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1-5-09 WorldWater & Solar Technologies, Solar Power Partners, Inc. PV System for Water District, California

WorldWater & Solar Technologies Corp. announced it has completed the installation of a 1.1-MW solar power system for the Valley Center Municipal Water District of Valley Center, California. The system was financed and will be owned, operated, and maintained by Solar Power Partners, Inc. Sharp supplied the solar panels. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1352.htm>
WorldWater & Solar Technologies: <http://www.worldwater.com/>
Solar Power Partners, Inc.: <http://www.solarpowerpartners.com/>
Sharp: <http://solar.sharppusa.com/solar/home/1,2462,,00.html>

1-5-09 American Solar Electric and Solon Corp Module Supply Agreement

American Solar Electric, Inc. and Solon Corporation have signed a PV module supply agreement under which Solon will supply over 1.5 MW of its Tucson-manufactured solar panels to American Solar Electric. Press at: <http://biz.yahoo.com/bw/090105/20090105005064.html?.v=1>
American Solar Electric: <http://www.americanspv.com/>
Solon: <http://www.solon.com/cw/en/>

1-5-09 More on China Technology Development Group Corp and Qinghai New Energy Group Solar Power Station

China Technology Development Group Corp and Qinghai New Energy Group will begin building a 30-MW solar power station in China's Qaidam Basin, combining thin-film and traditional silicon-based technologies. Press at Reuters: <http://uk.reuters.com/article/behindTheScenes/idUKTRE50140W20090104> or <http://tinyurl.com/7cx4ts>
Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/news/NewsASPR213.htm>
PV Tech: http://www.pv-tech.org/news/a/1gw_solar_power_plant_planned_in_china/ or <http://tinyurl.com/7frltd>
China Technology: <http://www.chinactdc.com/>

1-5-09 Yingli Sales Contract with GOLDBECK Solar

Yingli Green Energy Holding Company Limited announced it has entered into a sales contract with GOLDBECK Solar GmbH under which Yingli is expected to supply a minimum of 15 MW of PV modules to GOLDBECK Solar in 2009, with a framework for GOLDBECK Solar to purchase up to an additional 58 MW in 2009. Press at: <http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/090105/cnm034.html?.v=28>

Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsASCO390.htm>

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

GOLDBECK: <http://www.goldbeck.de/solar/de/>

1-5-09 Solar Power Inc. Supply Agreement with JA Solar

Solar Power Inc. has entered into a 1-year supply agreement with JA Solar Holdings Co., Ltd. under which JA Solar has committed to supply up to 60 MW of its 6" polycrystalline PV cells based on monthly requirements from SPI. Press at: <http://biz.yahoo.com/bw/090105/20090105005274.html?.v=1>

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

JA Solar: <http://www.jasolar.com/Web/index-en.asp>

1-5-09 Solyndra Funding

Solyndra has reportedly raised \$219.2 million from 23 investors. Press at Cleantech:

<http://cleantech.com/news/4017/solyndra-closes-2008-220m-financing-round> or <http://tinyurl.com/axye8f>

Solyndra: <http://www.solyndra.com/>

1-5-09 Toshiba Corp Entry into PV Systems

Toshiba Corp announced its entry into the PV systems business, establishing the Photovoltaic Systems Division in Toshiba's Transmission Distribution & Industrial Systems Co. Press at Solarbuzz:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsASCO389.htm>

PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/9jm9ba>

Bloomberg: <http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601130&sid=arOqI84gOlz0> or

<http://tinyurl.com/9k7mpt>

Toshiba: <http://www.toshiba.co.jp/about/press/index.htm>

1-5-09 AU Optronics Pilot Line

Taiwan-based AU Optronics Corp announced plans to start an a-Si thin-film pilot line, using what it describes as a third-generation technology, starting in 2009. Press at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/7r4g5l>

AU Optronics: <http://auo.com/auoDEV/?ls=en>

1-5-09 Despatch Industries Order

Despatch Industries announced a \$5 million PV equipment order. Press at:

http://news.yahoo.com/s/prweb/20090105/bs_prweb/prweb1805844_3 or <http://tinyurl.com/7smjs8>

Despatch Industries: <http://www.despatch.com/>

1-5-09 PV System at Rutgers University

Construction is underway on a 1.4-MW solar farm at Rutgers University's Livingston campus. Press at:

<http://tinyurl.com/9qc3p5>

1-5-09 Abu Dhabi Solar Activities

See coverage of Abu Dhabi solar activities, including Masdar City, the partnership with COLEXON Energy, and the network of R&D institutes and universities, at RenewableEnergyWorld:

<http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/story?id=54371>

Masdar: <http://www.masdar.ae/home/index.aspx>

COLEXON: <http://www.colexon.de/en.html>

1-5-09 Solar Market Efficiency

See the article "Solar Market Efficiency: Riding the Sustainability Wave Home?" by Jon Guice, PhD, AltaTerra Research Network, at RenewableEnergyWorld:

<http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/reinsider/story?id=54254> or <http://tinyurl.com/7x38ty>
AltaTerra Research Network: <http://www.altaterra.net/staff/details.asp?id=10291>

1-5-09 ReneSola Honors

ReneSola Ltd announced that the company has been honored as the seventh fastest growing technology company in Asia Pacific by the Deloitte Technology Fast 500 Asia Pacific 2008 program. Story at:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/pressRelease/idUS75203+05-Jan-2009+PRN20090105> or
<http://tinyurl.com/9nxcnd>

ReneSola: <http://www.renesola.com/>

Deloitte: http://www.deloitte.com/dtt/section_node/0,1042.sid%253D51088.00.html or
<http://tinyurl.com/77puhq>

1-5-09 IREC's State & Stakeholder Newsletter, Year-in-Review [Jane Pulaski]

For the Interstate Renewable Energy Council's "State & Stakeholder Newsletter: 2008 Year-in-Review", go to: <http://tinyurl.com/7bbysm> and <http://tinyurl.com/764stm>

1-5-09 Solar Forum, California

The Rachus Institute has arranged to host a Rachus/California Solar Center – Solar Forum on 29 January at the Anaheim Convention center. More at: <http://www.californiasolarcenter.org/solarforum.html>

http://www.californiasolarcenter.org/reg_forumjan2009.html

1-5-09 Solar Collector Breakthrough

American Building Technologies Inc., a subsidiary of Mulk Holdings, has successfully tested a solar collector panel called "Alubond Solar Collector Panel". More in the press at:

<http://www.ameinfo.com/180246.html>

Alubond: <http://www.alubond.com/>

1-5-09 Infinia Solar Operations in India

According to this press, Infinia is in the process of setting up shop in India. Press at:

http://globalsolartechnology.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2156&Itemid=9 or
<http://tinyurl.com/7wnvh2>

Infinia: <http://www.infiniacorp.com/main.php>

1-6-09 SunPower 1.2-MW PV System, Hawaii

Castle & Cooke Hawaii and SunPower are dedicating the 1.2-MW La Ola Solar Farm on Lanai. Maui Electric Company is purchasing the power. Story at Solarbuzz:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1354.htm>

SunPower Corporation: <http://www.sunpowercorp.com/>

1-6-09 Evergreen Solar Production

Evergreen Solar, Inc. announced that it shipped 8.5 MW of products from its Devens factory and an additional 3.7 MW from its Marlboro pilot manufacturing facility during the 4th quarter of 2008. More on plans for the Devens and Marlboro facilities in the press from Evergreen Solar at:

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

Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAMA150.htm>

PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/9fpov8>

1-6-09 LDK Solar Fourth Quarter and 2009 Outlook

LDK Solar Co., Ltd. provided an updated fourth quarter and 2009 outlook. More in the press at

Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsASCO391.htm> and

<http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/090105/aqm068.html?.v=65>

PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/9pekok>

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

1-6-09 Day4 Energy Inc. Changes

Day4 Energy announced workforce reductions. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/6vbphm>
Day4 Energy: <http://www.day4energy.com/>

1-6-09 Solar Power, Inc. Module Sale to German Integrator

Solar Power, Inc. has completed its first sale to a German solar integrator of its PV modules for use in the integrator's Germany-based installation projects. Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/German-Solar-Integrator-bw-13974582.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/a6s6zc>
Solar Power, Inc.: <http://www.solarpowerinc.net/>

1-6-09 Amtech Systems Orders

Amtech Systems Inc. announced it has received \$5 million worth of business from two new customers in Asia and Europe. Press at Amtech: <http://www.amtechsystems.com/> (see Press Releases)

1-6-09 E.ON Hybrid PV Project at University of Surrey

E.ON AG announced it has submitted a 1-million euro research grant to the Advanced Technology Institute at the University of Surrey, United Kingdom, to conduct an organic-inorganic hybrid PV project. Press at EE Times: http://www.eetimes.eu/france/212700777?cid=RSSfeed_eetimesEU_france or <http://tinyurl.com/8ky8hq>
E.ON: <http://www.eon.com/>

1-6-09 Eurus Energy America Corporation Solar Initiative

Eurus Energy America Corporation announced the start of its new solar initiative and formation of a solar development team. Eurus said it will focus on development of large-scale PV projects throughout the US, with a particular focus on the West. Press at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/story?id=54422>
Eurus Energy: <http://www.eurus-energy.com/english/profile.html>

1-6-09 Residential Solar Program, San Francisco Bay Area, California

One Block off the Grid and SolarCity® announced a Bay Area-wide residential solar program. Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/1BOG-and-SolarCity-Announce-bw-13977970.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/9fgt92>
1BOG: <http://1bog.org/about-us/>
SolarCity: <http://www.solarcity.com/>

1-6-09 Duke Energy PV Plan

The North Carolina Utilities Commission approved the Duke Energy's plan to place 10 MW of Duke-owned solar panels on private roofs and feed into the electric grid, but rejected the funding plan. Press at Cleantech: <http://www.cleantech.com/news/4020/utility-commission-rejects-duke-energys-funding-plan-solar-project> or <http://tinyurl.com/7arf2j> and <http://www.cattlenetwork.com/Content.asp?ContentID=280736>
Duke Energy: <http://www.duke-energy.com/environment/solar.asp>

1-6-09 Renewables 2008 Wrap Up

For several 2008 wrap-up articles on renewables, and a look at future renewable energy production in the U.S., see RenewableEnergyWorld at: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/home>

1-6-09 Greentech, Cleantech VC

Green-tech venture capital funding soared nearly 40% last year, aided by megadeals in thin-film solar companies, according to preliminary figures released by the Cleantech Group. Press at CNet News: http://news.cnet.com/8301-11128_3-10132411-54.html

See also VC investing, with coverage of Greentech Media's reporting, at:

<http://www.sustainablebusiness.com/index.cfm/go/news.display/id/17414> or <http://tinyurl.com/9nrmla>
<http://sev.prnewswire.com/oil-energy/20090105/NE5529705012009-1.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/8gsvwt>

Greentech Media: <http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/a-record-year-in-greentech-investing--77b-in-2008-5447.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/7gk4lc>

PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/97kq3f>

Cleantech@: <http://cleantech.com/>

1-6-09 PHOTON's Photovoltaic Technology Show 2009 Europe

PHOTON's 4th Photovoltaic Technology Show 2009 Europe is set for 4-6 March in Munich. Information at: http://www.photon-expo.com/en/pts_2009_europe/pts_2009.htm or <http://tinyurl.com/92udqw>

1-6-09 Solarpraxis Conferences, Publications [Iris Kampf]

For upcoming Solarpraxis conferences, see the website at:

<http://conferences@solarpraxis.de/index.php?id=232> and

<http://tinyurl.com/8hpah3>

See also information on the publications "photovoltaik" at <http://www.photovoltaik.eu/> and "PV Magazine, Photovoltaic Markets & Technology" at <http://www.pv-magazine.com/>.

1-6-09 Concentrated Photovoltaics Summit USA 2009, CPV Today [Joshua Bull]

Concentrated Photovoltaics Summit USA 2009 is set for 3-4 February in San Diego, California.

Information at: <http://www.cpvtoday.com/usa/>

See also new articles at CPV Today, such as "Insight into market acceptance of LCPV and HCPV" at:

<http://social.cpvtoday.com/node>

1-6-09 Solar Power Generation USA Event [Matthew Probyn]

"Solar Power Generation USA, Driving the Development of Large-Scale Solar Energy Projects", is set for 21-22 January in Las Vegas, Nevada. Information at:

http://www.greenpowerconferences.com/renewablemarkets/solar_power_usa.html or

<http://tinyurl.com/6zsnld>

1-6-09 IEEE PVSC Abstracts

The deadline for electronic abstract submission for the 34th IEEE PVSC, to be held 7-12 June in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is 14 January. Information at: <http://www.34pvsc.org/>

Call for Papers: <http://tinyurl.com/7yqqjy>

1-6-09 Semiconductor Today Digital Issue [Darren Cummings]

The latest issue of Semiconductor Today, with a section on Photovoltaics, is available at:

http://www.webmags.co.uk/mag.aspx?magcode=SemiconductorToday_Dec_Jan09 or

<http://tinyurl.com/9tk2qq>

<http://www.semiconductor-today.com/advertising.htm>

1-6-09 Chip Companies and Solar, Perspective

See "Will Solar Save Chip Companies?" through SolarPlaza <http://www.solarplaza.com/content/news.php>

at earth2tech: <http://earth2tech.com/2009/01/06/will-solar-save-chip-companies/> or

<http://tinyurl.com/77bb75>

1-6-09 Thin Film Perspective

See the story "Thin film technologies changing the solar PV business" at:

http://globalsolartechnology.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2162&Itemid=9 or

<http://tinyurl.com/a2p4fo>

1-6-09 US Energy Secretary Nomination

The full committee of the US Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources is scheduled to consider the nomination of Steven Chu to be Secretary of Energy on 13 January.

Office of the President-Elect: <http://tinyurl.com/566dmb>

Berkeley Lab: <http://www.lbl.gov/Publications/Director/>

1-6-09 China Clean and Renewable Energy Report

Research and Markets announced the addition of "China: Clean and Renewable Energy Report to 2010" to its offering. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/825wt4>

Research and Markets: http://www.researchandmarkets.com/research/340505/china_clean_and_r or <http://tinyurl.com/6v8qjk>

1-6-09 Solar Boat

The construction of the biggest solar boat in the world is beginning in Germany. See more on the PlanetSolar project at: <http://www.planetsolar.org/news-actuelle.en.php>

<http://www.planetsolar.org/bateau.en.php>

1-6-09 CSP Articles

See a number of new articles posted at CSP Today at: <http://social.csptoday.com/node>

1-7-09 Sharp Advancing Solar Plant

Sharp Corp said it would bring forward the start of a new domestic solar plant to the end of this year to meet growing demand. Press at: <http://uk.reuters.com/article/oilRpt/idUKT1166220090107>

PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/73agby>

Sharp: <http://sharp-world.com/solar/>

1-7-09 Developers Diversified Realty Solar Energy Program with SunEdison

Developers Diversified Realty announced an income-producing solar energy program in partnership with SunEdison. The program will enable Developers Diversified to incorporate PV systems through a multi-phase deployment at the company's shopping centers. Press at:

<http://money.cnn.com/news/newsfeeds/articles/marketwire/0464078.htm> or <http://tinyurl.com/8xpqq5>

Developers Diversified: <http://www.ldr.com/>

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

1-7-09 Masdar PV Letter of Intent with Parabel AG

Masdar PV has signed a letter of intent for the delivery of silicon-based thin-film modules with Parabel AG. The first step of the agreement comprises the supply of more than 50 MWp of PV modules until 2010 starting with Masdar's production ramp up in 2009. Press at:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUCO707.htm>

Masdar PV: <http://www.masdarpv.com/>

Parabel: <http://www.parabel-solar.de/>

1-7-09 Perpetual Energy Systems, Foster's Wine Estates Americas Solar Installations

Perpetual Energy Systems and Foster's Wine Estates Americas announced the activation of four solar installations, including the largest solar energy system hosted by a US winery. Press at Solarbuzz:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1356.htm>

Perpetual Energy Systems: <http://www.goperpetual.com/>

Foster's Wine Estates Americas: <http://www.fweacareers.com/>

1-7-09 Sunrise Solar Power Resources for Brazilian Hospitals

Sunrise Solar Corp. has been selected to provide solar power resources to four major hospitals in Brazil.

Press at: http://www.bizjournals.com/sanantonio/stories/2009/01/05/daily19.html?ana=from_rss or

<http://tinyurl.com/74a7os>

Sunrise Solar: <http://www.sunrisesolarcorp.com/index.html>

1-7-09 Arava Power Company PV System, Israel

The Public Utilities Authority has approved the application of Arava Power Company for a license to build a 5-MW PV power farm at Kibbutz Ketura in the Negev. Press at:

<http://www.globes.co.il/serveen/globes/docview.asp?did=1000414408&fid=942> or

<http://tinyurl.com/6wgtef>

Arava Power Company: <http://www.aravapower.com/>

1-7-09 Solar Power Integrators PV for Ventura County Buildings, California

The Ventura County Board of Supervisors approved a contract with Solar Power Integrators to install solar panels on the roofs of three county buildings. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/8umo4o>

Solar Power Integrators: <http://solarpowerintegrators.com/>

1-7-09 REC Solar PV System for IDEC Corporation, California [Natalie Rozier]

Lime Energy and REC Solar, Inc, with IDEC Corporation, announced the completion of a 162-kW DC PV system in Sunnyvale. Press and photo at Solarbuzz:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1355.htm>

RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/partner/story?cid=4562&id=54441> or

<http://tinyurl.com/8mxrym>

REC Solar: <http://www.recsolar.com/cm/Home.html>

Lime Energy: <http://www.lime-energy.com/>

1-7-09 Formosa Plastics Group Solar Investments

The Formosa Plastics Group plans to invest NT\$11 billion to set up a silane factory, and NT\$33 billion to establish a solar-grade polycrystalline silicon factory. Press at DigiTimes: <http://tinyurl.com/7s7nwf>

Formosa Plastics Group: <http://www.fpg.com.tw/>

1-7-09 Whirlwind Solar Energy Systems

Whirlwind Steel Buildings Inc. recently introduced Whirlwind Solar Energy Systems, an amorphous PV peel-and-stick system that is applied to standing seam roof panels. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/8q6lb8>

<http://www.whirlwindsteel.com/pub/Solar>

1-7-09 Odersun AG CEO

Odersun AG announced the appointment of Hein van der Zeeuw as CEO. Press at:

<http://tinyurl.com/8e7js4>

Odersun: <http://www.odersun.com/>

1-7-09 New Chinese Solar Players

See the story "New Chinese players enter solar despite oversupply fears" at Cleantech(R):

<http://cleantech.com/news/4032/new-chinese-players-enter-solar-despite-oversupply-fears> or

<http://tinyurl.com/7bvtgz>

1-7-09 Solar Pioneer Program, Long Island Power Authority

The Long Island Power Authority 2009 budget provides incentives of up to US\$14.4 million through the residential Solar Pioneer Program for business and municipal solar installations. Press at PV Tech:

<http://tinyurl.com/93vqcv>

Solar Pioneer Program: <http://www.lipower.org/efficiency/solar.html>

1-7-09 Gujarat Solar Power Policy, India

In order to promote solar power as an additional and alternative source of energy, the Gujarat government announced a comprehensive Solar Power Policy. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/76etox> and

<http://tinyurl.com/8etknz>

1-7-09 SEPA Utility Procurement Report

SEPA released a new report, "Utility Procurement Study: Solar Electricity in the Utility Market". Press at SEPA: <http://tinyurl.com/8hzd3l>

Solar Electric Power Association: <http://www.solarelectricpower.org/>

-8-09 AES Solar Energy Financing for PV Projects in Spain

AES Solar Energy has closed a 70 million euro non-recourse debt facility for 5 of its PV projects in Spain. Story at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUPR560.htm>
AES Solar Energy: <http://www.aes-solar.com/global/sites/aessolar/http://tinyurl.com/9jhsm>

1-8-09 Spire Contract with Solaria Energia

Spire Corporation announced that it received its sixth contract from Solaria Energia y Medio Ambiente, S.A. to provide module-manufacturing equipment for Solaria Energia's new facility located in Fuenmayor, Spain. Under the contract, Spire will provide equipment capable of processing over 100 MW of PV modules per year. Story at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/partner/story?cid=2558&id=54457> or <http://tinyurl.com/9yrmsp>
Spire Corporation: <http://www.spirecorp.com/spire-solar/>
Solaria: <http://www.solariaenergia.com/EN-solaria/solaria-energia.html>

1-8-09 Suntech 1-GW Production Capacity, Headquarters

Suntech Power Holdings Co., Ltd. celebrated the achievement of reaching 1 GW PV cell and module production capacity in Wuxi, China. The company also announced the opening of its new headquarters in Wuxi that incorporates a 1- MW grid-connected building-integrated solar façade. Story and photo at: <http://tinyurl.com/8j7ywd>
Suntech: <http://www.suntech-power.com/en/>

1-8-09 Sale of Cyber Power Group Limited to Yingli Green Energy

Baoding Yingli Group Company Limited announced that its affiliate, Grand Avenue Group Limited, completed the sale of Cyber Power Group Limited to Yingli Green Energy. According to this press, Cyber Power, through Fine Silicon Co., Ltd., its principal operating subsidiary in China, is a development stage enterprise with plans to begin production of solar-grade polysilicon in the second half of 2009. Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Baoding-Yingli-Group-Company-bw-14000544.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/8braz6>
http://www.solarindustrymag.com/e107_plugins/content/content.php?content.2326 or <http://tinyurl.com/6we6mw>
<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Yingli-Green-Energy-Announces-prnews-13999135.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/9gtjy6>
Yingli: <http://www.yinglisolar.com/enmain/user/index.asp>

1-8-09 MVSystems Orders [Arun Madan]

MVSystems, Inc. announced that it has received a cluster tool system order from the Solar Energy Research Institute, National University of Singapore. The system will be used for advanced amorphous and nano-crystalline silicon development for solar cells. It has also received an order from Brigham Young University, Utah for a high-temperature PECVD system for silicon nanowire R&D. Press from MVSystems: <http://mvsystemsinc.com/> (see News Releases)

1-8-09 Cash Payments for Taiwan-based Crystalline Solar Cell Makers, December Revenues

See the story "Taiwan solar cell makers asking module makers for cash payments" at DigiTimes: <http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20090108PD201.html>
See also articles at DigiTimes on December revenues for several companies at: <http://tinyurl.com/85e669>
and <http://tinyurl.com/ayko9g>

1-8-09 GCL Silicon Production

GCL Silicon's Phase III 10,500-MT polysilicon manufacturing facility located in Xuzhou, Jiangsu province, China, produced the first batch of high-quality polysilicon. Press from GCL Silicon: http://www.gcl-silicon.com/news_224.aspx

1-8-09 SolarWorld AG Germany's Fastest Growing Company

SolarWorld AG was Germany's fastest growing company in 2008 according to a study by Bain & Company conducted on behalf of the business magazine "Wirtschaftswoche".

Press at: <http://www.solarworld.de/78.0.html?L=1>
<http://tinyurl.com/9gug45>

1-8-09 SpectraWatt Plans

According to this press, SpectraWatt has suspended construction plans for its Hillsboro, Oregon manufacturing facility and may seek another plant location because of financing difficulties.

