

### **2-6-08 Renewable Energy Companies Thriving**

See the story "Renewable Energy Companies Thriving in Volatile Market" at:

[http://www.foxbusiness.com/markets/industries/finance/article/renewable-energy-companies-thriving-volatile-market\\_465663\\_9.html](http://www.foxbusiness.com/markets/industries/finance/article/renewable-energy-companies-thriving-volatile-market_465663_9.html) or <http://tinyurl.com/3xv4x5>

## **In related solar news....**

### **2-6-08 New Line of Parabolic Trough Collectors**

Flagsol GmbH, a Solar Millennium technology subsidiary, has developed a new line of parabolic trough collectors. Story at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=51367>

Flagsol: <http://www.flagsol.com/>

### **2-7-08 EPV SOLAR BIPV Business [Kathy Carrigan, Ron Jenkins]**

EPV SOLAR, Inc. announced a new line of business and continued strengthening of the company's management team. Said CEO Scott T. Massie, "EPV SOLAR is currently driving aggressive capacity expansion in order to meet multi-hundred megawatt production commitments through 2010. As we do so, we see strong market pull for higher value-add turnkey solutions in the Building Integrated Photovoltaic (BIPV) segment of the renewable energy market." Kenneth W. McCauley has been added to the team as General manager of BIPV Business. Press at EPV SOLAR:

<http://www.epvsolar.com/news.asp?Article=20>

EPV SOLAR: <http://www.epvsolar.com/>

### **2-7-08 Enfinity Funds for Belgian Solar Projects**

The Pension Fund of the Province of East Flanders, the Pharmacists Contingency Fund, and the Gemeentelijke Holding nv are providing Belgian developer, Enfinity, with funding for solar projects in the amount of €117 million. Enfinity will use the funds to build solar installations on the roofs of Belgian buildings in some 15 municipalities over the next two years. The total capacity amounts to 22 MW. More on this arrangement at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUPR440.htm>

Enfinity: <http://www.enfinity.biz/>

### **2-7-08 Kyocera's New Module Line**

Kyocera Solar, Inc. announced the introduction of Kyocera KD Modules, a UL listed PV module line consisting of larger, more powerful modules composed of high efficiency 156mm x 156mm solar cells.

Press at RenewableEnergyAccess: <http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/partner/story?id=51392>

or <http://tinyurl.com/2veueg>

Kyocera: <http://www.kyocerasolar.com/>

[http://www.kyocerasolar.com/news/news\\_detail.cfm?key=504](http://www.kyocerasolar.com/news/news_detail.cfm?key=504)

### **2-7-08 Phoenix Solar Energy Development Agreement with Bürgerservice Trier**

Phoenix Solar Energy Investments AG has signed an agreement with Bürgerservice GmbH for the development of ground-mounted PV plants. The ground-mounted power plants are to have peak outputs of between one and ten MW. Press at Phoenix Solar:

[http://www.phoenixsolar.com/Press/PressReleases/\\_content/articles/PM\\_080207.html?uri=/index.html](http://www.phoenixsolar.com/Press/PressReleases/_content/articles/PM_080207.html?uri=/index.html) or

<http://tinyurl.com/3xq3mv>

### **2-7-08 Masdar Solar Panel Tests**

Masdar has launched one of the largest ever field studies of solar panel technology. Some 22 PV manufacturers will be involved in the study, which will monitor how different technologies endure the effects of heat, humidity and sand. The systems will be ranked for performance, durability and cost in a series of stringent tests over 18 months. Story at: <http://www.arabianbusiness.com/509198-masdar-tests-solar-power> or <http://tinyurl.com/2qvxc4>

Masdar Initiative: <http://www.masdaruae.com/>

### **2-7-08 Gaiam IPO of Solar Subsidiary**

According to this press, Gaiam, Inc. announced that it has determined that an initial public offering of a minority interest in Gaiam's Real Goods Solar subsidiary would optimize Real Goods Solar's potential and create additional value for Gaiam shareholders. Press at:

<http://money.cnn.com/news/newsfeeds/articles/prnewswire/LATH07007022008-1.htm> or

<http://tinyurl.com/2gew74>

### **2-7-08 Gaiam IPO of Solar Subsidiary - continued**

Real Goods press:

<http://money.cnn.com/news/newsfeeds/articles/apwire/f5987498d580bb55e96e048417258a32.htm> or

<http://tinyurl.com/3dflwn>

Real Goods: <http://www.gaiam.com/realgoods/>

<http://www.realgoodssolar.com/>

### **2-7-08 ECD Results**

See information on ECD's results at EETimes Online:

<http://www.eetimes.com/news/semi/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=206105876> or <http://tinyurl.com/333o82>

ECD Second Quarter 2008 Results:

<http://investor.shareholder.com/ovonics/releasedetail.cfm?ReleaseID=292493> or <http://tinyurl.com/3cscg4>

### **2-7-08 EMCORE Results, Revenue Guidance**

EMCORE Corporation announced 2008 revenue guidance and preliminary unaudited financial results for its first quarter ended 31 December 2007. Story at:

<http://money.cnn.com/news/newsfeeds/articles/prnewswire/NYW12606022008-1.htm> or

<http://tinyurl.com/2p3jtt>

EMCORE: <http://www.emcore.com/news/index.php>

### **2-7-08 REgrid PV System for Country Club, California**

The Saratoga Country Club has installed a 166 kW solar electric system designed and installed by Regrid Power. Story and photo at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1012.htm> and

RenewableEnergyAccess: <http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/partner/story?id=51380> or

<http://tinyurl.com/2w994j>

Regrid Power: <http://www.regrid.com/>

### **2-7-08 Nanotech Solar Innovation**

See the story "Challenging silicon's grip on solar" with coverage of Jin Zhang's nanotech solar research at the University of California Santa Cruz at Cleantech Media: <http://media.cleantech.com/2418/jin-zhang-and-solar-cells> or <http://tinyurl.com/3796a8>

January 8 UCSC press: [http://www.ucsc.edu/news\\_events/press\\_releases/text.asp?pid=1852](http://www.ucsc.edu/news_events/press_releases/text.asp?pid=1852) or

<http://tinyurl.com/2vyhg8>

### **2-7-08 Xantrex Inverters for Alamosa PV Installation**

Xantrex Technology supplied the inverters for the utility-scale PV installation recently activated in Alamosa, Colorado. The 8.22-MW solar plant was developed by SunEdison under a Solar Power Services Agreement with Xcel Energy. Story at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/partner/story?id=51387> or <http://tinyurl.com/392f59>

Xantrex: <http://www.xantrex.com/>

SunEdison: <http://www.sunedison.com/>

### **2-7-08 Morningstar Inverter UL Mark**

Morningstar announced that it has received authorization to mark its SureSine™ Pure Sine Wave Inverter as UL and cUL compliant with electrical safety and code standards. Press at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/partner/story?id=51378> or <http://tinyurl.com/2hgewa>

Morningstar: <http://www.morningstarcorp.com/products/SureSine/>

### **2-7-08 Finance Vehicle for Residential PV, LBL Report [Mark Bolinger]**

Berkeley Lab announced the latest installment in the series "Case Studies of State Support for Renewable Energy" with the study "Property Tax Assessments as a Finance Vehicle for Residential PV Installations: Opportunities and Potential Limitation". Report (pdf) at:

<http://eetd.lbl.gov/ea/ems/cases/property-tax-finance.pdf>

LBL Case Study Series: <http://eetd.lbl.gov/ea/ems/cases/>

### **2-7-08 Interstate Renewable Energy Council Newsletter [Jane Pulaski]**

The latest issue of IREC's State & Stakeholder Newsletter with coverage of national news, state & local news, grants and RFPs, upcoming events, and other news, is available at:

<http://www.irecusa.org/index.php?id=11>

### **2-7-08 Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative**

The U.S. DOE and Hawaii Governor Linda Lingle have established the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative, a long-term partnership designed to accelerate transformation of Hawaii into one of the world's first economies based primarily on clean energy resources. More at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story.jsessionid=751F6BB46BA2A6FFDEF7FA2088D6BF90?id=51375> or <http://tinyurl.com/339y4n>

Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative: <https://www.eere-pmc.energy.gov/Hawaii.aspx> or