Press at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/7xavck>
SpectraWatt: <http://www.spectrawatt.com/About/>

1-8-09 RETECH 2009

RETECH 2009 is set for 25-27 February in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Information on Speakers at: <http://retech2009.com/about-retech/speakers>
RETECH 2009: <http://www.retech2009.com/>

1-8-09 Renewable Energy Finance and Investment Summit

For information on the 4th Annual Renewable Energy Finance and Investment Summit, set for 25-27 March in Del Mar, California, see: <http://www.frallc.com/conference.aspx?ccode=B699>

1-9-09 Sovello AG Long-term Sales Partnerships [Stefan Leppin]

Sovello AG has signed long-term agreements with three German PV wholesale distributors. The contracts run from 3 to 5 years and cover the distribution of Sovello's crystalline silicon Pure Power Modules with a total volume of more than 120 MWp capacity.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEU0708.htm>
Sovello: <http://www.sovello.com/>

1-9-09 SolFocus Investment, CEO

SolFocus announced that it has raised \$47.5 million in the first close of its Series C financing and has appointed Mark Crowley CEO. The company aims to grow deployments from 0.5 MW in 2008 to approximately 100 MW by the end of 2010. Press at Solarbuzz:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNACO874.htm> and
<http://tinyurl.com/7bwb4f>

Greentech Media: <http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/solfocus-scores-475m-to-peddle-concentrating-solar-technology-5482.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/8ocuy5>

Venture Beat: <http://venturebeat.com/2009/01/09/solfocus-takes-on-475m-more-in-quest-to-sell-concentrating-solar/> or <http://tinyurl.com/6vkum3>

SolFocus: <http://www.solfocus.com/en/index.php>

1-9-09 EMCORE Selling Stake in WorldWater & Solar Technologies

EMCORE Corporation announced that it has completed the first closing of a 2-step transaction involving the sale of its remaining interests in WorldWater & Solar Technologies.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNACO873.htm>
EMCORE: <http://www.emcore.com/>

WorldWater & Solar Technologies: <http://www.worldwater.com/>

1-9-09 More on AUO Pilot Production Line

For more on AUO's pilot production line, see the article "Taiwanese LCD Giant AUO Jumpstarts Thin-Film Solar Business" at Greentech Media: <http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/taiwanese-lcd-giant-auo-jumpstarts-thin-film-solar-business-5471.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/axhzy2>

AUO: <http://auo.com/auoDEV/index.php>

1-9-09 Solar Parks in Bulgaria

Sinosol Group has signed an exclusive agreement with project developer Plovdiv Solar Ltd. regarding the turnkey construction of solar parks on a 330-ha site near Lyubimets in south Bulgaria.

More at: <http://tinyurl.com/84nhaz>

Sinosol: <http://www.sinosol.com/en/unternehmen>

http://www.sinosol.com/en/press/press_releases

1-9-09 Kaneka Corporation Production

Kaneka Corporation has made the formal decision to augment thin-film solar cell production capacity by 80 MW to bring it up to 150 MW for commencement of operations in summer of 2010. More on developments at Kaneka in the Press at: <http://www.kaneka.co.jp/kaneka-e/news/pdf/090108.pdf>

Kaneka: <http://www.kaneka.co.jp/kaneka-e/>

1-9-09 AVA Solar Honors

Business Week's online edition has named AVA Solar one of the most successful startups in the nation for 2008 and one of the 25 "hot" companies. Press at: http://media-newswire.com/release_1083590.html

http://www.reporterherald.com/news_story.asp?ID=20879

<http://www.coloradoan.com/article/20090108/UPDATES03/90108020>

<http://www.today.colostate.edu/story.aspx?id=224>

AVA Solar: <http://www.avasolar.com/>

Business Week: http://images.businessweek.com/ss/08/12/1217_hottest_startups/2.htm or

<http://tinyurl.com/9hzdpu>

1-9-09 Solar Wafer Makers Consolidation in China

According to this press, the Chinese government plans to help major solar wafer makers consolidate smaller ones to restore health to the industry.

Press at DigiTimes: <http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20090109PD200.html>

1-9-09 China Silicon Corporation Investment

China Silicon Corporation received approval from China's National Development and Reform Commission to establish a national polysilicon equipment laboratory. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/9azpc6>

1-9-09 Vetro Solar Glass Factory, Germany

Norwegian industrial company Vetro Solar intends to build the world's largest factory for solar glass production and processing in Thalheim, Germany, at an estimated cost of Euro 400 million.

Press at: <http://www.norwaypost.no/content/view/21324/48/>

Vetro Solar: <http://www.vetrosolar.com/>

1-9-09 Meyer Burger Order from SolarWorld

Meyer Burger Technology Ltd. has received an order for delivery of wire saws with a value of CHF40 million from SolarWorld. Press at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/9pdsod>

Meyer Burger: <http://www.meyerburger.ch/index.php?id=306&L=1>

SolarWorld: <http://www.solarworld-usa.com/>

1-9-09 Cornell University and DuPont Research Team, Nanotubes

See "Nanotubes to produce thinner and lighter solar cells" at: <http://tinyurl.com/7ydtwu>

Additional press: http://www.nanotech-now.com/news.cgi?story_id=31848 or <http://tinyurl.com/8l2td7>

<http://www.nsti.org/press/PRshow.html?id=4046>

1-9-09 Sestar Solar Technologies Investment

Sestar Solar Technologies, which is developing organic semiconductors, has received a \$350,000 investment. Press at: http://www.techjournalssouth.com/news/article.html?item_id=6718

1-9-09 Clean Energy Finance

RenewableEnergyWorld's Podcast, "The Long, Hard Road for Clean Energy Finance", is available at:

<http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/podcast?id=54466>

1-9-09 Solar Projects on BLM Land

According to this press, there has been a 78% jump in applications to build solar projects on BLM land in the last 6 months. Press at Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/9ujfcr>

1-9-09 Renewables in New York

New York Governor David A. Paterson is calling for one of the most ambitious clean energy plans in the nation, setting a "45 by 15" goal that 45% of New York State's electricity needs will be met through improved energy efficiency and renewable energy by 2015.

Press at: http://www.state.ny.us/governor/press/press_0107091_print.html
<http://www.ny.gov/governor/>

1-9-09 CPV Today Newsletter [Joshua Bull]

The CPV Today Newsletter is available at:

http://www.cpvtoday.com/newsletters/cpvtoday_newsletter_527_2009-01-08.html or
<http://tinyurl.com/a78bxc>

Information on Newsletter access at: <http://social.cpvtoday.com/content/newsletters-0>

1-9-09 PHOTON's 7th Solar Silicon Conference [Anne Kreutzmann]

PHOTON's 7th Solar Silicon Conference is set for 3 March in Munich, Germany and is one in a series of conferences to be held in conjunction with PHOTON's 4th Photovoltaic Technology Show 2009 Europe, 4-6 March. Information at: http://www.photon-expo.com/en/pts_2009_europe/ssc_2009_program.htm or
<http://tinyurl.com/7ep3t2>

Photovoltaic

Technology Show 2009 Europe: http://www.photon-expo.com/en/pts_2009_europe/pts_2009.htm
or <http://tinyurl.com/92udqw>

Registration: <https://photon-expo.com:449/Ticket/index.aspx?ref=europe&lang=1>; or
<http://tinyurl.com/6sgj56>

1-9-09 Solar Power, Inc. at Energize 2009 Conference

Solar Power, Inc. announced that the company will present at the Pritchard Capital Energize 2009 Conference in San Francisco on 14 January. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/8lfr9w>

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

Pritchard Capital Partners Conference: <http://www.pritchardcapital.com/>

1-9-09 Cleantech Forum

The Cleantech Forum(R) XXI is set for 23-25 February in San Francisco, California.

Information at: <http://cleantech.com/cleantechforum/sanfrancisco09/>

1-12-09 aleo solar PV Facilities in the Czech Republic

aleo solar AG has completed several PV facilities in the Czech Republic in recent weeks, in partnership with project development and installation companies.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/news/NewsEUPR562.htm>

aleo solar: <http://www.aleo-solar.de/en/aleo-solar-download-the-sun.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/yv25yp>

1-12-09 Timminco Solar-grade Silicon Operations

AMG Advanced Metallurgical Group N.V.'s subsidiary, Timminco Limited, provided an update on solar-grade silicon operations. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/8vld4r> and

<http://tinyurl.com/72ldtw>

AMG: <http://www.amg-nv.com/>

<http://tinyurl.com/6zztnk>

Timminco: <http://www.timminco.com/>

1-12-09 Suntech Power and Open Energy Solar Roof Membrane Licensing Deal

Suntech Power Holdings Co., Ltd. and Open Energy Corporation announced that they have entered into an exclusive agreement to license Open Energy's building integrated solar roof membrane product.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/9za7ws>

PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/9gmeml>

Open Energy Corporation: <http://www.openenergycorp.com/>

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

1-12-09 Advanced Solar Photonics Thin-film Module Production Plant

Advanced Solar Photonics has expanded its facility to build a solar panel thin-film module production plant. The company will break ground on the new plant, Solar-Fab, this year and expects to ramp up production to 40 MW by late 2010.

Press at: http://www.solarindustrymag.com/e107_plugins/content/content_lt.php?content.2344 or <http://tinyurl.com/7qca7k>

Advanced Solar Photonics: <http://www.advancedsolarphotonics.com/>

1-12-09 Tata Power Solar Plant, India

Tata Group company Tata Power said it is looking at setting up a geothermal power plant and a solar power plant of 5 MW each at a suitable location in Gujarat.

Press at: <http://www.livemint.com/2009/01/12190134/Tata-Power-to-set-up-geotherma.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/7x5het>

Tata Power: <http://www.tatapower.com/>

1-12-09 Borrego Solar System at Veritable Vegetable, California

Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. announced that Veritable Vegetable has installed a 560-panel, 106-kW solar electric system on its warehouse facility in San Francisco, California. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/9mdst3>

Borrego Solar: <http://www.borregosolar.com/>

1-12-09 Starwood Energy Group Global Majority Interest in Nautilus Solar Energy

Starwood Energy Group Global LLC has acquired a majority interest in New Jersey-based solar power developer Nautilus Solar Energy LLC. According to the press, the deal adds expertise to Starwood Energy Group's partnership agreement with Lockheed Martin Corp. aimed at developing utility-scale solar generation projects in North America. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/a63rpy>

Starwood Energy Group: <http://www.starwoodenergygroup.com/overview.php>

Nautilus Solar: <http://www.nautilusolar.com/index.php>

1-12-09 CVD Equipment Corporation Orders

CVD Equipment Corporation announced that 2008 order levels were more than double the 2007 order levels, with approximately half the orders in 2008 being solar and energy market related.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/923h36>

CVD Equipment Corporation: <http://www.cvdequipment.com/>

1-12-09 CSG Holding Polysilicon Production

CSG Holding officially began producing high-purity polysilicon products in the first phase of its Yichang, Hubei province project on 9 January.

Press at: http://globalsolartechnology.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2197&Itemid=9 or <http://tinyurl.com/8hoeho>

CSG Holding: <http://www.csgholding.com/en/about/instruction.asp>

1-12-09 Konarka Technologies Shipments

Konarka Technologies Inc. said that beginning this month, and through the first quarter, the company will start shipping its lightweight and mobile solar cells for use in off-grid applications. See "Konarka ready to unveil mobile solar technology" at: <http://tinyurl.com/8c99dl>

Konarka Technologies: <http://www.konarka.com/>

1-12-09 OptiSolar Inc. Developments

See press on developments at OptiSolar through Solarbuzz at:

http://www.insidebayarea.com/business/ci_11418230 and
<http://www.bizjournals.com/sanfrancisco/stories/2009/01/05/daily84.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/7n4cus>
<http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/optisolar-lays-off-300--half-the-staff-5491.html> or
<http://tinyurl.com/8polq8>

OptiSolar: <http://www.optisolar.com/>

1-12-09 WorldWater & Solar Technologies Name Change to Entech Solar, Headquarters Move

WorldWater & Solar Technologies has changed its corporate name to Entech Solar Inc. ENTECH Inc. will continue as a subsidiary of Entech Solar Inc. Entech Solar has relocated its headquarters from Ewing, New Jersey to Fort Worth, Texas. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/8amdlu> and

<http://www.fwbusinesspress.com/display.php?id=9281>

Entech(TM) Solar: <http://www.entsolar.com/>

Entech Solar Board Changes: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Entech-Solar-Announces-bw-14027897.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/72w6be>

WorldWater & Solar Technologies: <http://www.worldwater.com/>

1-12-09 Solar in Arizona

The Arizona Leadership Summit on Solar Energy Economics met in Phoenix bringing together various leaders to assess the state's options moving forward. Solar experts from Arizona and around the country laid out a case for the state to be a major player in the industry.

Press at: <http://www.bizjournals.com/phoenix/stories/2009/01/05/daily70.html>

Arizona Leadership Summit on Solar Energy & Economics: <http://www.azrise.org/solarsummit/>

1-12-09 Xcel Energy RFP, Including Solar and Wind

Xcel Energy issued a Request for Proposal for 2,200 MW of power generation in Colorado by 2015. Xcel seeks to add up to 700 MW of wind and solar power through the RFP, and also will consider acquiring up to 600 MW from solar thermal generation with storage capacity or natural gas back-up.

Press at: <http://www.bizjournals.com/denver/stories/2009/01/05/daily57.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/8lnbav>

<http://tinyurl.com/7pmxog>

<http://tinyurl.com/94znwz>

<http://tinyurl.com/7qd7aj>

Xcel Energy Press: <http://tinyurl.com/7wrl3e>

RFP: <http://tinyurl.com/6w2d4f>

1-12-09 Neo Solar Power Listing on TSE

Taiwan-based crystalline silicon solar cell maker Neo Solar Power shifted its listing from the emerging stock market to the main board of the Taiwan Stock Exchange.

Press at DigiTimes: <http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20090112PD200.html>

Neo Solar Power: <http://www.neosolarpower.com/>

1-12-09 Solar Panel Production, Cuba

According to this press, Cuba's electronic industry will increase production of solar panels this year.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/6w6vja>

1-12-09 Rudolph Technologies Fab Management Software Tool

Rudolph Technologies, Inc. introduced Discover Solar(TM), a fab management software tool designed specifically to help PV manufacturers increase cell efficiency and reduce costs.

Press at: <http://www.centredaily.com/business/technology/story/1054339.html>

Rudolph Technologies: <http://www.rudolphtech.com/>

1-12-09 Sunrise Solar Corp. Project Funding

Sunrise Solar Corp. announced that initial funds for the implementation of the company's previously announced project to deliver solar power and heat to a U.S. biodiesel manufacturing plant have been placed in escrow. Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Sunrise-Solar-Announces-bw-14028537.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/87vxwq>
Sunrise Solar: <http://www.sunrisesolarcorp.com/>

1-12-09 BioSolar Featured

BioSolar, Inc. was featured on the 31 December broadcast of Grok's Science Radio Show and Podcast, discussing the potential of the company's BioBacksheet(TM) PV solar module component.
Press at: <http://www.centredaily.com/business/technology/story/1054271.html>
BioSolar(TM): <http://www.biosolar.com/>

1-12-09 AltaTerra Research Network Events [Wendy Barrett]

For information on AltaTerra Research Network's online presentation, "Solar Employee Purchase Programs: Pumping Up the Volume?", on 28 January, visit:
http://altaterra.yourmembership.com/events/event_details.asp?id=43299 or <http://tinyurl.com/7yxxmu>
Events: http://altaterra.yourmembership.com/events/event_list.asp

1-12-09 PV Magazine [Iris Kampf]

The January issue of PV Magazine will be released on 15 January. Contents include articles on policy and society, markets and trends, R&D, industry and suppliers, and more.
Information at: <http://www.pv-magazine.com/> (see Excerpt)

1-12-09 OnGrid Events [Andy Black]

OnGrid events are listed at the website: <http://www.ongrid.net/classes.html>
OnGrid: <http://www.ongrid.net/>

1-13-09 Phoenix Solar Subsidiary's Acquisition of Scarlatti, with Projects in Italy [Anka Leiner]

Phoenix Solar Energy Investments AG, a wholly owned subsidiary of Phoenix Solar AG, acquired all the shares in Scarlatti Srl in Italy. Scarlatti holds shares in four project companies. These companies will develop a total of five PV system projects in Sicily with a total power output of around 27 MW.
Press at Phoenix Solar:
http://www.phoenixsolar.com/Press/PressReleases/content/articles/PM_090113.html?uri=/index.html or <http://tinyurl.com/84t9uo>
Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUPR563.htm>
PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/7vh386>

1-13-09 Solar Power Partners Solar Facilities

Solar Power Partners Inc. says it has placed into service 19 new facilities with a total capacity of 7.7 MW. The solar facilities have been constructed by SPP Fund II LLC in which SPP will act as the general partner and provide asset-management services.
More in the story at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1361.htm>
Solar Power Partners: <http://www.solarpowerpartners.com/>

1-13-09 ET Solar Module Supply to USE

ET Solar Group has signed a sales agreement with USE under which ET Solar will deliver 13 MW of solar modules to USE between January and November 2009.
Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEU0709.htm> and <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/ET-Solar-Announces-a-13-MW-prnews-14045123.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/73sjmp>
ET Solar: <http://www.etsolar.com/en/default.html>
USE: <http://www.use-energie.de/>

1-13-09 Astonfield Renewable Resources 200-MW PV Project, India

Astonfield Renewable Resources Ltd. will set up a 200-MW PV project across Gujarat.

Press at: <http://www.newkerala.com/topstory-fullnews-73874.html>

Astonfield Renewable Resources Ltd.: <http://www.astonfield.com/>

1-13-09 Dedication of PV System at Colorado State University-Pueblo [Tom Mueller]

Colorado State University-Pueblo, BP Solar, and Black Hills Energy are joining Governor Bill Ritter and other dignitaries to dedicate the new 1.2-MW solar power system at Colorado State University-Pueblo.

BP Solar Press at: <http://www.bp.com/genericarticle.do?categoryId=9019567&contentId=7050321> or <http://tinyurl.com/88uycd>

Governor Bill Ritter: <http://www.colorado.gov/governor>

<http://tinyurl.com/92wqmd>

Black Hills Energy: <http://www.blackhillsenergy.com/about/>

1-13-09 Suntech Developments

See articles on Suntech Power Holdings Co. Ltd. developments at Reuters:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/marketsNews/idUSPEK13443120090113> or <http://tinyurl.com/99pv5p> and

Greentech Media at: <http://tinyurl.com/7m7wpb>

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

1-13-09 China Singyes Solar Technologies Holdings Limited IPO

See press on China Singyes Solar Technologies Limited IPO at: <http://tinyurl.com/7j6t56>

China Singyes Solar Technologies Holdings Limited: <http://www.zhsye.com/en/index.asp>

1-13-09 Sino-American Silicon Products Business Prospects

See the story on SAS business prospects for 2009, orders, and investments at DigiTimes:

<http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20090113PD200.html>

SAS: http://www.saswafer.com/index/index_tw.aspx

1-13-09 Solar Energy Initiatives Guidance

Solar Energy Initiatives, Inc. announced financial guidance. Press at:

<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Solar-Energy-Initiatives-bw-14045429.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/8kxnp>

Solar Energy Initiatives: <http://www.solarenergy.com/>

1-13-09 ersol and Renusol Mounting System

ersol Thin Film GmbH, a subsidiary of ersol Solar Energy AG, and Renusol GmbH, a company of CENTROSOLAR Group AG, have concluded a cooperative agreement to co-develop a special system to mount ersol's Nova®-T series of thin-film modules. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/9ytmbw>

Renusol: <http://www.renusol.com/index.php?id=1&L=1>

1-13-09 Action Plan for Solar Energy, China

The Action Plan for Solar Energy was approved for implementation according to the 2009 Annual Work Conference of the Chinese Academy of Sciences held on 12 January.

Press at: <http://english.people.com.cn/90001/90776/90884/6573122.html>

1-13-09 Stanford University's Precourt Institute for Energy

Stanford University announced the creation of a \$100 million energy research institute to focus on sectors including PV and carbon sequestration. More on the Precourt Institute for Energy at:

<http://cleantech.com/news/4048/stanford-launches-100m-energy-research-institute> or

<http://tinyurl.com/8s5fqm>

<http://news-service.stanford.edu/news/2009/january14/pie-011409.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/864gu8>

1-13-09 The Solar Energy Consortium Partners, New York

See the story "Solar industry getting brighter in Hudson Valley" at:

<http://www.recordonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090113/NEWS/901130333> or

<http://tinyurl.com/9etafr>

The Solar Energy Consortium: <http://thesolarec.org/>

1-13-09 Prices of Solar Roof Systems

According to this press, industry experts forecast a decline of 15 to 20 percent in prices of solar roof systems for 2009.

Press at: <http://www.allheadlinenews.com/articles/7013690631>

http://www.usatoday.com/money/industries/energy/environment/2009-01-12-solar-panels-glut_N.htm or

<http://tinyurl.com/a4zhvo>

1-13-09 Renewables, Solar in the Economic Stimulus Package

According to this press, Congressional leaders and Obama advisers are looking at including as much as \$25 billion of energy tax credits in the economic stimulus package.

Press at the Washington Post: <http://tinyurl.com/ay8m43>

Coverage at Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/8fexzh>

1-13-09 IREC Telephone Seminar

The next IREC Telephone Seminar is set for 26 January at 2pm EST on the topic of Utilities and the Solar Tax Credit. The seminar is co-hosted by the Solar Electric Power Association. Information at:

<http://tinyurl.com/8bncyh>

<http://utilities-solar-tax.eventbrite.com/>

SEPA: <http://www.solarelectricpower.org/>

1-13-09 Solar Era, Perspective

According to this article, it is not too late for the US to help lead the world into a carbon-free solar era, but it will take national commitment on the scale seen during World War II. See "Charting a Bold Course" by Denis Hayes, President of the Bullitt Foundation, at RenewableEnergyWorld:

<http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/reinsider/story?id=54327> or <http://tinyurl.com/9bezoz>

Bullitt Foundation: <http://www.bullitt.org/who-we-are/staff>

1-13-09 PVSEC18

The 18th International Photovoltaic Science and Engineering Conference & Exhibition is set for 19-23 January in Kolkata, India. Information at: <http://www.pvsec18.in/>

1-13-09 SEMI PV Group, Intersolar 2009 Services for Exhibitors

The SEMI PV Group, in collaboration with Intersolar 2009, is expanding its services for PV production and technology exhibitors. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/7uyhvz>

Intersolar 2009: <http://www.intersolar.de/index.php?id=1&L=1>

PV Group: <http://www.pvgroup.org/>

1-13-09 Clean-tech Investor Summit

The 5th Annual Clean-tech Investor Summit is set for 21-22 January in Palm Springs, California.

Information at: <http://www.cleantechsummit.com/agenda.htm>

1-13-09 IREC's Connecting to the Grid Newsletter

The latest issue of IREC's Connecting to the Grid Newsletter is available at:

<http://www.irecusa.org/index.php?id=33>

1-14-09 Roth & Rau and Innovalight Silicon-Ink Based Solar Cell Pilot Production Line

Roth & Rau AG and Innovalight have completed the installation of a silicon-ink based solar cell pilot manufacturing line. The line has been built and installed at Innovalight in Sunnyvale, California, and has been qualified to operational capability over the last two months of 2008.

Story at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUMA275.htm>

PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/9dpldn>

Roth & Rau: http://www.roth-rau.de/php_de_n/index.php

Innovalight: <http://www.innovalight.com/>

1-14-09 Phoenix Solar Agreement with KGAL [Anka Leiner]

Phoenix Solar AG raised investment volume of the framework agreement signed in September 2007 with KG Allgemeine Leasing GmbH & Co. by at least EUR 150 million and extended it through the year 2011.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUPR565.htm>

Phoenix Solar:

http://www.phoenixsolar.com/Press/PressReleases/content/articles/PM_090114.html?uri=/Press/index.html or <http://tinyurl.com/97f7w2>

KGAL: <http://www.kgal.de/web/content.jsp?lang=de>

1-14-09 More on the Dedication of Colorado State University-Pueblo 1.2 MW PV System

Colorado State University-Pueblo, BP Solar and Black Hills Energy joined Governor Bill Ritter and other dignitaries to dedicate CSU-Pueblo's new 1.2 MW PV system.

Story and photos at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1363.htm>

Governor Ritter's Press:

<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite?c=Page&cid=1231850220230&pagename=GovRitter%2FGOVLayout> or <http://tinyurl.com/9of8tj>

RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/story?id=54489>

Black Hills Corporation: <http://www.blackhillscorp.com/>

BP Solar: <http://www.bp.com/modularhome.do?categoryId=8050&contentId=7035481> or <http://tinyurl.com/33qcfg>

1-14-09 Akeena Solar and Solar Power Partners PV System, San Francisco

Akeena Solar, in partnership with Solar Power Partners, Inc., has completed a 1,500-panel PV system across four commercial buildings in the Hunters Point/Bayview neighborhood in San Francisco. Solar Power Partners financed, developed and will operate the system through a power purchase agreement.

Story at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1362.htm>

Akeena Solar: <http://www.akeena.com/cm/Home.html>

Solar Power Partners: <http://www.solarpowerpartners.com/>

1-14-09 OPEL International HCPV Panel Supply to BETASOL

OPEL International Inc. announced that it has begun supplying OPEL's HCPV panels to build a utility grade solar power plant of 440 kW in Spain under an agreement with BETASOL. Story at

RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/partner/story?cid=6643&id=54495> or <http://tinyurl.com/6tthnw>

Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUPR566.htm>

OPEL International: <http://www.opelinc.com/>

1-14-09 XsunX Module Supply Contract

XsunX, Inc. announced that it has entered into a 2-year supply contract for the sale of 4 MW of its ASI-120 TFPV solar modules to an Oregon-based firm. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/8pfsza>

XsunX: <http://www.xsunx.com/>

1-14-09 SonnenEnergy Solar Park Completions

SonnenEnergy Corp. announced that it completed the second phase of Solar Park Hausen before the end of 2008. The company also announced that it completed Solar Park Fischer, a 1.1 MWp project for a third-party customer, prior to the end of 2008. More in the press at: <http://tinyurl.com/6urex>

SonnenEnergy Corp.: <http://www.sonnenenergy.com/>

1-14-09 5N Plus Revenues

5N Plus, Inc. reported revenues.

Story at PV Tech: http://www.pv-tech.org/news/a/first_solar_supplier_reports_record_revenue/ or <http://tinyurl.com/8l848n>

5N Plus: <http://www.5nplus.com/index.php?lang=english>

1-14-09 China Technology Subsidiary Credit Line

China Technology Development Group Construction announced that the company's wholly owned subsidiary, China Merchants Zhangzhou Development Zone Tenda Solar Energy Ltd., has received a commitment of credit line up to US\$36 million from China Construction Bank.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/8hxkqb>

PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/792p5o>

China Technology: <http://www.chinactdc.com/english/ctdc/productionbase.shtml> or <http://tinyurl.com/7qk7mw>

1-14-09 Solar Cell Prices

See the story "Solar cell prices may bottom out at end of 1Q09" at DigiTimes: <http://tinyurl.com/7vuk2e>

1-14-09 SEPA Phone Seminar Schedule, News

The Solar Electric Power Association announced the monthly Phone Seminar schedule for the first half of 2009. Press from SEPA at: <http://tinyurl.com/76f2oz>

<http://www.solarelectricpower.org/>

SEPA News, with coverage of a featured resource/tool, SEPA news and events, utility news, policy news, industry member news, other stories of interest, and RFPs is available through SEPA:

<http://www.solarelectricpower.org/index.php?page=about> (see ongoing activities)

1-14-09 Concentrator Technology Testing

See the story "New Solar Technology Concentrates on Cost, Efficiency" featuring SkyTrough(TM) testing at: http://www.nrel.gov/features/20090109_mesa_solar.html

SkyFuel: <http://www.skyfuel.com/>

ReflecTech(R): <http://www.reflectechsolar.com/>

NREL: <http://www.nrel.gov/>

1-15-09 Multi-junction Solar Cell Conversion Efficiency [Karin Schneider]

According to this press, researchers at the Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems ISE have achieved a record conversion efficiency of 41.1% for multi-junction solar cells. Sunlight is concentrated by a factor of 454 and focused onto a small 5-mm² multi-junction solar cell made of GaInP/GaInAs/Ge.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/94o8ah>

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

1-15-09 First Solar Modules for Masdar City Solar Power Project [Lisa Morse]

First Solar announced that the company has been selected by Masdar Abu Dhabi Future Energy Company to supply 5 MW of its thin-film solar modules to be part of the largest grid-connected PV system in the Middle East. The PV plant is being designed and constructed by system integrator Enviromena Power Systems. Press from First Solar at: <http://tinyurl.com/9haja7>

Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsASPR215.htm>

First Solar: <http://www.firstsolar.com/>

Enviromena Power Systems: <http://www.enviromena.com/index.aspx?pageid=157>

More on UAE

green city and PV plant at: <http://uk.reuters.com/article/environmentNews/idUKTRE50E41T20090115>

<http://tinyurl.com/7rovon>

1-15-09 Perfectenergy Module Sales Contract

Perfectenergy International Ltd. said its subsidiary, Perfectenergy (Shanghai) Co. Ltd., signed a sales contract worth more than \$150 million with Abidas AG of Germany under which Abidas will purchase 50 MW of modules. Press at: <http://www.globenewswire.com/newsroom/news.html?d=157720>
Perfectenergy: <http://www.perfectenergy.cn/>

1-15-09 First Polysilicon Reactors at Hoku Facility, Idaho

Hoku Materials, Inc. announced the arrival of the first shipment of Siemens-process reactors at the company's facility in Pocatello, Idaho. Story at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAMA151.htm> and http://globalsolartechnology.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2238&Itemid=9 or <http://tinyurl.com/7ata97>
Hoku: <http://www.hokucorp.com/>

1-15-09 Hoku-Jinko Polysilicon Supply Amendment

Hoku Materials, Inc. and Jiangxi Jinko Solar Company, Ltd. announced the amendment of the polysilicon supply agreement in effect between the two companies. Press at: <http://money.cnn.com/news/newsfeeds/articles/marketwire/0466090.htm> or <http://tinyurl.com/9kqacr>
Hoku: <http://www.hokucorp.com/>
Jinko: <http://www.jinkosolar.com/>
<http://www.jinkosolar.com/en/home.php>

1-15-09 Econcern PV Plans in Italy

Econcern announced plans to install 42 MW of solar capacity in Puglia, southern Italy. Project Trullo will start with the construction of seven 1-MW solar parks early in 2009. More at: <http://tinyurl.com/8pa6ov>
Econcern: http://www.econcern.com/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=1 or <http://tinyurl.com/8z378s>

1-15-09 SPG Solar PV for MGM Tower, California

Constellation Place, LLC unveiled an installation of solar panels designed to provide a portion of the electrical power required by MGM Tower. Installed by SPG Solar, Inc., the solar array covers the top parking deck level at MGM Tower in Century City. Story and photo at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1364.htm>
SPG Solar: <http://www.spgsolar.com/>

1-15-09 Solar Power, Inc. PV Power for STAPLES Center and NOKIA Theatre, California

Solar Power, Inc. announced that the new PV systems recently installed to provide solar power to STAPLES Center and NOKIA Theatre L.A. LIVE have been commissioned by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/8hg59h>
Solar Power, Inc.: <http://www.solarpowerinc.net/>

1-15-09 Xcel Energy Innovative Clean Technology Program, Colorado

In an effort to secure adequate funding for small demonstration projects that could eventually support Colorado's future clean energy needs, Xcel Energy proposed the establishment of an Innovative Clean Technology program. The initial project to be developed – if the ICT proposal is approved by the CPUC – will be a \$4.5 million concentrating solar thermal power integration demonstration at the Cameo Generating Station. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/92525h>
Xcel Energy: <http://www.xcelenergy.com/Company/Pages/Home.aspx>

1-15-09 Canadian Solar Inc. US Office

Canadian Solar Inc. announced that it has opened a US head office and customer center in San Ramon, California. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/7v3phl>
Canadian Solar Inc.: <http://www.csisolar.com/>

1-15-09 Australian Solar Institute

Australia has launched a new A\$100 million Australian Solar Institute in Newcastle, which will initially focus on solar thermal technology and PV. Press at: <http://au.news.yahoo.com/a/-/australian-news/5262952/institute-aims-to-lower-solar-costs/> or <http://tinyurl.com/8wpdtt> <http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601072&sid=aEYx8ixBo1pA&refer=energy> or <http://tinyurl.com/8yngtr> <http://au.news.yahoo.com/a/-/latest/5264043/sun-rises-on-new-solar-institute/> or <http://tinyurl.com/8jva9r> <http://tinyurl.com/7znc48>

1-15-09 Solar Industry Shakeout, Perspective

In a Webinar hosted by iSuppli Corp, it was noted that the massive increase in production of polysilicon, cells and modules will result in plunging prices across the supply chain.

Story at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/9jakfv>
iSuppli: <http://www.isuppli.com/Events.aspx>

1-15-09 China PV Module Sector

See the story "China PV module sector sees departure of 70% of makers" at DigiTimes: <http://tinyurl.com/957nbh>

1-15-09 SELCO Financing

SELCO India said it raised growth financing to expand its program to provide renewable energy to low-income homes and businesses in India. Story at: <http://tinyurl.com/828sfb>
SELCO India: <http://www.selco-india.com/>

1-15-09 IREC State & Stakeholder Newsletter [Jane Pulaski]

The latest issue of IREC's State & Stakeholder Newsletter with coverage of state/local headlines, an interview of the week, current and best practices, IREC's telephone seminar, grants/RFPs, events and other news is available at: <http://tinyurl.com/7nht7l>

1-15-09 Renew Virginia, Perspectives on Solar Development in Other States

Governor Timothy M. Kaine proposed several pieces of legislation designed to promote green jobs as part of his "Renew Virginia" initiative, making the announcement from the headquarters of Solar Services Inc. Press at: <http://www.governor.virginia.gov/MediaRelations/NewsReleases/viewRelease-print.cfm?id=850> or <http://tinyurl.com/9ulmtp>
Renew Virginia: <http://www.governor.virginia.gov/Initiatives/RenewVirginia/>
Coverage of solar perspectives in other states includes: http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20090114/ap_on_bi_ge/business_of_life_1 or <http://tinyurl.com/a7xdnj> <http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/budget-shortfalls-could-shrink-states-solar-incentives--5524.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/8k6xlh> <http://greeninc.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/01/14/solar-manufacturing-not-so-sunny/>

1-15-09 ES&H in the PV industry

A new white paper discusses ES&H issues in the PV industry and provides recommendations for creating a greener overall industry. Stories at: <http://tinyurl.com/8lvhj8> <http://tinyurl.com/9cqd8e> <http://cleantech.com/news/4056/watchdog-group-calls-oversight-solar-industry> or <http://tinyurl.com/7mvicb>

1-15-09 PV News

The January 2009 issue of PV News(TM), with the article "No One Expects the Spanish Inquisition!", and coverage of US PV news, world news, this month in PV research, the analyst's corner, and more, is available by subscription from the Prometheus Institute and Greentech Media. Information at: <http://www.prometheus.org/research/pvnews> and <http://www.greentechmedia.com/GreentechMedia/PVNews.html>

1-15-09 Renewables News from Canada [Bill Eggertson]

Recent news from the Canadian Association for Renewable Energies can be found at:
<http://www.renewables.ca/main/main.php>

1-15-09 German PV Market Workshop

The German PV Market Interactive Executive Workshop Q1/09 is set for 10 February in Frankfurt, Germany. Information at: http://www.eupd-research.com/Workshop_Q1_09/

1-15-09 Solar Symposium, North Carolina

The Solar Energy Research Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is hosting the symposium "Securing our Energy Future – Next Generation Photovoltaics & Solar Fuels" 15-17 January. Information at: http://www.unc.edu/serc/rtec_meeting/index.html

1-15-09 REenergized Conference and Expo

The Renewable Energy World Conference & Expo, REenergized, is set for 10-12 March in Las Vegas, Nevada. Information at: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/partner/rew/expo/north-america/2009-01-14/> or <http://tinyurl.com/9ha48o>

1-15-09 Renewable Energy Seminar & Teleconference Series

"Getting Renewables Projects Built: Overcoming the Barriers, Avoiding and Resolving Opposition and Disputes" is set for 21 January.

Information at: <http://65.181.148.190/renewableenergyinfo/teleconference/>
<http://tinyurl.com/9uxlsg>

1-15-09 NanoMarkets CD of CIGS Webinar

NanoMarkets announced the release of the CD of its Webinar presentation, "CIGS Market Opportunities" held 13 January. Press at RenewableEnergyWorld:

<http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/partner/story?cid=5213&id=54498> or <http://tinyurl.com/7nbngo>
NanoMarkets: <http://www.nanomarkets.net/>

1-16-09 REC ASA Wafer Sales Contract with LG Electronics

REC Wafer has signed a long-term agreement with LG Electronics in Korea for the supply of multicrystalline wafers. The agreement runs until 2014 and has an estimated value of more than \$340 million. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUCO710.htm>

<http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssConsumerGoodsAndRetailNews/idUSOSN00185720090116> or <http://tinyurl.com/74q2ej>

PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/83d6cu>

REC ASA: <http://tinyurl.com/a4p6qy>

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

1-16-09 Applied Materials' Module Certification

Applied Materials Inc. announced that both the single and tandem junction PV modules produced by its SunFab(TM) Thin Film Line have met the requirements of the International Electrotechnical Commission standards 61646 and 61730. The testing and certification of the SunFab modules was conducted by TUV Saarland of Germany. Stories at RenewableEnergyWorld:

<http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/story?id=54520> and

PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/6vi347>

Applied Materials Press: <http://tinyurl.com/867ngc>

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

TUV Saarland: <http://www.tuev-saar.net/>

1-16-09 pvXchange Sales, Expansion

Berlin-based pvXchange has provided positive reports of its sales for 2008, and as a result has decided to open a public limited company. Press at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/9ej2hb>

pvXchange: <http://www.pvxchange.de/en/index.php/index.html>

1-16-09 Energy Conversion Devices Turnaround, BIPV

See the story "Energy Conversion Devices' Turnaround: Is BIPV Finally Ready to Take Off?" at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/story?id=54510>

1-16-09 LDK Solar Milestones

LDK Solar Co., Ltd. announced that a ceremony was held to recognize important company milestones that were reached in early January. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/8p2bbf>
LDK Solar: <http://www.ldksolar.com/>

1-16-09 CPV Today Newsletter [Joshua Bull]

The CPV Today Newsletter, with an interview with Global Sun Engineering CEO Bjorn Eklov, coverage of EMCORE plans, Silicon CPV plc plans for certification, SolFocus financing and CEO, and other news is available at: http://www.cpvtoday.com/newsletters/cpvtoday_newsletter_541_2009-01-15.html or <http://tinyurl.com/8s64wq>

CPV Today: <http://social.cpvtoday.com/node>

Newsletters: <http://social.cpvtoday.com/content/newsletters-0>

The Concentrated Photovoltaics Summit USA is set for 3-4 February, San Diego, California. Information at: <http://www.cpvtoday.com/usa/>

1-16-09 Newport Corporation Solar Simulators

Newport Corp. has introduced its Oriol Sol3A(TM) line of large-area, constant-wave solar simulators. Press at: http://www.solarindustrymag.com/e107_plugins/content/content_lt.php?content.2379 or <http://tinyurl.com/8vo8mb>

Newport Corporation announcements:

<http://www.newport.com/Products/Announcements/default.aspx?sec=124&chap=19&lang=1033> or

<http://tinyurl.com/54tzv7>

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

1-16-09 TUV Rheinland PTL, Photovoltaic Testing Laboratories

Arizona State University partnered with TUV Rheinland Group in a private venture that greatly expands the solar testing at the lab. See more on the new TUV Rheinland PTL lab at:

<http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/business/articles/2009/01/16/20090116biz-solarlab0116.html> or

<http://tinyurl.com/8jsxb6>

http://www.solarindustrymag.com/e107_plugins/content/content_lt.php?content.2366 or

<http://tinyurl.com/9el9sn>

<http://tinyurl.com/82j4bs>

TUV Rheinland PTL: <http://www.tuvptl.com/>

http://www.tuv.com/us/en/tuev_rheinland_ptl.html

1-16-09 SolarCraft PV for Health and Wellness Campus, California

SolarCraft announced it has completed the design and installation of a 53.4-kW solar electric system and 5 hot water systems for the new Marin Health and Wellness Campus in San Rafael.

Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/SolarCraft-Completes-Solar-bw-14072598.html>

SolarCraft: <http://www.solarcraft.com/>

1-16-09 Solar Capacity Update, Spain

See an update on Spain's solar capacity at: <http://tinyurl.com/8pehmz>

1-16-09 Solar Heat and Power Technology, Canada

Montreal's Concordia University has integrated a combination of solar heat and power technology into its new business school building. The technology was designed by the Canadian Solar Buildings Research Network. Press at: http://www.eurekaalert.org/pub_releases/2009-01/cu-awi011509.php

1-16-09 Solar Energy Credits in New Jersey

According to this press, solar energy credits in New Jersey jumped to as much as \$675 a MW-hr for 2009, more than double the 2008 price. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/8wh5td>

1-16-09 JA Solar Vice President of Business Development and Corporate Communications

JA Solar Holdings Co., Ltd. announced the appointment of Mr. Ming Yang as vice president of business development and corporate communications. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/759v3h>
JA Solar: <http://www.jasolar.com/Web/index-en.asp>

1-16-09 IDTechEx PV Articles [Cara Van Heest]

IDTechEx PV articles are posted at: <http://www.printedelectronicsworld.com/topics/photovoltaics.asp>

1-16-09 Renewable Energy Tax Credits, Incentives, Grants

See the story "AWEA and SEIA Call for Refundable Renewable Energy Tax Credits" at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/story?id=54497>
For additional coverage of tax incentives and grants at CNN Money, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/88bvc2>
<http://tinyurl.com/86b4bx>
AWEA: <http://www.awea.org/>
SEIA: <http://www.seia.org/>

1-16-09 Green Collar Jobs [Neal Lurie]

The renewable energy and energy efficiency industries represented more than 9 million jobs and \$1,045 billion in U.S. revenue in 2007 according to a new ASES Green Collar Jobs report. The study concludes that Colorado's renewable energy and efficiency industry created more than 91,000 jobs and generated \$10.3 billion in sales in 2007. More on the ASES Green Collar Jobs report with Management Information Services, Inc. at: http://www.ases.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=465&Itemid=58 or <http://tinyurl.com/axlvxa>
<http://www.rockymountainnews.com/news/2009/jan/16/green-industry-casts-wide-net/> or <http://tinyurl.com/ax9azp>
ASES: <http://www.ases.org/>
Management Information Services, Inc.: <http://www.misi-net.com/>

1-16-09 Photovoltaics Beyond Conventional Silicon

Photovoltaics Beyond Conventional Silicon is set for 7-8 April in Dresden, Germany. Information and registration at: <http://printedelectronics.idtechex.com/photovoltaicseurope09/en/index.asp> or <http://tinyurl.com/ayqbow>

1-16-09 California ISO Solar Symposium

The California Independent System Operator Corporation is holding a Solar Symposium to bring solar companies and forecasters together with ISO market and operations experts on 29 January. Information at: <http://tinyurl.com/8zs477>

1-16-09 Solar Forum

The Raus Solar Forum is set for 29 January in Anaheim, California.
Information at: http://www.californiasolarcenter.org/reg_forumjan2009.html
Agenda: http://www.californiasolarcenter.org/pdfs/forum/2009.1.29-SolarForum-Anaheim_agenda.pdf

1-16-09 Global PV Industry, Report

Research and Markets announced the addition of the report "Analyzing the Global Solar Photovoltaics Industry" to its offering. Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Research-and-Markets-bw-14080135.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/9dph53>
Research and Markets: http://www.researchandmarkets.com/research/7bd6c3/analyzing_the_glob or <http://tinyurl.com/a549ft>

1-16-09 CSP Today, New Postings

CSP Today interviews SHEC Energy Corporation's President and CEO Tom Beck at:
<http://social.csptoday.com/content/interview-shec-energy-corporations-president-and-ceo-tom-beck> or
<http://tinyurl.com/8xwh96>
SHEC: http://www.shec-labs.com/AS_exec_profile.php
See other new January postings at CSP Today: <http://social.csptoday.com/node>

1-16-09 Solar Water Heaters Qualified

According to this story, EnerWorks solar water heating appliances are the first to qualify for the Department of Energy's new ENERGY STAR(R) residential water heater program, which went into effect on January 1. Story at RenewableEnergyWorld:

<http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/partner/story?id=54514>

ENERGY STAR Qualified Solar Water Heaters:

http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=solar_wheat.display_products_html or

<http://tinyurl.com/77j7yy>

http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=water_heat.pr_water_heaters or <http://tinyurl.com/8e37sc>

EnerWorks: <http://www.enerworks.com/>

1-19-09 Suntech Solar Panels for Masdar City PV System

Suntech Power has supplied 5 MW of Suntech solar panels for a 10-MW solar electricity system to power Masdar City. The panels are part of the largest solar plant in the Middle East being designed and built by Enviromena Power Systems. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsASPR216.htm>

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

Enviromena: <http://www.enviromena.com/index.aspx?pageid=157>

1-19-09 Masdar City 10-MW PV System

See the story "Abu Dhabi Picks Suntech, First Solar for 10MW Solar Farm in Masdar City" at

Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/axujqj>

Additional press: PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/8cgbur>

<http://tinyurl.com/7cepth>

The Masdar Initiative: <http://www.masdar.ae/en/Menu/index.aspx?MenuID=48&CatID=27&mnu=Cat> or
<http://tinyurl.com/8ct2ps>

1-19-09 Solar Energy Desalination Plant

UAE's first desalination plant to run on solar energy is operational.