<http://tinyurl.com/2w7ux4>

### **2-7-08 Organic Solar Cells**

See the story "Organic Solar Cells: Electricity from A Thin Film" at Science Daily:

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2008/02/080206154631.htm>

### **2-7-08 Solar Innovation & Investment Summit**

The inaugural "Solar Innovation & Investment Summit" is taking place 21-23 May 2008 in London, England. For more information, visit:

[http://www.greenpowerconferences.com/renewablesmarkets/sii\\_london.html](http://www.greenpowerconferences.com/renewablesmarkets/sii_london.html) or <http://tinyurl.com/23h2n4>

[http://www.greenpowerconferences.com/renewablesmarkets/sii\\_london.html](http://www.greenpowerconferences.com/renewablesmarkets/sii_london.html) or <http://tinyurl.com/23h2n4>

### **2-7-08 Solar Companies at ROTH Conference**

China Solar & Clean Energy Solutions, Inc. will present at the ROTH Capital Partners 20<sup>th</sup> Annual OC Growth Stock Conference on 21 February. Press at:

<http://money.cnn.com/news/newsfeeds/articles/prnewswire/LNTH50507022008-1.htm> or

<http://tinyurl.com/ytgl8x>

China Solar & Clean Energy Solutions: <http://www.cn-sce.com/>

Solar Power, Inc. announced that company will present at the ROTH conference on 20 February. Press

at: <http://biz.yahoo.com/bw/080207/20080207005337.html?.v=1> or <http://tinyurl.com/2wggw9>

Solar Power Inc.: <http://www.solarpowerinc.net/>

ROTH 2008 OC Conference: <http://www.roth.com/main/page.aspx?PageID=7000>

The Senate Finance Committee included measures to extend the Production Tax Credit for renewable energy through the end of 2009 in its version of an economic stimulus package, but that package was voted down yesterday in the Senate. Story at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=51388>

### **2-8-08 High-purity Silicon Production**

According to this press, Nitol Solar wants to become one of the world's biggest producers of high-purity silicon. See "Siberia: Solar Power's Next Heartland?" at The Wall Street Journal:

[http://blogs.wsj.com/environmentalcapital/2008/02/07/siberia-solar-powers-next-heartland/?mod=googlenews\\_wsj](http://blogs.wsj.com/environmentalcapital/2008/02/07/siberia-solar-powers-next-heartland/?mod=googlenews_wsj) or <http://tinyurl.com/3ata7g>

Nitol Solar: <http://www.nitolsolar.com/enabout/>

See the story "Polysilicon Plant Costs On the Rise" at Greentech Media:

<http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/polysilicon-plant-costs-on-the-rise-580.html> or

<http://tinyurl.com/3xs2o>

### **2-8-08 Solar in Canada**

According to this article, from the electricity market to manufacturing and education, the PV industry in Canada is becoming an increasingly safe bet, with the focal point of this action in Ontario. See "Sun Farmers of Canada" at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=51393>

### **2-8-08 Solar EnerTech Results**

Solar EnerTech Corp. announced results for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of fiscal year 2008. Press at: <http://money.cnn.com/news/newsfeeds/articles/prnewswire/LNTH51007022008-1.htm> or <http://tinyurl.com/257mat>  
Solar EnerTech Corp: <http://www.solarenertech.com/>

### **2-8-08 HelioVolt in Austin, Texas**

See the story “Solar Celebrity HelioVolt Lands in Austin” at the Austin Chronicle: <http://www.austinchronicle.com/gyrobase/issue/story?oid=oid%3A589136> or <http://tinyurl.com/2vuy74>  
HelioVolt press 12/20/07: [http://www.heliovolta.net/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=127&Itemid=95](http://www.heliovolta.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=127&Itemid=95) or <http://tinyurl.com/372us5>

### **2-8-08 IPOs**

See the story “More solar heads to market” at Cleantech™: <http://media.cleantech.com/2421/dealmakers-continue-to-shine-on-solar> or <http://tinyurl.com/yprn8n>