Press at: <http://www.thenational.ae/article/20090119/NATIONAL/613045123/-1/NEWS> or

<http://tinyurl.com/6uetz7>

1-19-09 Isofoton PV Installations in Morocco

Isofoton has been awarded the contract to set up 1,215 PV installations that will be integrated into the grid in the cities of Errachidia and Ben Guerir in Morocco.

Press at Isofoton: http://www.isofoton.com/nueva-comunicacion/conexion-red-marruecos_ing.asp or

<http://tinyurl.com/9d8g4m>

<http://www.isofoton.com/index.asp?idioma=ing>

1-19-09 LDK Solar Polysilicon Production

LDK Solar said that it started polysilicon production at its first 1,000 MT plant on 14 January, 11 months after starting construction at its production complex in Xinyu City, China.

Press at PV Tech: http://www.pv-tech.org/news/_a/ldk_solar_starts_polysilicon_production/ or

<http://tinyurl.com/8qlodc>

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

1-19-09 Niking Technology Polysilicon Production

Chinese polysilicon manufacturer Niking Technology Co., Ltd. is proceeding with its first development phase of a EUR 24 million investment.

Press at enf.cn: http://news.enf.cn/en/news/news_5075.html

Ni King Technology: <http://www.6nsi.com/>

1-19-09 Jenn Feng Industrial CIGS Module Production

Jenn Feng Industrial has moved into R&D of CIGS thin-film PV modules and plans to kick off volume production in June 2009. Press at DigiTimes: <http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20090119PR200.html>

Jenn Feng: <http://www.jennfeng.com/>

1-19-09 BrightPhase Energy Technology

According to this press at Greentech Media, BrightPhase Energy says it can dramatically lower the total cost of solar power by exploiting PV, solar thermal, and natural light. Press at:

<http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/cheaper-than-first-solar-5539.html> and <http://tinyurl.com/95tg58>

BrightPhase Energy: <http://www.brightphaseenergy.com/>

1-19-09 Manz Automation and Roth & Rau Cooperation

Manz Automation AG and Roth & Rau AG plan to intensify their existing business relationship. In particular, the companies aim to step up their cooperation in the field of turnkey production lines used to manufacture crystalline silicon solar cells.

Story at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUMA276.htm>

Manz Automation: <http://www.manz-automation.com/>

Roth & Rau: http://www.roth-rau.de/php_de_n/index.php

1-19-09 Solar America Showcases Awards [Tom Kimbis]

The U.S. Department of Energy announced that it has made 3 new technical assistance awards under the Solar America Showcases project. The awards provide technical assistance from solar energy experts to high-visibility, large-scale solar installations.

Press at: http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/progress_alerts.cfm/pa_id=140

Solar America Showcases: http://www.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar_america_showcases.html

1-19-09 Princeton PV System, New Jersey

Princeton and Columbia universities and the New York Public Library are serving as hosts for a more than 5,000-panel PV system on the roof of the building that houses the Research Collections and Preservation Consortium.

Press at: <http://www.princeton.edu/main/news/archive/S23/21/47E61/index.xml?section=topstories> or <http://tinyurl.com/94736b>

1-19-09 Municipal Light Commission PV, Massachusetts

The Municipal Light Commission in West Boylston, Massachusetts is planning to install a \$2.4 million, 359-kW solar array in the spring.

Press at: http://www.aer-online.com/e107_plugins/content/content.php?content.2255 or

<http://tinyurl.com/7ti3yb>

1-19-09 Solar Stimulus, Perspective

See the story "Solar Power Needs a Bailout Too" at Time Magazine:

<http://www.time.com/time/health/article/0,8599,1872345,00.html>

1-19-09 Advent Solar Developments

See developments at Advent Solar in the

Press at: <http://ipcommunications.tmcnet.com/news/2009/01/17/3922254.htm>

<http://www.santafenewmexican.com/Local%20News/Advent-announces-more-layoffs-in-New-Mexico> or

<http://tinyurl.com/8aps7q>

<http://www.koat.com/news/18498554/detail.html>

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

1-19-09 Energy Conversion Devices President – Europe, Middle East and Africa

Energy Conversion Devices named Ted Amyuni as President – Europe, Middle East and Africa. Press at ECD: <http://investor.shareholder.com/ovonics/releasedetail.cfm?ReleaseID=359096> or <http://tinyurl.com/8lxwwb> <http://www.ovonic.com/>

1-19-09 PV Law in Greece

A new PV law was introduced in Greece on 15 January, amending the legislation originally voted in mid-2006. Press at SolarPlaza: <http://www.solarplaza.com/content/pagina/Press%20Releases/47338>

1-19-09 Abu Dhabi Renewables Target, Summit

The second World Future Energy Summit is being held 19-21 January in Abu Dhabi. The Government of Abu Dhabi announced on the eve of the conference that it is setting a target of 7% renewable energy by 2020.

Press at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/story?id=54536>
Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/8eqyda>
Summit: <http://www.worldfutureenergysummit.com/page.cfm/Link=1/t=m/goSection=1> or <http://tinyurl.com/85pu9r>

1-19-09 SFPUC Upcoming RFP

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission announced a series of design-build PV projects that will be advertised in 2009 and 2010. The projects will total over 1 MW of rooftop solar projects located on municipal buildings in San Francisco.

Story at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/news/NewsNAPR1367.htm>
Pre-qualification: http://sfwater.org/msc_main.cfm/MC_ID/15/MSC_ID/409

1-19-09 BLM Coordination Offices for Renewables

U.S. Secretary of the Interior Kempthorne issued a Secretarial Order that authorizes the BLM to establish coordination offices that will expedite the permitting of wind, solar, biomass, and geothermal projects along with transmission facilities on BLM-managed lands.

Press at: http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/info/newsroom/2009/january/NR_01_16A_2009.html or <http://tinyurl.com/6w79xz>

1-19-09 Solar Cell Contract Price Competition

See the story "Solar cell makers subject to contract price competition, say Taiwan makers" at DigiTimes: <http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20090119PD200.html>

1-19-09 China's Solar Industry, Perspective

See the story "Sun is setting on China's solar industry" at China Daily: http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/bizchina/2009-01/19/content_7408525.htm or <http://tinyurl.com/74emcd>

1-19-09 AltaTerra Research Network's Thin Film Market Uptake Event, Report Coverage

AltaTerra Research Network's event "Thin Film Market Uptake: Now It Gets Interesting" is set for 3 February. Information at: http://www.altaterra.net/events/event_details.asp?id=43903

See coverage of AltaTerra's report "Financing Growth: Will Solar PPAs Shine in Dark Times" at: <http://www.getsolar.com/blog/in-a-weak-economy-ppas-stand-strong/>
AltaTerra Research Network: http://www.altaterra.net/general/pick_username.asp

1-19-09 Solar Startups

See Greentech Media's "150 Solar Startups Revisited" in its blogs at: <http://greenlight.greentechmedia.com/2009/01/17/150-solar-start-ups-revisited-991/> or <http://tinyurl.com/9qq2ho>

1-19-09 California Energy Commission Emerging Renewables Program Guidebook

As part of the 28 January Business Meeting, the California Energy Commission will consider adopting revisions to the Emerging Renewables Program Guidebook.

Information at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/webcast/>

http://www.energy.ca.gov/renewables/02-REN-1038/notices/2009-01-28_notice_adoption.html or

<http://tinyurl.com/7g4d2u>

1-19-09 Space-based Solar Power

See the story "Is Space Based Solar Power a Viable Solution to Our Energy Crisis?" at the Journal of Renewable and Sustainable Energy: <http://tinyurl.com/8h6jyl>

1-19-09 Global PV Industry Analysis, Non-silicon Thin-film Technology Cost Perspective, Reports

Research and Markets announced the addition of the report "Global Solar Photovoltaics Industry – PEST Framework Analysis" to its offering. Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Research-and-Markets-bw-14095692.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/8ofddv>

Research and Markets; http://www.researchandmarkets.com/research/f602fc/global_solar_photo or <http://tinyurl.com/7cqtwu>

Research and Markets also added the report "The Future of Non-Silicon Thin-Film Technology – A Cost Perspective" to its offering. Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Research-and-Markets-A-Cost-bw-14095218.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/7p94j8>

Research and Markets: http://www.researchandmarkets.com/research/067a58/the_future_of_non or <http://tinyurl.com/a4sbh2>

1-19-09 Millennium Energy Industries Solar Hot Water Solution, Abu Dhabi

Millennium Energy Industries announced its project with Modern Residential City, Abu Dhabi for the design, supply, and installation of advanced central solar hot water solutions in 48 buildings.

Press at: http://www.dubaicityguide.com/geninfo/news_dtls.asp?newsid=22245

Millennium Energy Industries: <http://www.millenniumenergy.co.uk/>

1-20-09 ReneSola Wafer Supply Deal with BP Solar

ReneSola Ltd has signed a 1-year wafer supply agreement with BP Solar International Inc. Under the agreement, ReneSola will supply 120 MW of solar wafers to BP Solar, while it will get 700 metric tonnes of polysilicon from BP Solar.

Press at: <http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssTechMediaTelecomNews/idUSBNG16729220090120> or

<http://tinyurl.com/9qjvpa>

<http://tinyurl.com/a8c4ou>

<http://tinyurl.com/8nw74e>

ReneSola: <http://www.renesola.com/>

BP Solar: <http://www.bp.com/genericcountryjump.do?categoryId=9070&contentId=7038143> or

<http://tinyurl.com/yvmcvm>

1-20-09 SunPower Application for 250-MW Solar Plant, California

SunPower Corp. filed its application with San Luis Obispo County planners to build a 250-MW solar power plant in eastern SLO County called California Valley Solar Ranch. The company plans to begin construction next year and go into full production in 2012.

Story through Solarbuzz <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsPage.asp> at:

http://www.sanluisobispo.com/news/local/breaking_news/story/590585.html or <http://tinyurl.com/86pxwy>

SunPower: <http://www.sunpowercorp.com/>

1-20-09 Solar Plans, Nevada

According to this press, Boulder City expects to sign a contract with NextLight Renewable Power LLC by mid-April to build a 100-MW PV plant on 1,100 acres in the Eldorado Valley Energy Zone. The city also voted to allow NextLight, Martifer Renewables Solar Thermal LLC, and Green Tech Solar to test parts of the dry lake bed for potential solar construction there.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/6ugbz7>

NextLight Renewable Power, LLC: <http://www.nextlight.com/>

1-20-09 EPFL and Romande Energie Strategic Partnership and PV System

The Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne and Romande Energie have joined forces to build a PV center on the EPFL campus. The power station, with a capacity in excess of 2 MW, will be commissioned in stages from 2009 onwards. The building project is coupled with a strategic partnership in the field of energy innovation. Story at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/newsEUPR568.htm>

Romande Energie: <http://www.romande-energie.ch/>

EPFL: <http://www.epfl.ch/index.en.html>

<http://actualites.epfl.ch/presseinfo-com?id=697&newlang=eng>

1-20-09 PV for Medical Center, California

Solar Power, Inc., with Solar Power Partners, Inc. and the Marshall Medical Center, announced completion of a 669-kW DC PV system to power the Center in Cameron Park. Press at:

<http://tinyurl.com/7remyh>

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

Yes! Solar Solutions(TM): <http://www.yessolarsolutions.com/>

Solar Power Partners: <http://www.solarpowerpartners.com/>

1-20-09 Wal-Mart Store PV, Mexico

Wal-Mart Mexico installed a 174-kW PV complex that will generate 20% of the energy used by Bodega Aurrera Aguascalientes. Story at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1368.htm>

Wal-Mart Mexico: <http://www.walmartmexico.com.mx/>

1-20-09 More on new PV Law in Greece

A new PV law was introduced in Greece on 15 January. Story and link to more information at

Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUGO54.htm>

http://www.helapco.gr/index_en.html

1-20-09 PV Activities in Japan and Global PV Highlights [RTS Corporation]

The January 2009 issue of PV Activities in Japan and Global PV Highlights, with coverage of PV highlights in Japan (including budgets), a monthly PV photo gallery, topics from Japan, and topics from the world (including production capacity expansion of polysilicon manufacturers), is available [by subscription] from RTS Corporation, <http://www.rts-pv.com>.

http://www.rts-pv.com/e_publications.html

http://www.rts-pv.com/e_about.html

1-20-09 Solyndra European Headquarters

Solyndra has opened its European headquarters in Holzkirchen, Germany and appointed Clemens Jargon as its regional managing director and VP to head the company's sales and service operations in the region as well as in the Middle East and Africa. Press at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/8yqosy>

Solyndra: <http://www.solyndra.com/>

<http://www.solyndra.com/News/Press-Release-011909>

1-20-09 Spire and HHV PV Strategic Relationship

Spire Corporation announced it has finalized a strategic relationship with Hind High Vacuum Company Private Limited in Bangalore, India. Spire and HHV will cooperate to better address the Indian PV industry by offering a more complete and competitive portfolio of solar manufacturing equipment and service capabilities. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/7fufun>

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

HHV: <http://www.hhv.in/>

1-20-09 Open Energy Corporation Name Change to Applied Solar, Inc.

Open Energy Corporation announced that it has changed its name to Applied Solar, Inc. See more on the company's strategy at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Open-Energy-Corporation-bw-14100644.html>

or <http://tinyurl.com/7mzpzu>

Applied Solar: <http://www.appliedsolar.com/>

1-20-09 GP Solar Measurement Systems for Gigawatt Customer

GP Solar GmbH, a subsidiary of centrotherm photovoltaics AG, has won its first major order. About 135 measurement systems have been sold up to now for use in more than 25 production lines worldwide. The company is equipping a GW factory under construction in Southeast Asia with measurement systems from the GP Solar Inspect series for a leading European solar cell manufacturer.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/8pk7vt>

centrotherm photovoltaics: <http://www.centrotherm-pv.de/20.index.html>

GP Solar: <http://www.gpsolar.de/>

1-20-09 Residential Solar PPAs

See the story "Residential Solar PPAs Continue to Drive Solar Market Growth" at

RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/story?id=54516>

1-20-09 International Renewable Energy Agency

On 26 January, the founding conference for the International Renewable Energy Agency will take place in Bonn, Germany. The goal of this initiative, launched by Germany, Spain and Denmark and supported by many countries, is to promote the expansion of renewable energies worldwide and to serve as a platform for providing practical advice and support to industrialized and developing countries.

Press at: http://www.bmu.de/english/current_press_releases/pm/42918.php

IRENA: <http://www.irena.org/>

1-20-09 DSC Conference

The 3rd International Conference on the Industrialisation of DSC, DSC-IC 2009, is set for 22-24 April in Nara, Japan. Registration at: <http://www.dsc-ic.com/page/Registration>

1-20-09 Solar Applications Database [Kit Temple]

ENF.cn has launched an on-line database of sources of supply for 130 different Solar PV Product (application) categories. Information at: <http://www.enf.cn/database/products.html>

1-20-09 Torresol Solar Thermal Plant in Spain

Torresol, the strategic alliance between Sener and the Masdar Initiative, has announced a EUR 171 million financing deal. Construction will now move forward on the Gemasolar plant in Fuentes de Andalucia to the East of Seville. The 17-MW plant should begin operation in 2011. Stories at

RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/story?id=54538>

Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/9dl3y9>

Zawya: <http://tinyurl.com/8mhgup>

Torresol Energy: <http://www.torresolenergy.com/en/index.html>

Sener: <http://www.sener.es/SENER/index.aspx?&lang=en>

The Masdar Initiative: <http://www.masdaruae.com/en/home/index.aspx>

1-21-09 Moser Baer Photovoltaics Thin-film Production, India

Moser Baer announced that its PV subsidiary is ready for production of thin-film PV modules at its manufacturing plant in Greater Noida. This follows final acceptance test certification of Moser Baer Photovoltaic's SunFab(TM) Thin Film Line supplied by Applied Materials, Inc.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/9n6t5g> and

<http://tinyurl.com/8wppka>

Moser Baer: <http://www.moserbaer.com/>

http://www.moserbaer.com/photovoltaic_cells.asp

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

1-21-09 Refex Energy PV Plant, India

Refex Energy is setting up a 50-MW PV plant in Gujarat. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/8yuay6>

1-21-09 Solar in Abu Dhabi

Abu Dhabi Future Energy Company (Masdar) plans to generate 1,500 MW of solar power by 2020. Press at: http://www.menafn.com/qn_news_story_s.asp?StoryId=1093229699

1-21-09 juwi group – SEGRO Cooperative Agreement

A cooperative agreement has been signed between the juwi group and SEGRO plc that will initially see the companies work together on integration of a 160-kW PV station in Frankfurt.

Press at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/7wbfnw>

juwi: <http://international.juwi.de/>

SEGRO: <http://www.segro.com/segro>

1-21-09 EnerRay PV for Ferrari, Italy

A new 198.8-kWp PV system installed by EnerRay on the roof of Ferrari's Engine Mechanical Machining facility is operational, with 1,075 solar modules from Mitsubishi Electric.

Story at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUPR569.htm>

EnerRay: http://www.enerray.it/nqcontent.cfm?a_id=964

Mitsubishi Electric: <http://www.mitsubishielectricsolar.com/>

1-21-09 Green Mountain Power – groSolar PV System, Vermont

Green Mountain Power and groSolar teamed up to complete a 58-kW solar power system at GMP's Westminster, Vermont service center.

Story and photo at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1371.htm>

Green Mountain Power: <http://www.greenmountainpower.com/>

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

1-21-09 SunRun New Flexible Payment Options

SunRun announced the availability of two new flexible payment options that could help make residential solar power systems more accessible to homeowners. More in the

Press at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/story?id=54544>

SunRun: <http://www.sunrunhome.com/>

1-21-09 Premier Power PV System for Trincherro Family Estates, California

Trincherro Family Estates has completed the installation of a \$5.3 million PV system at its new winemaking facility in Lodi and nearby vineyard in Clements, California. Premier Power led the development, permitting, design, construction and commissioning of the project.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/8e3ghu>

Premier Power: <http://www.premierpower.com/>

1-21-09 Solar Energy Systems Commercial Net Metered PV System, New York City

Solar Energy Systems has commissioned a 40-kW DC commercial net-metered PV system for Big Sue, LLC. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/8abdfv>

Solar Energy Systems: <http://www.solaresystems.com/>

1-21-09 Intel PV Testing for Data Centers

Intel has installed solar panels at a facility in Rio Rancho, New Mexico to test the potential for using PV solar energy to provide power for data centers.

Press at: <http://www.datacenterknowledge.com/archives/2009/01/19/intel-testing-solar-power-for-data-centers/> or

<http://tinyurl.com/93dx3s>

Intel: <http://www.intel.com/community/NewMexico/>

1-21-09 EMCORE Sale of WorldWater & Solar Technologies (Entech Solar, Inc.) Interests

EMCORE Corporation announced that it has completed the second closing of a two-step transaction involving the sale of its remaining interests in the company formerly named WorldWater & Solar Technologies Corporation, now named Entech Solar, Inc. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/7dw4r5>

EMCORE: <http://www.emcore.com/>

Entech Solar: <http://www.entechsolar.com/>

1-21-09 Spanish Solar Energy Market [Johan Trip]

See "Incredible growth in Spanish solar energy market spells good and bad news for PV industry" at SolarPlaza: <http://www.solarplaza.com/content/pagina/incrediblegrowthinspanishmarket/47351> or <http://tinyurl.com/7jx7tq>

1-21-09 Solar Industry Perspective

See the story "Solar industry growth dimming with economy" at the San Francisco Chronicle: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2009/01/20/BUKD159AI7.DTL> or <http://tinyurl.com/7eahv9>
See also "Solar industry looks for light at tunnel's end" at The Mercury News: http://www.mercurynews.com/ci_11503149?source=rss

1-21-09 Solar in China

See the story "Is this the end of China's solar boom?" at Cleantech: <http://www.cleantech.com/news/4072/end-chinas-solar-boom>

1-21-09 CPV Solar Simulator

CPV Today interviews Emilio Agudo Dominguez, project manager, Soldaduras Avanzadas, on a new CPV solar simulator at: <http://tinyurl.com/9hx26m>
Soldaduras Avanzadas: <http://www.soldadurasavanzadas.com/index.php?seccion=0&lang=en>

1-21-09 CPV Today Coverage of APOLLON

CPV Today posted "Metal-organics hold key to EU's III-V solar push: report" with coverage of the APOLLON project at: <http://tinyurl.com/a87o43>
APOLLON: <http://www.apollon-eu.org/index.php>
Press at Compound Semiconductor: <http://compoundsemiconductor.net/cws/article/news/37358>

1-21-09 Air Liquide Customers

Air Liquide announced that more than half of the top 10 crystalline-silicon solar cell manufacturers and over 40% of the thin-film solar cell production fabs worldwide are now its customers.
Press at DigiTimes: <http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20090120PR203.html>
Air Liquide: <http://www.airliquide.com/en/home.html>
<http://tinyurl.com/7v4482>

1-21-09 Interstate Renewable Energy Council Telephone Seminar

The next IREC Telephone Seminar is set for 26 January on Utilities and the Solar Tax Credit, co-hosted by the Solar Electric Power Association. Information at: <http://tinyurl.com/8bncyh>
SEPA: <http://www.solarelectricpower.org/>

1-21-09 Thin Film Solar Conference [Matthew Probyn]

"Thin Film Solar, Driving the thin film movement forward" is set for 28-29 April in San Francisco, California.
Information at: http://www.greenpowerconferences.com/renewablesmarkets/thin_film_solar.html or <http://tinyurl.com/a3ut88>

1-21-09 Solar Industry Summit

"Surviving the Shakeout: Greentech Media's 2009 Solar Industry Summit" is set for 14-15 April in Phoenix, Arizona. Information at: <http://www.greentechmedia.com/events/live/az09/az.html>

1-21-09 EPIA Events [Michel Bataille]

EPIA's upcoming events are posted at: <http://www.epia.org/>
<http://www.epia.org/index.php?id=21>

1-21-09 EERE Network News [Kevin Eber]

The latest issue of EERE Network News, including coverage of President Obama's call for greater use of renewable energy, is online at: <http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/enn.cfm>
http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/news_detail.cfm/news_id=12194

1-21-09 Chu Confirmed as U.S. Secretary of Energy

The U.S. Senate confirmed Steven Chu as Secretary of Energy.

Press at: http://topics.nytimes.com/top/reference/timestopics/people/c/steven_chu/index.html or

<http://tinyurl.com/9p momz>

<http://tinyurl.com/8wwowo>

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB123249653907100299.html>

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/28632676/>

Department of Energy: <http://www.energy.gov/index.htm>

<http://www.lbl.gov/Publications/Director/>

1-21-09 Applied Materials VP, Investor Relations

Applied Materials, Inc. announced that Michael Sullivan has joined the company as vice president,

Investor Relations. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/7skrkz>

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

1-21-09 SEIA Board of Directors

Konarka Technologies, Inc. announced that Howard Berke is a new member of the Solar Energy

Industries Association Board of Directors. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/7g5ky7>

Konarka: <http://www.konarka.com/>

http://www.konarka.com/index.php/site/Company_leadershipteam/ or <http://tinyurl.com/94jtah>

SEIA: <http://www.seia.org/>

1-21-09 Wind and Solar at Antarctic Bases

For a story on renewables use at Antarctic bases, see Reuters at:

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/environmentNews/idUKTRE50J1X120090120> or <http://tinyurl.com/7a4y2w>

1-21-09 eSolar Investment

See Greentech Media's coverage of eSolar investment at: <http://tinyurl.com/78heoz>

eSolar: <http://www.esolar.com/>

1-22-09 Petersen-Dean Acquisition of OCR Solar & Roofing

Petersen-Dean, Inc. has acquired OCR Solar & Roofing. As part of the acquisition, Petersen-Dean will form a new subsidiary company, PD Solar, Inc., providing specialized expertise and turnkey solar solutions for residential and commercial applications.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNACO877.htm>

RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/partner/story?cid=6627&id=54552> or

<http://tinyurl.com/b84bnv>

<http://www.bizjournals.com/sacramento/stories/2009/01/19/daily32.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/bhjhpv>

Petersen-Dean: <http://www.petersendean.com/>

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

1-22-09 SunPower 1.1-MW PV System for Grundfos Pumps, California

Grundfos Pumps Corporation and SunPower Corporation dedicated a 1.1 MW solar power system at the Grundfos facility in Fresno. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cbkwjq>

SunPower: <http://www.sunpowercorp.com/>

1-22-09 ThinkSolar, Pacific Solar Energy PV System for Lithographix, California

ThinkSolar, in cooperation with Pacific Solar Energy, has completed a 650-kW roof-mounted turnkey PV system for Lithographix in Hawthorne featuring Schott ASE300 solar panels and Solectria inverters, with a custom-designed UniRac ballast racking system.

Story and photo at: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1374.htm>

ThinkSolar: <http://www.solarmarkt.com/html/seiten/startseite.phtml?nav=1&lang=am> or

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

Pacific Solar Energy: <http://www.pacsolarenergy.com/>

1-22-09 Arima EcoEnergy Technologies HCPV Modules to ISFOC

Arima EcoEnergy Technologies, a Taiwan-based producer of HCPV modules, will begin to ship products to Spain-based ISFOC in early February 2009. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/atcm2d>
Arima EcoEnergy: <http://www.arimaeco.com/>
ISFOC: <http://www.isfoc.es/>

1-22-09 Thermal Interface Material for CPV Systems

Reactive NanoTechnologies, Inc. has developed its NanoBond(R) process for use as a thermal interface material in CPV systems. Press at Global Solar Technology: <http://tinyurl.com/7hludw>
Reactive NanoTechnologies: <http://www.rntfoil.com/site/>

1-22-09 Sunways Production

Sunways AG reported on production capacity progress in its
Press at: http://www.sunways.de/en/press/pm_overview.php?we_objectID=2298 or
<http://tinyurl.com/aml9su>

1-22-09 Rainbow Solar 350-W PV Module

Rainbow Solar Inc. unveiled the DSO SUPER-PV(TM), a 60-cell, standard-size, mono-crystalline PV module with a 350-watt output rating.
Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/The-Worlds-Most-Powerful-bw-14118859.html> or
<http://tinyurl.com/d6o2bw>

1-22-09 Nanosolar Featured [R. Martin Roscheisen]

Nanosolar is featured on NOVA / PBS – "The Big Energy Gamble". See more information, including the link to a video, at: <http://www.nanosolar.com/blog3/?p=238>
<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/energy/program.html>
<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/programs/ht/tm/3519.html?site=46&pl=qt&rate=hi&ch=4> or
<http://tinyurl.com/bacm9o>

1-22-09 SolarWorld Expansion

SolarWorld AG said it is continuing to expand its U.S. manufacturing operations despite the global economic recession.
Press at EETimes: <http://www.eetimes.com/news/latest/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=212901676> or
<http://tinyurl.com/bbhs2j>
SolarWorld: <http://www.solarworld-usa.com/>

1-22-09 Evolution Solar Partner in Solar Project

Evolution Solar Corp. was selected by Atlantic Energy Solutions Inc. to serve as a partner to pursue the development of a 5-MW solar plant in southern Florida.
Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Evolution-Solar-Selected-as-bw-14125439.html> or
<http://tinyurl.com/cfw4oy>
Evolution Solar: <http://www.evolutionssolar.com/>
Atlantic Energy Solutions: <http://www.atlanticenergy.net/>

1-22-09 Yes! Solar, Inc. Expanded Coverage

Yes! Solar, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Solar Power, Inc., announced that it has executed franchise agreements for two additional California territories, expanding coverage for the San Francisco bay area, and is adding coverage on California's central cost region.
Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Yes-Solar-Inc-Sells-Two-bw-14123347.html> or
<http://tinyurl.com/cvm7qx>
Yes! Solar Solutions(TM): <http://www.yessolarsolutions.com/>
Solar Power Inc.: <http://www.solarpowerinc.net/>

1-22-09 Solarmer Energy Plastic Solar Cells

Solarmer Energy, Inc. is developing plastic solar cells for portable electronic devices that will incorporate technology invented at the University of Chicago.

Press at Science Daily: <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2009/01/090121215012.htm>

Solarmer Energy, Inc.: <http://www.solarmer.com/>

1-22-09 PowerFilm Rollable Solar Chargers

PowerFilm, Inc. announced the launch of its expanded line of rollable solar chargers.

Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/PowerFilm-Solar-Launches-prnews-14124909.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/bj2oxx>

PowerFilm: <http://www.powerfilmsolar.com/>

1-22-09 Solar in India, PV Trade Mission India [Johan Trip]

See the article "India – A Long Race in Solar Power" by Jaideep Malaviya at

SolarPlaza: <http://tinyurl.com/aclkfa>

International PV Trade Mission India, 16-20 February: <http://www.solarplaza.com/event/pvtourindia/>

SolarPlaza: <http://www.solarplaza.com/>

1-22-09 Trans-India Acquisition Corp. – Solar Semiconductor Ltd. Termination of Share Exchange Agreement

Trans-India Acquisition Corp. announced that Trans-India and the stockholders of Solar Semiconductor Ltd. have mutually agreed to terminate the share exchange agreement of 24 October 2008.

Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/TransIndia-Acquisition-Corp-bw-14119133.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/d7b4ba>

1-22-09 Consolidation and Integration in PV, Perspective

Factors such as the transformed financial markets and a looming polysilicon glut are shaping a changed competitive landscape in solar, says Greg Boutin of Riverdale Partners. See "Roadmap for a Changed Landscape: Consolidation and Integration in the Solar PV Business" at

RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/magazine/story?id=54348>

1-22-09 PG&E Solar Plans

According to this press, Pacific Gas & Electric will invest directly in solar power plants and solar panels distributed in different California communities. CEO Peter Darbee said that the move represents the first time that PG&E will build and own solar installations. Press at CNet News: http://news.cnet.com/8301-11128_3-10146968-54.html?part=rss&subj=news&tag=2547-1_3-0-20

or <http://tinyurl.com/aycx7q>

See also "Is a PG&E Solar Rooftop Investment on the Horizon?" at Greentech Media:

<http://tinyurl.com/agds7e>

Additional coverage at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/csy348>

1-22-09 U.S. DOE PV Supply Chain and Cross-Cutting Technologies Funding Opportunity Modification [Holly Thomas]

See a modification clarifying cost calculations for the Photovoltaic Supply Chain and Cross-Cutting Technologies FOA DE-PS36-09GO99003 at: <http://tinyurl.com/cgp6l8> (see pdf link)

http://www1.eere.energy.gov/solar/current_opportunities.html

1-22-09 Financing Non-residential PV Projects, Report

LBNL announced the release of a new report titled "Financing Non-Residential Photovoltaic Projects: Options and Implications". The report was authored by Mark Bolinger and funded by the U.S.

Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Solar Energy Technologies Program. Report at: <http://eetd.lbl.gov/EA/EMP/reports/lbnl-1410e.pdf>

PowerPoint Summary: <http://eetd.lbl.gov/EA/EMP/reports/non-res-pv-finance-ppt.pdf> or

<http://tinyurl.com/ahlwqe>

1-22-09 Textiles and PV [Cara Van Heest]

IDTechEx posted an article "Merging textiles and photovoltaics" at: <http://tinyurl.com/cslegt> [registration required]

1-22-09 Phoenix Solar Commended [Anka Leiner]

As the winner in the TecDAX category, Phoenix Solar AG was awarded the BIRD 2008 prize (Best Investor Relations – Germany) by the magazine Borse Online. Press at Phoenix Solar:

http://www.phoenixsolar.com/Press/PressReleases/content/articles/PM_090122.html?uri=/index.html or <http://tinyurl.com/b3p5wc>

1-22-09 Empowering Solar Energy in Ohio [D'Naie Jacobs]

The "Empowering Solar Energy in Ohio" conference is set for 5 February in Toledo. The keynote speaker is John Lushetsky, Program Manager, Solar Energy Technologies Program, U.S. Department of Energy.

Information at: <http://www.pvic.org/>

Solar Energy Technologies Program: <http://www1.eere.energy.gov/solar/contacts.html>

1-22-09 RadTech PV Meeting [Mickey Fortune]

RadTech – the Association for UV and EB Technology, announced a special meeting on the development of PV using UV/EB technologies, in conjunction with the upcoming uv.eb WEST Conference in Los Angeles, California, 17-18 February. Information at: <http://www.uvebwest.com/>

1-22-09 Solar Power in Arizona, Conference

Front Page Public Relations and the Arizona Solar Energy Industries Association are hosting "Building a Solar Power Industry in Arizona" conference on 29 January.

Story at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Media-Advisory-Front-Page-iw-14116710.html> or

<http://tinyurl.com/ahkysc>

Information at: http://www.frontpagepr.com/solar_power/solar_seminars.asp

AriSEIA: <http://www.arizonasolarindustry.org/>

1-22-09 Renewables in Russia

Russia announced plans to increase the share of renewable energy generation from less than 1% today to 4.5% in 2020. Story at Cleantech(R): <http://cleantech.com/news/4079/russia-sets-renewable-energy-mandates> or <http://tinyurl.com/ajqyam>

1-22-09 Solar Tax Credits

See the story "Tax Credit Fix for Solar in the Works" at

Greentech Media: <http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/tax-credit-fix-for-solar-in-the-works-5570.html>

or <http://tinyurl.com/cpzv3v>

1-22-09 PV Cell Market Report

Reportlinker.com announced the availability of "Solar Photovoltaic Cell Market Report: 2008 Edition".

Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Learn-about-the-Solar-bw-14125839.html> or

<http://tinyurl.com/apmgxf>

<http://tinyurl.com/cd5p7q>

1-23-09 SunEdison Acquisition of Business Institute Solar Strategy GmbH

SunEdison has acquired Business Institute Solar Strategy GmbH (BISS) with offices in Germany and Italy. The transaction provides SunEdison with 38 MW of PV projects under development in Italy and Spain, and direct access to 300 MW of project opportunities in Europe. In addition, SunEdison named BISS managing director Gerwin Dreesmann as General Manager, Europe.

Stories at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUCO711.htm>

PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/bronzh>

Cleantech(R): <http://cleantech.com/news/4084/sunedison-expand-germany-acquisition> or

<http://tinyurl.com/czcta7>

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

Business Institute Solar Strategy: <http://78.47.88.162/index.php?id=3&L=1>

1-23-09 El Dorado Energy Solar Facility Dedicated, Nevada

Nevada Governor Jim Gibbons, Boulder City Mayor Roger Tobler, the president and COO of Sempra Energy Neal Schmale, and other dignitaries dedicated Sempra Energy's new El Dorado Energy Solar facility, a 10-MW thin-film facility. In addition to manufacturing the solar modules, First Solar was the engineering, procurement and construction contractor and is charged with monitoring and maintaining the plant. Stories at: <http://money.cnn.com/news/newsfeeds/articles/marketwire/0468184.htm> or <http://tinyurl.com/dytfzc> <http://www.lasvegassun.com/news/2009/jan/22/gibbons-dedicates-solar-plant-near-boulder-city/> or <http://tinyurl.com/de8rdd>
Sempra Energy: <http://www.sempra.com/>
First Solar: <http://www.firstsolar.com/>

1-23-09 Sanyo Eneos Thin-film Solar Cell Production

Sanyo Electric Co Ltd and Nippon Oil Corp said their new solar cell venture would spend 20 billion yen (\$225 million) to start output in the year ending March 2011. Sanyo Eneos will make thin-film solar cells. The venture plans to expand to 1 GW per year by March 2016 and to 2 GW by March 2021 from an initial 80 MW.
Press at: <http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssConsumerGoodsAndRetailNews/idUST34455620090123> or <http://tinyurl.com/dhjr84>
Sanyo: <http://www.sanyo.com/>
<http://www.sanyo.com/news/2009/01/23-1en.html>
Nippon Oil Corporation: <http://www.eneos.co.jp/english/>

1-23-09 HHV Thin-film Production Line

Hind High Vacuum Co. Pvt. Ltd. developed a cell-to-module production line for thin-film silicon solar cells made with 1x1m substrates and will introduce the line at its manufacturing subsidiary, HHV Solar Technologies Pvt. Ltd., which is currently constructing a plant that is expected to start production as early as June 2009 with initial production of 10 MW per year.
Press at: http://techon.nikkeibp.co.jp/english/NEWS_EN/20090123/164482/
Hind High Vacuum Company Pvt. Ltd.: <http://www.hindhivac.com/>
HHV Solar: <http://www.hvsolar.com/>

1-23-09 Sino-Singapore Tianjin Eco-City Feasibility Study for Polysilicon Production Plant

Sino-Singapore Tianjin Eco-City Investment and Development Co., Ltd (SSTEC) has signed an MOU with Sembawang Engineers & Constructors Pte Ltd to work on the feasibility study for development of a US\$1 billion solar polysilicon production plant in the Sino-Singapore Tianjin Eco-City. The production plant will be developed in stages.
Press at: http://www.property-report.com/em_top_stories.php?id=2234&date=220109 or <http://tinyurl.com/blwuk6> http://globalsolartechnology.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2292&Itemid=9 or <http://tinyurl.com/cwgn5x>
Sino-Singapore Tianjin Eco-City: <http://www.tianjinecocity.gov.sg/>
Sembawang: <http://www.sembawangenc.com/>

1-23-09 SPG Solar PV System for Gatorade, Arizona

SPG Solar installed a 500-kW PV system with 2,448 Kyocera modules at the Gatorade manufacturing and distribution facility in Tolleson, Arizona. With this system, PepsiCo's Gatorade facility has become SRP's largest EarthWise Solar Energy commercial customer.
Story and photo at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1376.htm> and RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/partner/story?cid=1452&id=54567> or <http://tinyurl.com/bk6766>
SPG Solar: <http://www.spgsolar.com/>
Kyocera: <http://www.kyocerasolar.com/>
SRP EarthWise(TM): <http://www.srpnet.com/environment/earthwise/home.aspx>
<http://www.srpnet.com/environment/earthwise/solar/default.aspx>

1-23-09 MEMC Results

MEMC Electronic Materials, Inc. reported financial results for the quarter and year ended 31 December 2008. Press at MEMC: <http://investors.memc.com/phoenix.zhtml?c=106680&p=irol-newsArticle&ID=1247463&highlight> or <http://tinyurl.com/cdc5ew>

1-23-09 Suntech Preliminary Results

Suntech Power Holdings Co., Ltd. announced preliminary financial results for the fourth quarter and full year 2008. Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Suntech-Reports-Preliminary-prnews-14137345.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/aku2rv>
Suntech: <http://www.suntech-power.com/en/>

1-23-09 Trina Solar Operational Highlights

Trina Solar Limited announced operational highlights. Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Trina-Solar-Announces-prnews-14137057.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/dzftcy>
Trina Solar: <http://www.trinasolar.com/>

1-23-09 ATEL Ventures Equipment Lease Financing to 6N Silicon

ATEL Ventures announced it has committed \$5 million in equipment lease financing to 6N Silicon Inc. More in the press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cwnaay>
ATEL Ventures, Inc.: <http://www.atel.com/ventures/>
6N Silicon Inc.: <http://www.6nsilicon.com/s/Home.asp>

1-23-09 Spain, Portugal Renewable Energy Research Centre

Spain and Portugal will set up a joint renewable energy research center – the Iberian Renewable Energy Centre – in the southern Spanish city of Badajoz.
Press at: http://globalsolartechnology.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2291&Itemid=9 or <http://tinyurl.com/d3hr9j>

1-23-09 Oak Ridge National Laboratory PV System

Oak Ridge National Laboratory installed a more than 50-kW PV system, expanding its green initiative known as the sustainable campus project. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cbccoh>

1-23-09 State Solar Programs

See RenewableEnergyWorld's Podcast, "Tumultuous Times for State Solar Programs", at: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/podcast?id=54562>
See also "Where Are the Local Stimulus Packages?" at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/recolumnists/story?id=54430> or <http://tinyurl.com/bkh58r>

1-23-09 Commercial PV Systems in California

The number of commercial PV power systems in California continues to increase, with the recent activation of several new installations throughout the state. Story at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/cl33wh>

1-23-09 Colorado New Energy Economic Development Grants

Colorado Governor Bill Ritter and Energy Office Director Tom Plant announced more than \$370,000 in New Energy Economic Development grants to eight organizations, including \$25,000 to Colorado Brownfields Foundation for a renewable energy feasibility model and \$100,000 to Energistic Systems for a new solar thermal system called Suntrac. See the award winners at in the press release at: <http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite?c=Page&cid=1232546175286&pagename=GovRitter%2FGOVRLayout> or <http://tinyurl.com/9rrwl4>
Governor's Energy Office: <http://www.colorado.gov/energy/>
Colorado Brownfields Foundation: <http://www.coloradobrownfieldsfoundation.org/>
Energistic Systems: <http://www.energisticsystems.us/solar-thermal.html>

1-23-09 CanSIA Call for Growth of PV

The Canadian Solar Industries Association has publicly called on the Ontario government to increase the tariffs for PV and boost their expectations of what solar can do in the province.

Story at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/story?id=54549>

CanSIA: <http://www.cansia.ca/>

1-23-09 Solar Suitability

Green Power Labs Inc. released SolarRating Online, an interactive web-based program for determining solar suitability. Press at

RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/partner/story?id=54574&src=rss> or <http://tinyurl.com/avrxxv>

SolarRating Online: <http://solarrating.ca/>

1-23-09 CPV Today Newsletter [Joshua Bull]

The CPV Today Newsletter is on line at:

http://www.cpvtoday.com/newsletters/cpvtoday_newsletter_563_2009-01-22.html or

<http://tinyurl.com/cm9nmw>

<http://social.cpvtoday.com/content/newsletters-0>

1-23-09 Germany Trade & Invest, Photovoltaics [Thomas Grigoleit]

See PV press releases and downloads from Germany Trade & Invest, including Fast Track Q1/09, at:

<http://www.gtai.com/homepage/industries/renewable-energies/photovoltaics/press-releases/> or

<http://tinyurl.com/d8ukop>

<http://www.gtai.com/homepage/industries/renewable-energies/photovoltaics/downloads/> or

<http://tinyurl.com/c74leu>

http://www.gtai.com/uploads/media/FastTrack_Photovoltaics_Q1_2009_GermanyTradeAndInvest.pdf or

<http://tinyurl.com/c5lsly>

Germany Trade & Invest GmbH: http://www.gtai.com/web_en/homepage

1-23-09 Crystalline Silicon Solar Cells and Modules Workshop [Bhushan Sopori]

The "19th Workshop on Crystalline Silicon Solar Cells & Modules: Materials and Processes" is set for 9-12 August at the Vail Cascade Resort in Vail, Colorado. The workshop will address fundamental properties of PV silicon, new solar cell designs, advanced solar cell processing techniques, and module issues for efficient operation. Information will soon be available at the website.

1-23-09 Solar Forum, California [Tor Allen]

The agenda for the Rarus Solar Forum on 29 January at the Anaheim Convention Center is posted at:

http://www.californiasolarcenter.org/reg_forumjan2009.html

1-23-09 Solar Energy International Workshops

SEI's Workshops are posted at: <http://www.solarenergy.org/index.html>

For press on the Solar Sales, Marketing, & Economics workshop at RenewableEnergyWorld, see:

<http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/partner/story?cid=1158&id=54564> or <http://tinyurl.com/ch5hra>

<http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/events/view?cid=1158&id=45678> or <http://tinyurl.com/dz6748>

<http://www.solarenergy.org/workshops/solarsales.html>

1-23-09 Nanotech / Clean Technology Conference & Expo 2009

The Nanotech / Clean Technology Conference & Expo is set for 3-7 May in Houston, Texas. See

Photovoltaics and Solar at: <http://www.nsti.org/Nanotech2009/symposia/Photovoltaics.html>

<http://www.csievents.org/Cleantech2009/symposia/solar.html>

1-23-09 Sunrise Powerlink Debate

An environmental group is asking the California Supreme Court to review the Sunrise Powerlink project approval. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/dao44y>

http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-sunrise23-2009jan23_0_2116637_story or <http://tinyurl.com/d69aku>

Sunrise Powerlink(SM): <http://www.sdge.com/sunrisepowerlink/>

1-23-09 CSP Summit, CSP Today Newsletter [Sara Lloyd-Jones]

The 3rd Annual Concentrated Solar Power Summit US is set for 30 June – 1 July in San Francisco, California. Information at: <http://www.csptoday.com/us/>

The CSP Today Newsletter is on line at:

http://www.csptoday.com/newsletters/csptoday_newsletter_550_2009-01-19.html or

<http://tinyurl.com/aanbao>

<http://social.csptoday.com/content/newsletters-0>

1-26-09 ersol New Thin-film Module

ersol Thin Film GmbH introduced the Nova(R)-T plus module, a new thin-film module featuring a front panel made from toughened glass.

Press at: http://www.solarindustrymag.com/e107_plugins/content/content_lt.php?content.2417 or

<http://tinyurl.com/abdhar>

ersol Thin Film GmbH: <http://tinyurl.com/c6bwrw>

<http://www.ersol.de/en/newsmediarelations/>

1-26-09 Yingli Green Energy Credit Agreement

Yingli Green Energy Holding Company Limited announced that one of its wholly owned subsidiaries has entered into a credit agreement for a 3-year loan facility with a fund managed by Asia Debt Management Hong Kong Limited to secure additional financing for its business expansion.

Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Yingli-Green-Energy-Enters-prnews-14149746.html> or

<http://tinyurl.com/dk87qe>

Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsASCO398.htm>

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

1-26-09 Solar in Gujarat, India

According to this story, the western Indian state of Gujarat has become the new solar hot spot thanks to a 25-year plan for fixed-rate tariffs. See the story "Solar farms flock to Gujarat for new tariff plan" at:

<http://cleantech.com/news/4087/solar-farms-flock-gujarat-new-tariff-plan> or <http://tinyurl.com/bmnkko>

1-26-09 Roth & Rau Order

Roth & Rau AG has received an order to supply two turnkey production lines worth EUR 26 million. The lines, which have production capacities of 60 MWp each, are being supplied to the Korean solar cell manufacturer Millinet Solar. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsASMA224.htm> and

<http://tinyurl.com/bu3r3e>

Roth & Rau: http://www.roth-rau.de/php_en_n/

Millinet Solar: <http://www.millinetsolar.com/>

1-26-09 Air Products Supply Contract with Gadir Solar

Air Products has signed a turnkey gas supply contract to provide liquid bulk and specialty gases, related gas distribution equipment, and engineering services to Gadir Solar at its new silicon thin-film PV facility in Spain. Story at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUMA278.htm>

Air Products: <http://www.airproducts.com/electronics/photovoltaics.htm>

1-26-09 Arima EcoEnergy Test Compliance

Arima EcoEnergy Technologies Corp. announced that the company passed all IEC 62108 indoor tests and obtained the compliance from ISFOC. Press at CPV Today: <http://tinyurl.com/aklja8>

Arima EcoEnergy: <http://www.arimaeco.com/>

1-26-09 ActSolar Research Grant, California

ActSolar Inc. has been awarded a \$750,000 research grant from the California Energy Commission's Public Interest Energy Research program. ActSolar, Santa Clara University, and SolarTech plan to deploy several PV arrays.