### **2-8-08 More on Real Goods IPO**

Real Goods Solar filed paperwork to go public with the goal of raising up to \$57.5 million. Stories at: [http://www.news.com/8301-11128\\_3-9866995-54.html?part=rss&subj=news&tag=2547-1\\_3-0-20](http://www.news.com/8301-11128_3-9866995-54.html?part=rss&subj=news&tag=2547-1_3-0-20) or <http://tinyurl.com/yw5z9a>  
<http://tinyurl.com/2rkn8r>  
<http://www.rockymountainnews.com/news/2008/feb/08/solar-company-files-for-public-stock-sale/> or <http://tinyurl.com/2v9w7q>  
Real Goods: <http://www.realgoodssolar.com/solar/ecs/main/index.html>

### **2-8-08 Clean Energy Investment**

According to this press covering a report from Cambridge Energy Research Associates, clean energy investment could top \$7 trillion by 2030. Story through SolarPlaza <http://www.solarplaza.com/content/news.php> at: <http://www.businessgreen.com/business-green/news/2209110/clean-energy-investment-top> or <http://tinyurl.com/2dvxef>  
CERA: <http://www.cera.com/asp/cda/public1/home/home.aspx>  
<http://www.cera.com/asp/cda/public1/news/pressReleases/pressReleaseDetails.aspx?CID=9239> or <http://tinyurl.com/3ynft4>

### **2-8-08 More on SPS Renewables RFP [The Green Power Network]**

Southwestern Public Service Company, an operating company subsidiary of Xcel Energy Inc., has issued an RFP to diversify its existing renewable energy portfolio. Information at: [http://www.xcelenergy.com/XLWEB/CDA/0,3080,1-1-1\\_41994\\_42118\\_48078-44442-2\\_171\\_256-0,00.html](http://www.xcelenergy.com/XLWEB/CDA/0,3080,1-1-1_41994_42118_48078-44442-2_171_256-0,00.html) or <http://tinyurl.com/2yq4dt>  
The Green Power Network: <http://www.eere.energy.gov/greenpower/financial/>

### **2-8-08 EPIA’s International Conference on Solar Photovoltaic Investments, Germany**

More than 160 renewable energy technology specialists, investors, policy experts, economists, researchers, bankers and capital analysts from across the world will gather at the Frankfurt Marriott Hotel to take part in the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Solar Photovoltaic Investments on 19-20 February 2008. Information at: [http://www.epia.org/index.php?id=69&tx\\_smfepiae\\_events\\_pi1\[uid\]=18](http://www.epia.org/index.php?id=69&tx_smfepiae_events_pi1[uid]=18) or <http://tinyurl.com/2zk8wj>  
EPIA: <http://www.epia.org/>

### **2-8-08 Solar Electric Power Association Conference Calls [Emily Brown]**

For information on SEPA’s series of monthly seminars on various solar topics, see SEPA Events at: <http://www.solarelectricpower.org/?page=sepaevents>. On 12 February, Barry Cinnamon, Akeena Solar, addresses “PV Installations in Germany – Same Technology, Lower Costs”. Registration at: <http://www.regonline.com/Checkin.asp?EventId=119722>

### **2-8-08 Solar Decathletes**

See the story “Solar Decathletes Prep For 2009 Contest” at InformationWeek:

[http://www.informationweek.com/blog/main/archives/2008/02/solar\\_decathlet.html](http://www.informationweek.com/blog/main/archives/2008/02/solar_decathlet.html) or

<http://tinyurl.com/yp3ejd>

See also “UA in cutting-edge solar home show” featuring the University of Arizona Solar Decathlon team

at: <http://www.tucsoncitizen.com/ss/local/76370.php>

And, starting 18 February, UK’s Smart Blues House project will be accepting ideas for its entry in the

Solar Decathlon. See: <http://tinyurl.com/2xf59c>

Solar Decathlon: <http://www.solardecathlon.org/>

### **2-8-08 Renewables Tax Credits**

According to Environment & Energy Daily [subscription], House Democratic leaders may bring an energy tax package to the floor next week that would extend renewable energy and conservation tax breaks.

E&E Daily information: [http://www.eenews.net/eep/learn\\_more/](http://www.eenews.net/eep/learn_more/)

[http://www.eenews.net/eep/learn\\_more/about\\_EEDaily](http://www.eenews.net/eep/learn_more/about_EEDaily)