Press at: http://www.solarindustrymag.com/e107_plugins/content/content_it.php?content.2415 or <http://tinyurl.com/atfm84>

ActSolar: <http://www.actsolar.com/investors/>

PIER: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/pier/>

1-26-09 Sunrise Solar Projects in Mexico

Sunrise Solar Corp. announced that it has accepted the opportunity to provide solar power resources to two large hospitals in Mexico.

Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Sunrise-Solar-Expands-bw-14151942.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/cm4n3o>

Sunrise Solar: <http://www.sunrisesolarcorp.com/>

1-26-09 6N Silicon Featured

See coverage of 6N Silicon at Cleantech(R): <http://cleantech.com/news/4091/6n-says-lower-silicon-purity-means-lower-solar-prices> or <http://tinyurl.com/b7ods5>

6N Silicon: <http://www.6nsilicon.com/s/Home.asp>

1-26-09 Head of REC Silicon Operations

Renewable Energy Corp has appointed Tore Torvund to head its silicon operations.

Press at: <http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssEnergyNews/idUSLQ12578220090126> or <http://tinyurl.com/acucss>

REC: <http://www.recgroup.com/>

1-26-09 Solar Energy Site Analysis

The Solmetric SunEye(TM) version 2.8 adds new views of shade data and further enhances solar energy site analysis. Press at RenewableEnergyWorld:

<http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/partner/story?cid=6689&id=54585> or <http://tinyurl.com/d9aezo>

Solmetric: <http://www.solmetric.com/support.html>

1-26-09 Ideal Locations for Solar Installations

See the story "Where Will Your Solar Installation Go?" at

RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/reinsider/story?id=54446> or <http://tinyurl.com/bsz84j>

1-26-09 Feed-in Rates for Renewable Technologies

See the story "Feeding In Renewable Energy Breakthroughs" at Greentech Media:

<http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/feeding-in-renewable-energy-breakthroughs-5556.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/8n57xd>

1-26-09 Final Call for Registration, CPV Summit [Joshua Bull]

The Concentrated Photovoltaics Summit USA 2009 is set for 3-4 February in San Diego, California. For more information and registration, go to: <http://www.cpvtoday.com/usa/>

<https://secure.firstconf.com/cpvtoday/usa/register.htm>

1-26-09 Intersolar Support for Young Solar Companies

Intersolar's organizers have reiterated their support of young and innovative companies in the solar industry and will continue to offer reduced rates for such participants at Intersolar 2009.

Press at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/ajlwj>

Intersolar 2009: http://www.intersolar.de/index.php?id=intersolar&no_cache=1&L=1 or <http://tinyurl.com/d85nj>

1-26-09 EUEC Energy & Environment Conference

The EUEC Energy & Environment Conference is set for 1-4 February in Phoenix, Arizona. See the Renewable Energy Track in the Program Agenda at: <http://www.euec.com/html/home.htm>

1-26-09 Italian PV Market, Report

Research and Markets announced the addition of the report, "The Italian Photovoltaic Market 2008 – Overcoming Obstacles", to its offering.

Press at: <http://www.centredaily.com/business/technology/story/1077709.html>

Research and Markets: http://www.researchandmarkets.com/research/aa9f1c/the_italian_photov or <http://tinyurl.com/bkzr84>

1-26-09 More on Solar Action Plan, China

The Chinese Academy of Sciences has launched an initiative to boost the development of solar energy technology and has organized experts to make an action plan.

Press at: http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2009-01/26/content_10720497.htm

1-26-09 U.S. Economic Stimulus Bill

Both the House and Senate are working on versions of an economic stimulus bill that will include substantial energy sections.

Press at: <http://uk.reuters.com/article/marketsNewsUS/idUKN2331866420090123> or <http://tinyurl.com/dxqz6p>

1-26-09 Solar Millennium Stake in Ibersol Electricidad Solar Iberica

Solar Millennium AG has acquired a 50% stake in Ibersol Electricidad Solar Iberica S.L. from NEO Energia, a subsidiary of Energias de Portugal S.A. Solar Millennium intends to start work on a 50-MW parabolic trough power plant being planned by Ibersol in mid-2009.

Story at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/story?id=54579>

Solar Millennium: <http://www.solarmillenium.com/>

EDP Group: <http://www.edp.pt/EDPI/Internet/EN/Group/AboutEDP/default.htm>

1-26-09 Solar Cooling System for Steinway & Sons, New York

Steinway & Sons has installed an \$825,000 solar-powered rooftop system to provide cool air to dehumidify its factory in Queens.

Press at: http://www.menafn.com/qn_news_story.asp?StoryId=%7b1D1A0B4B-9425-41F9-907A-0DFFA4D5A6C4%7d or <http://tinyurl.com/ajx4my>

1-26-09 Telkonet PLC Implementation for Sandia's National Solar Thermal Test Facility

Telkonet, Inc. has won a contract to supply the Telkonet Series 5(TM) 200 Mbps power line communications system to the U.S. DOE's National Solar Thermal Test Facility.

Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Telkonet-Wins-Cutting-Edge-bw-14151610.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/bp9av2>

Telkonet: <http://www.telkonet.com/>

National Solar Thermal Test Facility: http://www.sandia.gov/Renewable_Energy/solarthermal/nsttf.html

1-27-09 TEPCO 10-MW Solar Power Plant, Japan

Tokyo Electric Power Co said it plans to build a 10-MW solar power plant in central Japan. Press through Solarbuzz <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsPage.asp> at: <http://tinyurl.com/amvycc>

TEPCO: <http://www.tepco.co.jp/en/>

1-27-09 Suntech and Standard Solar 5-MW Solar Panel Supply Agreement

Suntech Power Holdings Co., Ltd. and Standard Solar, Inc. reached an agreement under which Suntech will supply up to 5 MW of PV panels during 2009. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/b9ddph>

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

Standard Solar: <http://www.standardsolar.com/Home.aspx>

1-27-09 Phoenix Solar 2009 Guidance, Long-term Outlook to 2013

Phoenix Solar AG announced its guidance for the financial year 2009. In addition, the Board of Directors gave a long-term outlook for the company up to 2013. Press at Phoenix Solar:

http://www.phoenixsolar.com/Press/PressReleases/content/articles/PM_090127.html?uri=/index.html or <http://tinyurl.com/afxbz2>

1-27-09 Recurrent Energy PV System for School, California

San Domenico School and Recurrent Energy are dedicating a 412-kW solar electric system comprising 2,358 PV panels spread across several roof- and ground-mounted arrays. Recurrent Energy financed, owns and operates the system, and worked with Solaris Solar for construction. Story and photo at Solarbuzz:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1381.htm>
Recurrent Energy: <http://www.recurrentenergy.com/>

1-27-09 Timminco Equity Financing

See "AMG Subsidiary Timminco Completes C\$25 Million Equity Financing to Strengthen Balance Sheet" at: <http://biz.yahoo.com/iw/090126/0468984.html>

Timminco: <http://www.timminco.com/>

1-27-09 AIXTRON Order

AIXTRON AG announced that the Institute of Nuclear Energy Research based in Taoyuan, Taiwan ordered an AIX 2800 G4 Planetary Reactor system to produce Germanium / III-V based solar cells. INER's use of this reactor is part of its High Concentration Photovoltaic System Research.

Press at PVTech: <http://tinyurl.com/cg8ln8>

AIXTRON; <http://www.aixtron.com/index.php?id=1&L=1>
<http://tinyurl.com/baxsu9>

1-27-09 European BIPV Market

The European building-integrated PV market is showing great investment and growth potential according to a recent Frost & Sullivan report.

Story at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/story?id=54591>

Frost & Sullivan: <http://www.frost.com/prod/servlet/frost-home.pag>

1-27-09 Solar Power, Inc. Solar Shade Structure

Solar Power, Inc. introduced a modular, elevated solar shade structure system called the Peaq(TM).

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/b65tt8>

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

1-27-09 Solar in the States

See the story "Beyond Rebates: State Solar Market Transitions" at

RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/story?id=54587>

1-27-09 Solar America City, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania [Tom Kimbis]

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Mayor Luke Ravenstahl announced during the City's first Solar America Cities Training Workshop that the City is aggressively pursuing installing a solar hot water unit in one of the City's firehouses. In 2007, Pittsburgh was selected as one of the inaugural Solar America Cities awarded \$200,000 in grant funding along with \$250,000 in technical assistance, from the U.S. DOE.

Press at: http://www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/mayor/html/city_press_releases.html

<http://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/stories/2009/01/26/daily9.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/afynqd>

<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/09027/944690-53.stm>

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/s_608905.html

Solar America Cities: <http://www.solaramericacities.energy.gov/>

<http://www.solaramericacities.energy.gov/Cities.aspx?City=Pittsburgh>

1-27-09 Quarterly Solar Manufacturing Equipment Report

SEMI's PV Group and Yole Developpement are recruiting PV manufacturing equipment companies to participate in a new quarterly solar manufacturing equipment report. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cwp829>
<http://tinyurl.com/cq8vqh>

PV Group: <http://www.pvgroup.org/AboutPVMA/index.htm>

Yole Developpement: <http://www.yole.fr/>

1-27-09 Inverter Market Report

Research and Markets announced the addition of Frost & Sullivan's report, "Analyzing the Growth Opportunities in the World Renewable Inverter Market", to its offering. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/c9zht3>
Research and Markets: <http://tinyurl.com/c9zht3>

1-27-09 More on the International Renewable Energy Agency

For information on the founding conference of the International Renewable Energy Agency, see the website at: <http://www.irena.org/>

1-27-09 Venture Capital for Solar

See the story "Solar energy startup companies raked in venture capital investments in 2008" at: <http://techblog.dallasnews.com/archives/2009/01/solar-energy-startup-companies.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/b3ysrz>

1-27-09 Opposition to Solar, Ontario, Canada

See "Opposition Mounting to Solar PV Facility in Ontario" at Renewables.CA (Canadian Association for Renewable Energies): <http://www.renewables.ca/main/main.php> (scroll down).

1-27-09 Thin Film Partners of Greece

RSEnergy has become a member of Thin Film Partners of Greece.

Press at: <http://www.rsenergy.gr/en/DisplayNews.php>

<http://www.rsenergy.gr/en/>

Thin Film Partners of Greece: <http://www.thinfilm.gr/>

1-27-09 BrightSource Energy General Manager of Subsidiary

BrightSource Energy Inc. has named Andrew Siegelstein general manager for the company's subsidiary BrightSource Construction Management Co.

Press at: http://www.solarindustrymag.com/e107_plugins/content/content_lt.php?content.2435 or <http://tinyurl.com/btpr8k>

BrightSource Energy: <http://www.brightsourceenergy.com/news.htm>

1-28-09 COLEXON and tnp Solar Projects

COLEXON and tnp have signed a contract for development and construction of turnkey solar power plants of at least 15 MWp. According to the agreement, COLEXON will offer tnp at least 10 MWp of solar projects until 2010, and in return, tnp is obliged to acquire up to 15 MWp but at least 7 MWp of solar projects. In addition, both parties have signed an agreement for the placement of solar projects from the Wiesenhof-portfolio of 5 MWp. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUPR570.htm>
COLEXON: <http://www.colexon.de/>

tnp Mitteldeutsche Anlagen Leasing AG: <http://www.tnp-mal.de/>

1-28-09 Plextronics Development Line

Plextronics, Inc. has officially opened its new development line that will focus on technology developments for the company's printable solar inks.

Press at PV Tech: http://www.pv-tech.org/news/a/plextronics_opens_new_solar_inks_facility/ or <http://tinyurl.com/cohked>

Plextronics: http://www.plextronics.com/press_detail.aspx?PressReleaseID=95
<http://www.plextronics.com/index.aspx>

1-28-09 Wacker Chemie Sales Figures

Wacker Chemie presented its sales figures for 2008.

Press at PV Tech: http://www.pv-ech.org/news/a/wacker_chemie_reports_14_sales_increase_on_2007/ or <http://tinyurl.com/ccto5>

Wacker: <http://tinyurl.com/ajohty>

<http://www.wacker.com/cms/en/home/index.jsp>

1-28-09 ReneSola Project Loan Agreement

ReneSola's wholly owned subsidiary, Sichuan ReneSola Material Co. Ltd., has signed an RMB800 million (approximately \$117 million) 5-year project loan agreement with China Construction Bank, Sichuan Branch, to support the construction of ReneSola's polysilicon production facility in Meishan, Sichuan province. Story at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsASCO400.htm>

ReneSola: <http://www.renesola.com/>

1-28-09 MMA Renewable Ventures Solar Fund III

MMA Renewable Ventures LLC announced it has completed Solar Fund III, raising nearly US \$200 million to support the creation of new solar energy projects nationwide. Through Solar Fund III, MMA Renewable Ventures successfully deployed 20.6 MW of new PV production capacity in the U.S.

Press at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/story?id=54606> and CleanTech: <http://cleantechbrief.com/node/136>

MMA Renewable Ventures: <http://mmarenew.com/>

See also "MMA Renewable Ventures to Raise Its Fifth Solar Fund" at

Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/aqcz3v>

1-28-09 enXco PV Power Purchase Agreement with Carrier Clinic, New Jersey

enXco, an EDF Energies Nouvelles Company, announced the signing of a 25-year Power Purchase Agreement with Carrier Clinic in New Jersey, setting in motion the development of a PV array that could reach 1.9 MW. The ground-mounted, fixed-tilt array using First Solar modules will be constructed on 12 acres. The project, co-developed by Clean Energy Holdings in association with Trinity Solar, will qualify for New Jersey Renewable Energy Certificates. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/bw3kt5>

First Solar: <http://www.firstsolar.com/>

Clean Energy Holdings: <http://www.cleanenergyholdings.com/>

Trinity Solar: <http://www.trinitysolarsystems.com/>

enXco: <http://www.enxco.com/>

1-28-09 BrightView Financing

BrightView Ltd. announced that it has recently finalized a \$6 million A round of financing. Also, Mr. Eyal Harel has joined the Company's Board as Chairman. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/aoml7g>

BrightView Systems: <http://www.brightview-sys.com/>

1-28-09 Worldwide Energy and Manufacturing USA Listing Application

Worldwide Energy and Manufacturing USA, Inc. announced that it has filed an application to have its common stock listed on the NASDAQ Capital Market.

Press at: <http://money.cnn.com/news/newsfeeds/articles/marketwire/0469447.htm> or <http://tinyurl.com/dg2xv6>

Worldwide Energy and Manufacturing USA Inc.: <http://www.wwmusa.com/>

1-28-09 First Solar Expansion, Ohio

The state Controlling Board approved the release of \$225,000 in state grant money to help First Solar purchase new machinery. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/d6x2a5>

1-28-09 PV System Assembly in Mozambique

The Mozambican National Energy Fund has signed an agreement with the Indian company Central Electronics Limited for the installation of a factory to assemble PV systems in Mozambique. Press at:

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200901280663.html>

1-28-09 Solexant Licensing of IR Technology

Solexant has licensed materials technology that can harvest energy from infrared light, thereby increasing the efficiency of solar cells.

Press at EE Times: <http://www.eetimes.com/news/design/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=212903004> or <http://tinyurl.com/ap9hzi>

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

1-28-09 PV Cells Painted on Steel Sheets

Researchers from Swansea University in Wales are developing a new way to capture low-light radiation with PV cells painted on steel sheets.

Press at Cleantech(R): <http://cleantech.com/news/4094/uk-researchers-simplify-solar-paint>

1-28-09 PV Articles at Printed Electronics World [Teresa Henry]

Several new PV articles are posted at

Printed Electronics World at: <http://www.printedelectronicsworld.com/> [registration required]

1-28-09 Solar Power in Iraq

One Army brigade in Iraq is planning to spend up to \$6 million on solar power projects to help provide backup power for essential services. Press at: <http://blog.wired.com/defense/2009/01/going-solar-in.html>

1-28-09 Solar America Initiative PV Technology Pre-Incubator Solicitation for LOIs

A Solicitation for Letters of Interest, Solar America Initiative PV Technology

Pre-Incubator", is posted at: http://www.nrel.gov/business_opportunities/solicitations_rfps.html

Solar America Initiative: http://www1.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar_america/index.html

http://www1.eere.energy.gov/solar/pv_incubator.html

1-28-09 CALSEIA Accomplishments and 2009 Priorities

CALSEIA's key accomplishments in 2008 and priorities for FY 2009 are featured in the article by Sue Kateley, Executive Director of CALSEIA, at

RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/recolumnists/story?id=54575> or <http://tinyurl.com/cnpv45>

Sue Kateley: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/author?id=30>

CALSEIA: <http://calseia.org/>

1-28-09 More on the International Renewable Energy Agency

The International Renewable Energy Agency was founded on 26 January in Bonn, Germany, and 75 nations have already signed a compact to join the new agency. Coverage at EERE Network News [Kevin Eber]: http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/news_detail.cfm/news_id=12207

<http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/enn.cfm>

See also "IRENA – Joining Forces" at

RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/magazine/story?id=54347>

ACORE Press: <http://tinyurl.com/d45nnw>

IRENA: <http://www.irena.org/>

1-28-09 PHOTON International, January 2009

The table of contents for PHOTON International's January 2009 issue, along with several live links for January articles, are on line at: <http://www.photon-magazine.com/>

<http://www.photon-magazine.com/photon/index.htm>

1-28-09 Ascent Solar Honored, Colorado [Brian Blackman]

Ascent Solar Technologies has received the 2008 Governor's Excellence in Renewable Energy Award for the Large Business category. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/bcpjdk>

Ascent Solar: <http://www.ascentsolar.com/>

Governor's Office press: http://www.colorado.gov/energy/in/uploaded_pdf/09_01_28_GERE.pdf or <http://tinyurl.com/cskybs>

1-28-09 Photovoltaics Beyond Conventional Silicon

Photovoltaics Beyond Conventional Silicon is set for 7-8 April in Dresden, Germany. Information and registration at: <http://www.idtechex.com/photovoltaicseurope09/en/>

1-28-09 NanoMarkets Webinar on Organic PV

NanoMarkets announced that it will be conducting a webinar on "Organic Photovoltaic Materials Opportunities" on 17 March. Information at: <http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/090127/ph63244.html?.v=1> or NanoMarkets: <http://www.nanomarkets.net/>

1-28-09 More on Cleantech VC, Solar

See the story "Clean Tech Still Sizzles as Venture Investments Cool" at: <http://bits.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/01/26/clean-tech-still-sizzles-as-venture-investments-cool/?em> or <http://tinyurl.com/bm4oqd>

1-28-09 Clean Energy Consolidation

See the story "New Energy Finance Sees 2009 as Year of Consolidation for Clean Energy" by Michael Liebreich, at RenewableEnergyWorld:

<http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/reinsider/story?id=54596&src=rss> or <http://tinyurl.com/cltpcy>

New Energy Finance: <http://www.newenergymatters.com/?p=about&n=9>
<http://www.newenergymatters.com/>

1-28-09 US Economic Stimulus Bill

The U.S. House and Senate are moving forward on an economic stimulus bill with substantial clean-energy provisions. Story at: RenewableEnergyWorld:

<http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/story?id=54599>

See also "Senate panel OKs alternative energy tax breaks" at Reuters: <http://tinyurl.com/alpeo6>

1-28-09 NextLight Renewable Power Facility, Arizona

NextLight Renewable Power LLC announced plans to build a large solar thermal facility called Agua Caliente Solar Project near Hyder.

Press at: http://www.yumasun.com/opinion/bright_47440_article.html/future_power.html

NextLight Renewable Power, LLC: <http://www.nextlight.com/>

1-28-09 Cool Energy Inc. NSF Grant

Cool Energy Inc. was awarded a Phase II Small Business Innovation Research Grant to help develop its SolarFlow(TM) system.

More in the story at: <http://www.energycurrent.com/index.php?id=3&storyid=15553>

Cool Energy: <http://www.coolenergyinc.com/>

1-28-09 CSP Today Articles

See several new postings at CSP Today covering Spain's CSP development, Solar Millennium funding, a parabolic trough solar field in Egypt, PG&E equity in solar projects, FPL's solar farm proposal, and Sahara's solar power potential, at: <http://social.csptoday.com/node>

1-28-09 Hybrid Solarized Gas Turbine Power Station

AORA, a member of the E.D.I.G. Group and developer of applied ultra-high temperature concentrating solar power technology, has begun construction on a gas turbine solar thermal power station in Israel at Kibbutz Samar.

Press at: http://www.solarindustrymag.com/e107_plugins/content/content_it.php?content.2439 or <http://tinyurl.com/ctwuo5>

E.D.I.G. Solar: http://www.edig.co.il/archive/en/s_about

AORA: <http://aora-energy.com/>

1-29-09 Shikoku Electric Power Solar Plant Capacity Boost

Japanese utility Shikoku Electric Power Co. said it plans to boost capacity at its solar plant by 4 MW in stages by the business year that starts in 2020.

Press through Solarbuzz <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsPage.asp> at:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssIndustryMaterialsUtilitiesNews/idUST18476720090129> or <http://tinyurl.com/coy6ur>

1-29-09 Korea Advanced Materials Polysilicon Supply Deal with Hyundai Heavy Industries

Korea Advanced Materials said it has signed a US\$600 million deal with Hyundai Heavy Industries Co. to supply polysilicon. Press through Solarbuzz <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsPage.asp> at:

<http://www.tradingmarkets.com/.site/news/Stock%20News/2148259/?relatestories=1> or <http://tinyurl.com/bxhhtg>

Hyundai Heavy Industries: <http://english.hhi.co.kr/>

1-29-09 Trina Solar Module Supply Agreement with GA Solar

Trina Solar Limited announced that its subsidiary, Changzhou Trina Solar Energy Co., Ltd., entered into a sales agreement with Spanish customer Gestamp Asetym Solar, S.L. under which Trina Solar will supply GA Solar between 20 and 36 MW of PV modules for one year at pre-determined prices.

Press at: <http://biz.yahoo.com/pnews/090129/lnth501.html?.v=1>

Trina Solar: <http://www.trinasolar.com/>

GA-Solar: <http://www.ga-solar.com/>

1-29-09 Hoku Scientific Results, Business Update

Hoku Scientific, Inc. announced its financial results for the third quarter ended 31 December, and provided a general update on its business.

Press at CNN Money: <http://money.cnn.com/news/newsfeeds/articles/marketwire/0469625.htm> or <http://tinyurl.com/dmtp74>

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

1-29-09 SunPower Results

SunPower Corporation announced financial results for its 2008 fourth quarter and fiscal year, which ended 28 December. Press at: <http://investors.sunpowercorp.com/releasedetail.cfm?ReleaseID=362332>

or <http://tinyurl.com/dezsz9>

<http://biz.yahoo.com/pnews/090129/aqth540.html?.v=22>

1-29-09 aleo solar Financing, Update

aleo solar said it has secured short- and long-term financing. More in the stories at:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/business/feedarticle/8332636> and

PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/afaprd>

aleo: <http://www.aleo-solar.de/en/aleo-solar-download-the-sun.html>

1-29-09 REC Solar PV Installation for DuPont, Hawaii

DuPont has completed the installation of a PV facility at its Pioneer Hi-Bred Waimea Research Center in Hawaii, with 1,500 solar panels made by Evergreen Solar and installed by REC Solar. Story and photo at

Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1389.htm>

DuPont: http://www2.dupont.com/Photovoltaics/en_US/news_events/index.html or

<http://tinyurl.com/ch7ksg>

Evergreen Solar: <http://www.evergreensolar.com/>

REC Solar: <http://www.recsolar.com/cm/Home.html>

1-29-09 Austin Energy Plan for 30-MW Solar Facility

Austin Energy has proposed a plan to create a 30-MW solar power facility that would be constructed and owned by Gemini Solar. Press at: http://austinist.com/2009/01/29/austin_energy_has_proposed_a.php
<http://tinyurl.com/dj7sna>
<http://tinyurl.com/b6rkhj>

Austin Energy: <http://www.austinenergy.com/>

Gemini Solar Development Company: <http://www.geminisolar.com/>

1-29-09 Sunetric PV Project for Kona Commons, Hawaii

Sunetric, formerly known as Suntech Hawaii, announced completion of an 804-kW PV project featuring 17 PV systems covering the roofs at the Kona Commons shopping center in Kailua-Kona.

Press at: <http://www.bizjournals.com/pacific/stories/2009/01/26/daily50.html>

Suntech Hawaii: <http://www.suntechhawaii.com/about-us/news-press/index.html> or
<http://tinyurl.com/bczhqq>

1-29-09 PV Installations in California

Last year California homeowners, businesses, and local government agencies installed a record 158 MW of distributed PV. Stories at: <http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-solar29-2009jan29,0,7157079.story> or
<http://tinyurl.com/aa6oe4>

<http://tinyurl.com/bkqjea>

California Public Utilities Commission Press:

http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PUBLISHED/NEWS_RELEASE/96627.htm

1-29-09 centrotherm photovoltaics AG Developments

See press on centrotherm photovoltaics AG developments at:

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601100&sid=aizx8mLmCnhk&refer=germany>

centrotherm photovoltaics: <http://www.centrotherm-pv.de/>

1-29-09 Historical Analysis of Investment in Solar Energy Technologies [Charles Jennings]

A new report, "A Historical Analysis of Investment in Solar Energy Technologies (2000 – 2007)", examines the timing, magnitude, focus and location of various forms of investment in the solar energy sector. It analyzes these trends to provide an understanding of the growth of the solar industry during the past 8 years and to identify emerging themes in this rapidly evolving industry. The full report is available at: <http://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy09osti/43602.pdf>

1-29-09 SEPA Utility Solar Tax Manual

The Solar Electric Power Association announced the release of the Utility Solar Tax Manual providing clarity regarding solar tax credit changes for the utility and solar industries. The manual also sheds light on the implications of these changes on new business models for both industries and their customers. The full report can be downloaded for free by SEPA members and purchased by non-members.

Information at SEPA: <http://www.solarelectricpower.org/>

1-29-09 Entech Solar COO

Entech Solar announced that Sean Rooney has been named Chief Operating Officer.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/b7bwlz>

Entech Solar: <http://www.entechsolar.com/>

1-29-09 Interview with Silicon CPV CEO

See the "Interview with Prof. Humayun Mughal, CEO, Silicon CPV Plc" at

CPV Today: <http://tinyurl.com/bw7wd5>

Silicon CPV plc: <http://www.siliconcpv.co.uk/>

CPV Today: <http://social.cpvtoday.com/node>

1-29-09 California Energy Commission Solicitation, RESCOs

See information on the grant solicitation, "Renewable-Based Energy Secure Communities (RESCO) Research, Development & Demonstration" at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/contracts/pier.html#renewable>

1-29-09 Renewable Power Generation in Germany

Germany has set a goal to triple its generation of power from renewable energy sources from 15.1% currently to 47% by 2020. Press at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/d83rpo> and <http://tinyurl.com/b9rclk>

1-29-09 Interstate Renewable Energy Council State & Stakeholder Newsletter [Jane Pulaski]

The latest issue of IREC's State & Stakeholder Newsletter with coverage of state and local news, an interview of the week, current and best practices, grants and RFPs, events, and other news, is available at: <http://www.irecusa.org/index.php?id=11>

1-29-09 U.S. Economic Stimulus Bill

The House passed its version of a stimulus bill. Press at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/d85oa8> and Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/adlxdb>

1-29-09 U.S. Economic Stimulus Perspective

See the story "Tech CEOs Want More Than Tax Credits From Obama" at the Wall Street Journal: <http://blogs.wsj.com/digits/2009/01/28/tech-ceos-want-more-than-tax-credits-from-obama/> or <http://tinyurl.com/bwgohw>

1-29-09 Organic Photovoltaics 2009 [Sheri Bonnell]

The program has been confirmed for Organic Photovoltaics 2009, which is scheduled for 27-29 April in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Information at: <http://www.organicphotovoltaics2009.com/>

1-29-09 RETECH 2009

RETECH 2009 is set for 25-27 February in Las Vegas, Nevada. Find more information at: <http://www.retech2009.com/>

1-29-09 Cleantech Forum

Cleantech Forum(R) XXI is set for 23-25 February in San Francisco, California. For an update on speakers, see the Web site at: <http://tinyurl.com/dj2wmc>

1-29-09 Platts European Renewable Energy [Sheryl Paul]

Platts European Renewable Energy is set for 2-3 April in Berlin, Germany. Information, including confirmed speakers, at: <http://www.platts.com/Events/2009/pc981/?elq=DA320460F1F846CE9E05AFB9B91C6C0F> or <http://tinyurl.com/djzv8b>

1-29-09 PCBC 2009

PCBC 2009, Advancing the Art + Science of Community Building, is scheduled for 17-19 June at the Moscone Center in San Francisco, California. Information at: <http://www.pcbc.com/theshow/Attending/schedule.html>

1-29-09 Third Generation PV, Report

Research and Markets announced the addition of GlobalData's report "Third Generation Solar PV – The Cost Competitive Solution" to its offering. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/d8twyh>
Research and Markets: <http://www.researchandmarkets.com/research/a52b93/third%5fgeneration%5fs> or <http://tinyurl.com/b29nz5>

1-29-09 Materials Markets for CIGS PV, Report

For coverage of the NanoMarkets report "Materials Markets for CIGS Photovoltaics" see: <http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/090129/ph64338.html?.v=1>
http://www.pv-tech.org/news/a/nanomarkets_cigs_thin_film_sales_to_top_us2.1_billion_by_2016/ or <http://tinyurl.com/c2x8mq>
NanoMarkets: <http://www.nanomarkets.net/>

1-29-09 Off-Grid PV Consumer Products Outlook, Report

Research and Markets announced the addition of the report "The 2009-2014 World Outlook for 9 MW Off-Grid Solar Photovoltaic Consumer Products" to its offering.

Press at: <http://biz.yahoo.com/bw/090129/20090129005774.html?.v=1>

Research and Markets: http://www.researchandmarkets.com/research/e9f4fe/the_20092014_worl or <http://tinyurl.com/bwyjpc>

1-29-09 Ausra Plans

According to this press, Ausra says it has responded to the financial crisis by downsizing its goals and now plans to make smaller energy generation plants and to sell its technology and equipment to utilities and other companies. Press at: http://www.mercurynews.com/business/ci_11576208

<http://tinyurl.com/ad88sy>

http://news.cnet.com/8301-11128_3-10152459-54.html

Ausra: <http://www.ausra.com/>

1-29-09 BrightSource Energy Plans

See the story "U.S. solar plant faces delays without energy stimulus" with coverage of BrightSource Energy Inc. plans at:

http://uk.reuters.com/article/reutersComService_3_MOLT/idUKTRE50S59P20090129 or

<http://tinyurl.com/bjnhff>

BrightSource Energy(TM): <http://www.brightsourceenergy.com/>

1-29-09 Solar Thermal Installation at Gas Company

Southern California Gas Co. and San Diego Gas & Electric have invited 5 leading solar companies to install their latest solar innovations at utility sites. See information on installation of the first of the 5 at:

<http://biz.yahoo.com/iw/090129/0469940.html>

1-29-09 Solar Thermal Report

Research and Markets announced the addition of the "Solar Thermal Report – Ed 2 2009" to its offering.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/dcyllrq>

Research and Markets: http://www.researchandmarkets.com/research/0a5c47/solar_thermal_repo or <http://tinyurl.com/djxeh5>

1-30-09 Dyesol Commentary and Update

Dyesol issued commentary and an update for the 2nd quarter 2009.

Press at Dyesol: <http://tinyurl.com/c24b34>

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

1-30-09 SYSTAIC Sales Results and Plans

SYSTAIC reported sales results and plans. To handle the construction of large-scale power plants more efficiently, systaic AG established a new subsidiary, Enerparc AG, which has concluded agreements on the construction of building-integrated solar power plants at a scale of 125 MW.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/dfegwa>

SYSTAIC: <http://www.systaic.com/>

1-30-09 More on SunPower Results, Developments

SunPower reported fourth quarter and fiscal year 2008 results.

Press at SunPower: <http://investors.sunpowercorp.com/releasedetail.cfm?ReleaseID=362332> or

<http://tinyurl.com/dezsz9> and

<http://www.reuters.com/article/GCA-BusinessofGreen/idUSTRE50S6YC20090130> or

<http://tinyurl.com/aacy8r>

<http://www.bizjournals.com/sanjose/stories/2009/01/26/daily79.html>

<http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/sunpowers-quarterly-profit-shot-up-five-fold-5616.html> or

<http://tinyurl.com/dfnahm>

<http://tinyurl.com/a9k86f>

1-30-09 PV Technology, Production and Cost, 2009 Forecast

Greentech Media, Inc. and the Prometheus Institute for Sustainable Development announced the availability of "PV Technology, Production and Cost, 2009 Forecast".

Press at: <http://sev.prnewswire.com/oil-energy/20090129/NE6447829012009-1.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/coec9t>

Greentech Media press: <http://tinyurl.com/d8pwqs>

PV Tech press: <http://tinyurl.com/dz3p45>

Greentech Media: <http://www.greentechmedia.com/>

Prometheus Institute: <http://www.prometheus.org/>

1-30-09 Constellation Energy PV System for McCormick, Maryland

A celebration was held at McCormick's Hunt Valley Distribution Center on 21 January to recognize Constellation Energy's Projects & Services Group installation of an approximately 1-MW PV system comprising 2,100 SolarWorld 175-W crystalline solar panels and 92,000 square feet of flexible thin-film PV material. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/bsh543>

Constellation Energy's Projects and Services Group: <http://www.ceprojects.com/>

SolarWorld: <http://www.solarworld-usa.com/>

1-30-09 Ahura Energy CST / CPV [Fareed Sfarid]

Ahura Energy, Inc., is a developer of multi-element solar concentrator systems for large-scale thermal (CST) and photovoltaic (CPV) applications. The technology utilizes flat mirrors to focus the sun's rays on the PV material or thermal pipe. According to the Web site, the company is operating in stealth mode, however the CEO is open to and inviting interactions.

More at the Web site at: <http://www.ahuraenergy.com/>

1-30-09 PV Powered Smart String Combiner Boxes

PV Powered announced the availability of the IntelliString(TM) line of smart string combiner boxes.

Press at: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/partner/story?cid=1877&id=54632> or <http://tinyurl.com/bdf3ag>

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

1-30-09 Clean Energy for APS Customers

Over the next two decades, APS customers could receive significantly more of their electricity from clean energy sources under a comprehensive Resource Plan filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission.

Press from APS at: <http://tinyurl.com/buh6pb>

APS: <http://www.aps.com/resources>

1-30-09 Duke Energy Carolinas Rooftop Solar Program

According to this press, Duke Energy Carolinas says it cannot proceed with its proposed \$50-million rooftop solar program unless North Carolina regulators remove restrictions on how the utility would recover the initiative's costs from customers.

Press at: <http://www.bizjournals.com/triangle/stories/2009/01/26/daily59.html>

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/597/story/504526.html>

Duke Energy: <http://www.duke-energy.com/>

1-30-09 Green Investing

Avoiding catastrophic climate change will require about 3 times 2008's level of investment in green energy every year until 2030, the World Economic Forum and New Energy Finance say in a report released at Davos. Press at Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/dxcw38>

World Economic Forum: <http://www.weforum.org/en/index.htm>

New Energy Finance: <http://www.newenergymatters.com/>

Report: <http://www.weforum.org/pdf/climate/Green.pdf>

1-30-09 Organic Photovoltaics 2009 [Sheri Bonnell]

Organic Photovoltaics is scheduled for 27-29 April in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with a pre-conference seminar on Global PV Market Development on 27 April. Press at RenewableEnergyWorld:

<http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/partner/story?id=54622&src=rss> or <http://tinyurl.com/b77htt>

Agenda and more information at the Web site: <http://www.organicphotovoltaics2009.com/>

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2-2-09 OptiSolar PV Project with PG&E

The California Public Utilities Commission approved a renewable energy contract for Pacific Gas and Electric Company, furthering progress on its renewable energy goals. Through an agreement with Topaz Solar Farms, PG&E will receive about 1,096 GWh per year from a 550-MW project owned by OptiSolar that will generate electricity using thin-film PV panels. Installation is planned over the 2011 to 2013 timeframe. Story at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/news/NewsNAPR1391.htm>
OptiSolar: <http://www.optisolar.com/>
Topaz Solar Farm: <http://www.optisolar.com/topaz.htm>
California Energy Commission: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/siting/solar/index.html>

2-2-09 PROINSO and MECASOLAR PV Project in Colombia

IPSE, under the Ministry of Mines and Energy Colombia, has awarded PROINSO and MECASOLAR, in Joint Venture with Fulgor Energia, a solar project that includes the supply, assembly, testing, commissioning, and maintenance of 10 systems of PV trackers in 5 locations. The award also represents the entry of the Spanish group OPDE into the Colombian market.

Story at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/news/NewsSAPR38.htm>
PROINSO: <http://www.proinso.net/bin/index.php>
MECASOLAR: <http://www.mecasolar.com/bin/noticia.php?lengua=ingl>
OPDE Group: <http://www.opde.net/bin/index.php>

2-2-09 Carlisle Energy Services and ECD Supply Agreement

Carlisle Energy Services and Energy Conversion Devices reached a multi-year agreement for ECD to supply its UNI-SOLAR(R) laminates to Carlisle Energy Services.

Story at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNACO882.htm>
Carlisle Energy Services: <http://www.carlisle-syntec.com/>
UNI-SOLAR: <http://www.uni-solar.com/>

2-2-09 More on Hyundai Heavy Industries Polysilicon Deal with KAM

Hyundai Heavy Industries announced that they have signed a long-term contract with Korean polysilicon manufacturer Korea Advanced Materials. More at ENF.cn: http://news.enf.cn/en/news/news_5085.html and <http://www.sustainablebusiness.com/index.cfm/go/news.display/id/17568> or <http://tinyurl.com/cnar6m>
ENF.cn: <http://www.enf.cn/>

2-2-09 Solar Power, Inc. Order

Solar Power, Inc. announced that it has received an additional order from a German solar integrator for the company's 200-W solar modules. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/aj64fe>
Solar Power, Inc.: <http://solarpowerinc.net/>

2-2-09 Applied Materials Preliminary First Quarter Results

Applied Materials announced preliminary results for its first quarter ended 25 January.
Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/dzkpbd>
Applied Materials: <http://www.appliedmaterials.com/>

2-2-09 SolarWorld Growth

See the story "SolarWorld in no need of cash to continue rapid growth" at
PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/b2kkxf>
Reuters: <http://tinyurl.com/arx3uu>
SolarWorld: <http://www.solarworld.de/?L=1>

2-2-09 Sechilienne-Sidec Rooftop PV Plant, France

Sechilienne-Sidec, an alternative energy producer that is 43.1% owned by Financiere Helio, has inaugurated a 2-MW rooftop PV power plant installed by Societe de Conversion d'Energy, a 95% subsidiary of Sechilienne-Sidec Group.

Press at: http://www.solarindustrymag.com/e107_plugins/content/content_it.php?content.2464 or <http://tinyurl.com/b5uyrq>

Sechilienne-Sidec: <http://www.sechilienne-sidec.com/>

2-2-09 Akeena Solar AC Panels, Deal with Enphase Energy

Akeena Solar, Inc. and Enphase Energy announced a strategic partnership to develop and market Andalay solar panel systems with AC output.

Press at: <http://www.globenewswire.com/newsroom/news.html?d=158736>

Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/news/NewsNAPT188.htm>

Akeena solar: <http://www.akeena.com/cm/Home.html>

Enphase Energy: <http://www.enphaseenergy.com/>

2-2-09 Sun Well Solar Factory

According to this press, Sun Well Solar will shift planned factory construction from Taiwan to China.

Press at DigiTimes: <http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20090202PB200.html> and <http://tinyurl.com/d95bp5>

Sun Well Solar: <http://www.sunwellsolar.com/>

2-2-09 E-Ton Solar Tech Order

E-Ton Solar Tech announced it has obtained an order for 50 MWp of solar cells from an existing client, with shipments scheduled during 2009. Press at: <http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20090202PM201.html>

E-Ton Solar Tech: <http://www.e-tonsolar.com/>

2-2-09 Moser Baer PV Installation, Surat, India

Moser Baer Photovoltaic announced it has won a contract from the Roads and Buildings Department of Gujarat to set up a 135-kWp rooftop PV system in Surat. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/c48guu>

Moser Baer Photovoltaic: <http://www.moserberpv.in/>

2-2-09 Business Opportunities in India [Johan Trip]

CEOs from the Indian solar PV industry and government experts will speak at an international solar energy conference in Hyderabad on 18 February.

Press at SolarPlaza: <http://www.solarplaza.com/event/pvtourindia/Conference.html>

International PV Trade Mission India, 16-20 February: <http://www.solarplaza.com/event/pvtourindia/>

SolarPlaza: <http://www.solarplaza.com/>

2-2-09 Auction of Surplus Solar Wafer Machinery

Auctioneer, Troostwijk, is selling surplus machinery for the production of 5" and 6" solar wafers on behalf of Deutsche Cell GmbH. Story at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/news/NewsEUMA279.htm>

Troostwijk Auctions: <http://www.TroostwijkAuctions.com/>

2-2-09 SolarWorld Bonus for Economic Incentive Program

SolarWorld AG is backing the German government's economic incentive program for public buildings by offering a solar construction bonus for schools amounting to EUR 2,500.

Story at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUPR571.htm>

SolarWorld AG: <http://www.solarworld.de/>

<http://www.solarworld.de/?L=1>

2-2-09 3M Renewable Energy Division, VP and GM

3M announced the formation of its new Renewable Energy Division. The division falls within 3M's Industrial and Transportation Business and will focus on energy generation and energy management. 3M appointed Michael Roman as vice president and general manager to lead the new business.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/b6hyv2>

<http://tinyurl.com/aus2vv>

2-2-09 Evergreen Solar Applications and Field Support Engineer for Europe

Evergreen Solar, Inc. announced it has appointed Chinua Ejeka as Applications and Field Support Engineer for Europe. Press from Evergreen Solar at: <http://www.evergreensolar.com/app/en/investors/>

2-2-09 Sales Director at pvXchange

pvXchange announced Martin Mesmer as Sales Director for the North American PV market.

Press at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/d6rhmf>

pvXchange: <http://www.pvxchange.de/en/index.php/agenten.html>

2-2-09 Canadian Solar New Research Center and Research Agreements

Canadian Solar Inc. announced the opening of its new PV Cell Research Center located in the company's solar cell Fab II in Suzhou. The company has signed research partnership contracts with DuPont, University of Toronto, and Shanghai Jiao Tong University. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/bouk96>

Canadian Solar: <http://www.csisolar.com/>

2-2-09 Solar West Partners Formation

Solar West Partners announced its formation. The company will operate as a solar power energy developer and integrator to commercial, large campus, industrial and government facilities across the Western Hemisphere. Press at: <http://www.prweb.com/releases/2009/02/prweb1943944.htm>

Solar West Partners Inc.: <http://www.solarwestpartners.com/>

2-2-09 SOLARIS Newsletter

The January 2009 issue of EPIA's SOLARIS Newsletter, with an editorial and coverage of EPIA activities, policy, news from the sector, a technology corner, upcoming events, and other news, is on line at:

http://www2.epia.org/09newsletter/newsletter_newstyle.asp

2-2-09 Morningstar String Calculator [Donna Pizzullo]

Morningstar Corporation announced the introduction of a string calculator for estimating the proper sizing and configuration of PV modules when used with the Morningstar charge controllers.

Press at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/partner/story?id=54639>

<http://www.morningstarcorp.com/strings/calc.php>

Morningstar Corporation: <http://www.morningstarcorp.com/en/home>

2-2-09 ICP Solar and Integrated Metering Systems Revenue-grade Solar Monitoring

ICP Solar Technologies Inc. announced that the company has reached an agreement with Integrated Metering Systems to market the GreenMeter(TM) in North America in conjunction with IMS technology. ICP Solar's GreenMeter(TM) will be able to integrate with IMS kWh Meters and allow for a more precise reading of electricity consumption and production. Press at

RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/partner/story?cid=1274&id=54647> or <http://tinyurl.com/cvqxs3>

Solar Monitoring Services: <http://www.icpca.solarvu.net/green/solarVu.php?ac=icpca>

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

Integrated Metering Systems, Inc.: <http://www.imsmeters.com/>

2-2-09 Solar-powered Lighting, Massachusetts [Justin Garland]

With volunteers from the Massachusetts International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and funding from the Massachusetts Renewable Energy Trust, SolarOne(R) Solutions has been providing solar powered/LED lighting systems across 38 Massachusetts municipalities.

Press at SolarOne(R): <http://www.solarone.net/>

2-2-09 IEA OPEN Energy Technology Bulletin

The IEA OPEN Energy Technology Bulletin, 29 January, which includes PV's role in smart grids, is available at: <http://www.iea.org/impagr/cip/index.htm>

Other resources include the December 2008 issue of IEA's Photovoltaic Power Systems Programme, PV Power, available at: <http://www.iea-pvps.org/pvpower/download/PVPower29a.pdf>
<http://www.iea-pvps.org/>

2-2-09 More on PV Technology, Production and Cost, 2009 Report

See the story "CIGIS Could Supply 3GW of Solar Panels by 2012" with Greentech Media's coverage of the report on PV Technology, Production and Cost, 2009, at:

<http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/report-cigs-could-supply-3gw-of-solar-panels-by-2012-5625.html>

or <http://tinyurl.com/cgvcl8>

Report: <http://tinyurl.com/d8pwqs>

2-2-09 Impacts of Shading on PV Systems

See the story on impacts of shading on PV systems in the article "Shade Happens" at

RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/reinsider/story?id=54551> or

<http://tinyurl.com/dfvg8h>

2-2-09 Feed-in-Tariffs in the States

This week, a group of European solar professionals will be in Florida sharing best practices on how to implement a Feed-in-Tariff in the state and around the country. More in the story at

RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/story?id=54633>

"Effective Renewable Energy Policies: Stimulating Job Creation, Long Term Investments, and Improving Energy Security", 3 February, Tallahassee: <http://www.floridaallianceforrenewableenergy.org/Feb.html>

2-2-09 Empowering Solar Energy in Ohio Conference [Norman Stevens]

On 5 February, the Wright Center for Photovoltaics Innovation and Commercialization is holding a conference in Toledo entitled "Empowering Solar Energy in Ohio". John Lushetsky, Program Manager for the DOE Solar Energy Technologies Program, is the keynote speaker.

Information at: <http://www.pvic.org/>

Wright Center for Photovoltaics Innovation and Commercialization:

<http://www.utoledo.edu/research/PVIC/index.html>

DOE Solar Energy Technologies Program: <http://www1.eere.energy.gov/solar/>

2-2-09 REenergized Conference & Expo

The early bird rate for the Renewable Energy World Conference & Expo North America, REenergized, 10-12 March in Las Vegas, Nevada, has been extended until 6 February.

Information at: <http://rewna09.events.pennnet.com/fl/content.cfm?NavId=7857&Language=Engl> or

<http://tinyurl.com/6xmvq2>

2-2-09 Outlook for Renewable Energy Markets, Seminar and Teleconference

The Seminar and Teleconference, "2009 Outlook for Renewable Energy Markets: Implications for development, finance, infrastructure and law", is set for 18 February.

<http://www.renewableenergyinfo.org/>

2-2-09 Cleantech Forum

Cleantech Forum(R) XXII is set for Copenhagen, Denmark on 28-30 April. Information at:

<http://cleantech.com/cleantechforum/copenhagen09/>

2-2-09 The Green Power Network Financial Opportunities

A number of new financial opportunities have been posted at The Green Power Network Web site at:

<http://apps3.eere.energy.gov/greenpower/financial/>

2-2-09 More on California ISO Symposium

The California Independent System Operator Corporation hosted an international symposium to learn more about how to reduce barriers for solar power projects hoping to compete in the ISO markets. More on this Symposium at: <http://tinyurl.com/de5s35>
California ISO: <http://www.caiso.com/>

2-2-09 Renewable Energy Entrepreneurs

Sramana Mitra describes the characteristics of a successful entrepreneur in RenewableEnergyWorld's podcast, with Steve Kropper on Wind Pole Ventures talking about the importance of flexibility and creativity, and Nancy Hartsoch giving an update on SolFocus.
Podcast at: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/podcast?id=54608>
SolFocus: <http://www.solfocus.com/en/index.php>

2-2-09 Solar Education

In response to a projected increase in demand for solar-industry-related labor, solar school Boots on the Roof has launched its Solar Education division.

Stories at: http://www.solarindustrymag.com/e107_plugins/content/content_it.php?content.2475 or <http://tinyurl.com/ajb8kx>
<http://tinyurl.com/bw9vhw>
Boots on the Roof: <http://www.bootsontheroof.com/>

2-2-09 Solar Energy Application for Industrial Nanotech, Inc. Products

Industrial Nanotech, Inc. announced that the company's patented Nansulate(R) protective thermal insulation coatings are now incorporated into solar hot water heater and solar panel systems.
Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/au4aom>
Industrial Nanotech, Inc.: <http://www.nansulate.com/>
<http://www.industrial-nanotech.com/>

2-2-09 Solar Millennium Figures

See press on preliminary figures for the past fiscal year, and future plans, at the Solar Millennium Web site: <http://tinyurl.com/bzcrp7>

2-3-09 Sunovia Energy Technologies Plant in the Dominican Republic

Sunovia Energy Technologies, Inc. and the government of the Dominican Republic signed an accord for the installation of a solar energy plant in the Dominican Republic.
Press at: <http://www.stockhouse.com/News/USReleasesDetail.aspx?n=7198713>
<http://tinyurl.com/d6wcfm>
<http://tinyurl.com/dcgofk>
Sunovia Energy Technologies: <http://sunoviaenergy.com/>
<http://tinyurl.com/db9kgv>

2-3-09 aleo solar European Contract Volume

aleo solar AG announced that its European order book now totals more than 50 MW.
Press at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/af79cf> and http://www.presseportal.de/pm/56282/1345941/aleo_solar_ag
aleo solar: <http://www.aleo-solar.de/en/aleo-solar-download-the-sun.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/yv25yp>

2-3-09 3S Swiss Solar Systems Order

3S Swiss Solar Systems received a EUR 11.6 million order from a German customer to deliver a partial line for the automated production of solar modules. Press at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/bzf699>
3S Swiss Solar Systems: <http://www.3-s.ch/en/solar-systems/>

2-3-09 Spray-on Solar

Finland's BraggOne Oy and Spark Solar Australia have started a three-year project to develop spray-on solar films. The Australian National University is working with the two groups.

Press at Cleantech(R): <http://www.cleantech.com/news/4120/aussie-researchers-develop-spray-so> or <http://tinyurl.com/ash3xa>

BraggOne Oy: <http://tinyurl.com/azdjpf>

Spark Solar Australia: <http://www.spark solar.com.au/>

The Australian National University: <http://www.anu.edu.au/index.php>

2-3-09 PV Roof for Michelin Plant, Italy

More than 147,000 sq.m of solar panels will be installed on the roof of Michelin's plant in Cuneo, Italy.

The plant will be developed and operated by Frey Nouvelles Energies and is scheduled to be operational in early 2010. Press at Michelin: <http://tinyurl.com/c7oggp>

2-3-09 More on Akeena Solar – Enphase Energy Deal

Enphase Energy will supply its technology to Akeena Solar Inc. under an agreement that could be worth up to \$20 million. Akeena will buy Enphase Energy microinverters to be used in Akeena's new Andalay AC solar power system. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cuskfr>

PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/avu3z8>

Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/news/NewsNAPT188.htm>

Akeena Solar: <http://www.akeena.net/cm/Home.html>

Enphase Energy: <http://www.enphaseenergy.com/>

2-3-09 SEPA White Paper [Josephine Mooney]

The Solar Electric Power Association announced the release of the white paper, "Decoupling Utility Profits from Sales: Issues for the Photovoltaic Industry".

Press and report at SEPA (scroll down): <http://www.solarelectricpower.org/>

2-3-09 Yingli CTO

Yingli Green Energy Holding Company Limited announced the appointment of Dr. Dengyuan Song to the position of Chief Technology Officer. Press at: <http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/090203/cntu029.html?.v=35>

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

2-3-09 Energy Conversion Devices Dr. Guha Honored

Energy Conversion Devices, Inc. announced that Dr. Subhendu Guha, Senior Vice President of ECD and Chairman of United Solar Ovonic, has been named the winner of the PVSEC Award for R&D on Solar Photovoltaics. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/ao4f5a>

ECD: <http://investor.shareholder.com/ovonics/releasedetail.cfm?ReleaseID=363289> or <http://tinyurl.com/d58o4e>

http://www.ovonic.com/oc_e cd_ovonics_people.cfm

2-3-09 Interview with QuantaSol Ltd. Product Engineering Director

CPV Today interviewed Dr. Tom Tibbits, product engineering director, QuantaSol Ltd., on the company's concentrating solar cells in the article at: <http://tinyurl.com/dgw3pb>

CPV Today: <http://social.cpvtoday.com/node>

2-3-09 Interview with SENER Industrial Engineer

See the interview with Soledad Garrido, SENER's industrial engineer, with coverage of SENER's two-axis tracker for CSP and CPV technologies, at CSP Today: <http://tinyurl.com/cmmtvg>

SENER: <http://www.sener.es/SENER/index.aspx?&lang=en>

CSP Today: <http://social.csptoday.com/node>

2-3-09 Solar Energy Initiatives Management and Board

Solar Energy Initiatives announced that it has reorganized the company's management team. The Board has appointed David W. Fann as its new CEO, and promoted Gregory N. Bakeman to President. More in the story at: <http://tinyurl.com/af6wy4>

Solar Energy Initiatives: <http://www.solarenergy.com/>

2-3-09 BP Solar Capacity

See coverage of BP Solar capacity in the article at

PV Tech: http://www.pv-tech.org/news/a/bp_solar_capacity_falls/

BP fourth quarter and full-year 2008 results:

<http://www.bp.com/sectiongenericarticle.do?categoryId=9020241&contentId=7037108> or

<http://tinyurl.com/d3b9ww>

<http://www.bp.com/productlanding.do?categoryId=120&contentId=7047744> or <http://tinyurl.com/dhmwoo>

2-3-09 Solar Decathlon

The Solar Decathlon is set for October 9-13 and 15-18, 2009 on the National Mall in Washington, DC.

See more about Solar Decathlon and teams at: <http://www.solardecathlon.org/>

<http://www.solardecathlon.org/teams.html>

2-3-09 Duke Energy Carolinas Solar Rooftop Program

The North Carolina Utilities Commission will hold a hearing on 16 March on Duke Energy Carolinas' request that the commission reconsider cost-recovery conditions on Duke's planned \$50 million rooftop solar program. Press at: <http://www.bizjournals.com/triangle/stories/2009/02/02/daily23.html> or

<http://tinyurl.com/bsltxb>

2-3-09 Research Center Expansion, China

Nanchang plans to expand the research center built jointly by LDK Solar and Nanchang University in 2006 into a nationwide silicon material and solar cell project research center.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cb7f6h>

2-3-09 Renewables Investment in South Korea

The South Korean government plans to spend \$72.2 million to spur renewable energy production. Press

at Cleantech(R): <http://cleantech.com/news/4113/s-korea-plans-72m-renewable-energy> or

<http://tinyurl.com/dey242>

2-3-09 Solar Market in India

Research and Markets announced the addition of GlobalData's report "Is India's Solar Mission Achievable – The Market Perspective" to its offering.

Press at: <http://biz.yahoo.com/bw/090203/20090203005880.html?.v=1>

Research and Markets: http://www.researchandmarkets.com/research/0a3ac2/is_indias_solar_m or

<http://tinyurl.com/aws4z8>

2-3-09 Solar Initiatives in San Francisco

San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom asked the private banking sector to fund a low-interest loan program intended to boost residential and commercial solar-panel installations.

Press at: <http://www.sfexaminer.com/local/38841742.html> and

<http://tinyurl.com/aofs9e>

Mayor's press: http://www.sfgov.org/site/mayor_index.asp?id=97892

2-3-09 PV Manufacturing

See the story "Europe dominates PV manufacturing" with coverage of a VLSI Research

study at: <http://tinyurl.com/co6rs3>

2-3-09 Utility-scale Solar Power Project Guide

Research Reports International is offering the "Utility-Scale Solar Power Projects Quick Reference Guide", an Excel spreadsheet with details on 70 large solar power projects.

Information at: http://www.researchreportsintl.com/products/product.cfm?report_ID=169 or <http://tinyurl.com/dck3e6>

2-3-09 VC Investments in Clean Tech

Venture capital investments in clean tech reached record levels in 2008 according to analysis by Ernst & Young LLP. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/c8we8q>

2-3-09 Ausra Business Plan

See the article "Ausra reiterates confidence in business plan" at

EnergyCurrent: <http://www.energycurrent.com/index.php?id=3&storyid=15707>

See also coverage of an Ausra study on solar power in the U.S. and Spain at: <http://tinyurl.com/cne6zr>

Ausra: <http://www.ausra.com/>

2-3-09 EnerWorks 640-collector Solar Thermal Heating and Cooling System, North Carolina

Vanir Energy, LLC owns and operates a solar thermal heating and cooling system with 640 EnerWorks collectors rack mounted on the roof of the Fletcher Business Park in North Carolina. Story at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/partner/story?cid=5364&id=54651> or <http://tinyurl.com/cavt5d>

EnerWorks: <http://www.enerworks.com/>

Vanir Energy: <http://www.appalachianenergy.com/>

2-3-09 Solar Hot Water in Australia

See "Solar hot water wins more cash", with coverage of government incentives in Australia at: <http://tinyurl.com/daptz5>

2-4-09 Sontor Thin-film Ramp Up, Germany

The ramp-up of Sontor's first production facility for micromorph silicon thin-film modules in Solar Valley Thalheim is proceeding on schedule. Sontor GmbH is a wholly owned subsidiary of Q-Cells SE. Last year the company produced and sold 3.6 MWp of modules, and plans for 2009 are to further improve the utilization of the 24-MWp production capacity.

Stories at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUMA280.htm>

PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/ddu69t>

Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/bdagg2>

Sontor: <http://www.sontor.com/en/index.html>

2-4-09 GT Solar Results

GT Solar reported results for its fiscal year 2009 third quarter, ended 27 December.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNACO884.htm>

GT Solar: <http://www.gtsolar.com/>

<http://www.gtsolar.com/news/>

2-4-09 Timminco Equity Financing

AMG Advanced Metallurgical Group N.V.'s 50.7% owned subsidiary, Timminco Limited, completed its equity offering of 7.04 million common shares for aggregate gross proceeds of C\$25 million. Story at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNACO883.htm>

Timminco: <http://www.timminco.com/>

2-4-09 QS Solar Suzhou Subsidiary Solar Cell Plant

According to this press, QS Solar's Suzhou subsidiary plans to construct a 32-line solar cell project with total capacity of 1GW. The first stage is expected to contain 16 production lines and begin construction in 2009, with ground breaking for the second stage in 2011.

Story at: http://globalsolartechnology.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2362&Itemid=9
or <http://tinyurl.com/ae68p5>

QS Solar: <http://www.qspv.net/>

2-4-09 Clear Skies Solar Farm, California

Clear Skies Solar, Inc. has initiated project engineering on an \$11 million, 3.2-MW thin-film solar farm in Cantil, California. Clear Skies Solar is currently entertaining offers from several panel manufacturers to partner on the project. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cgah94>

Clear Skies Solar: <http://www.clearskiesgroup.com/>

2-4-09 Conectiv Energy 4-MW PV Project

Conectiv Energy intends to enter an agreement with the Vineland Municipal Electric Utility and the Landis Sewerage Authority to create a public/private partnership focused on developing a green energy project in the state of New Jersey. The initial project is a design-build 4-MW PV generating facility. Stories at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1395.htm> and

<http://tinyurl.com/crnpol>

Conectiv Energy: <http://www.conectiv.com/>

2-4-09 Borrego Solar Funding

Borrego Solar Systems Inc. announced it secured \$14 million in venture financing to support a major geographic expansion and its next phase of corporate growth. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/dza3ox>

Borrego Solar: <http://www.borregosolar.com/>

2-4-09 Inauguration of PV System for The Athenian School, California

The Athenian School will flip the switch on a new 220-kW PV system designed and installed by REC Solar, with 1,300 modules from Mitsubishi Electric and financing arranged by Tioga Energy, at its Danville campus on 11 February. Tioga Energy will operate the solar power system under a SurePath(TM) Solar Power Purchase Agreement. Story at: <http://www.centredaily.com/news/education/story/1099512.html>

REC Solar: <http://www.recsolar.com/cm/Home.html>

Tioga Energy: <http://www.tiogaenergy.com/>

Mitsubishi Electric: <http://www.mitsubishielectricsolar.com/>

2-4-09 Simon Property Group PPA with Element Markets

Simon Property Group, Inc. completed a 173-kW PV system on the roof of The Shops at Mission Viejo in Mission Viejo, California. Simon entered into a power purchase agreement with Element Markets, a Houston-based developer of clean energy. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/avl6bl>

Element Markets: <http://www.elementmarkets.com/>

Simon Property Group: <http://tinyurl.com/cc3snm>

2-4-09 AU Optronics Thin-film Investment

AU Optronics (AUO) has set aside an initial budget of US\$150 million for its new project to develop third-generation thin-film PV modules with energy conversion rates of at least 10%.

Press at DigiTimes: <http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20090204PD200.html>

AUO: <http://auo.com/auoDEV/?ls=en>

2-4-09 RedShift Energy Acquisition of Superior Solar LLC

RedShift Energy LLC, a subsidiary of Redshift Capital LLC, announced the acquisition of Superior Solar Systems LLC. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/b98rrz>

Redshift Capital LLC: <http://www.redshift.us.com/>

Superior Solar: <http://www.superiorsolar.com/about.html>

2-4-09 Newport Corporation Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2008 Results, Outlook

Newport Corporation reported financial results for its fourth quarter and fiscal year ended 3 January, and its outlook for the first quarter of 2009. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/b4e92s>
<http://tinyurl.com/dnzjbg>

Newport Corporation: <http://investor.newport.com/phoenix.zhtml?c=70217&p=irol-IRHome>
<http://www.newport.com/default.aspx?sec=130&lang=1033>

2-4-09 CPV Today Articles

Several new articles are posted at CPV Today, with coverage of a concentrator cell welding system, cell protection for CPV technology, and Cyrium's acknowledgement of the Canadian Photonics Fabrication Center role in its progress. CPV Today: <http://social.cpvtoday.com/node>

2-4-09 Concentrated Photovoltaics Summit [Belen Gallego]

The 2nd Concentrated Photovoltaics Summit will take place in Toledo, Spain on 28-29 April, followed by a visit to the test center ISFOC in Puertollano on 30 April. Antonio Luque will deliver the keynote speech. More information at: <http://www.cpvtoday.com/eu09/>

2-4-09 PV EXPO 2009, Japan

The 2nd International Photovoltaic Power Generation Expo, PV EXPO 2009, is set for 25-27 February in Tokyo, Japan. Information at: http://www.pvexpo.jp/2009_eng/index.phtml
See also press on Taiwan External Trade Development Council activities at: <http://biz.yahoo.com/bw/090204/20090204005432.html?.v=1>

2-4-09 IREC Telephone Seminar [Jane Pulaski]

The next IREC Telephone Seminar on "Recession and the Solar Market" is set for 26 February. Information and registration at: <http://recession.eventbrite.com/>
IREC: <http://www.irecusa.org/>

2-4-09 Gulf Solar Conference [Matthew Probyn]

"Gulf Solar, Commercialising solar power projects across the Middle East" is set for 5-7 May in Dubai, UAE. Information at: <http://tinyurl.com/atwl44>

2-4-09 German PV Market Workshop

The "German PV Market Interactive Executive Workshop Q1/09", an EuPD Research and Solarpraxis event, is set for 10 February in Frankfurt, Germany. Information at: http://www.eupd-research.com/Workshop_Q1_09/
See also EuPD Research studies at: <http://www.eupd-research.com/en/studien/#eu>

2-4-09 Solar Articles at Printed Electronics World [Teresa Henry]

Several new articles are posted at Printed Electrics World related to solar at: <http://www.printedelectronicsworld.com/> [registration required]

2-4-09 Green Jobs

Greentech Media reports on green jobs in the article "Who's Offering Good Green Jobs?", with reference and access to a report commissioned by labor unions, the Sierra Club, and Change to Win, at: <http://tinyurl.com/d6pf36>
Greentech Media: <http://www.greentechmedia.com/>
<http://www.greentechmedia.com/categories/category-solar.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/2g99ns>

2-4-09 More on Aora Hybrid Station

EZKlein Partners announced the closing of a US\$5 million Series A funding round for Aora, an Israel-based developer of applied ultra-high temperature solar power. Press at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.RenewableEnergyWorld.com/rea/news/story?id=54660&src=rss> or <http://tinyurl.com/czql8f>

2-4-09 Solar Thermal Power in Spain, Report

Research and Markets announced the addition of GlobalData's report, "Feed-In Tariff Propels Solar Thermal Power in Spain" to its offering. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/djmmms>
Research and Markets: http://www.researchandmarkets.com/research/308908/feedin_tariff_pro or <http://tinyurl.com/ar4euf>

2-5-09 REC Solar PV Systems for Autoplex, Hawaii

REC Solar recently installed three PV systems totaling 290-kWp on the roof of Tony Group Autoplex in Waipi'o in Hawaii. Story and photo at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1399.htm>
REC Solar: <http://www.recsolar.com/cm/Home.html>

2-5-09 HelioVolt Management Changes

HelioVolt Corporation announced that board member Ron Bernal has been appointed as interim chief executive officer and Sanjeev Kumar has joined the company as CFO. Founder B.J. Stanbery will serve as chief strategy officer and chairman of the board. The board will conduct an international search for a permanent CEO. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/d9zm7f>
<http://tinyurl.com/actqy6>
<http://tinyurl.com/c6mvpk>
<http://tinyurl.com/c445de>
<http://www.bizjournals.com/austin/stories/2009/02/02/daily32.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/daj7u5>
HelioVolt: <http://www.heliovolta.net/>
http://www.heliovolta.net//index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=18&Itemid=84 or <http://tinyurl.com/c57qld>

2-5-09 ARISE Technologies Financial Results, CEO and President

ARISE Technologies Corporation commented on its 2008 financial results and the outlook for 2009 in its press at: <http://www.arisetech.com/content/view/268/182/>
ARISE announced that its Board of Directors appointed Board Chairman Vern Heinrichs as interim CEO and President in its press at: <http://www.arisetech.com/content/view/254/182/>

2-5-09 systaic AG Target

German solar company systaic AG has raised its 2009 target.
Story at: <http://uk.reuters.com/article/motoringAutoNews/idUKL455564820090204> or <http://tinyurl.com/ahr3vc>
systaic: <http://www.systaic.com/>

2-5-09 Sino-American Silicon Products Revenues

Sino-American Silicon Products reported estimated revenues for January 2009.
Press at DigiTimes: <http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20090205PD200.html>
SAS: http://www.saswafer.com/index/index_en.aspx

2-5-09 Surflect Technologies Milestones

Surflect Technologies, Inc. announced a number of key milestones for the company including design and shipment of the first concentrator package for a European customer. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/awecpn>
Surflect Technologies: <http://www.surflect.com/>

2-5-09 Advanced Solar Photonics Laser Edge Glass

Advanced Solar Photonics announced "Laser Edge" glass. Press at Advanced Solar Photonics: <http://advancedsolarphotonics.blogspot.com/2009/02/photovoltaic-breakthrough-discover.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/dg9do9>

2-5-09 Monogram Energy LOI to Acquire US Green Energy

Monogram Energy, Inc. signed a non-exclusive Letter of Intent to acquire US Green Energy Inc. of Irvine California. Press at: <http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/Monogram-Energy-Inc-946036.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/c27up8>

Monogram Energy, Inc.: <http://www.monogramenergy.com/>
US Green Energy, Inc.: <http://www.usgreenenergyinc.com/>

2-5-09 Solar-Fabrik French Business

Solar-Fabrik AG is strengthening its market position in France with the introduction of a new model range. Press at Solar-Fabrik Group: <http://tinyurl.com/dedezc>

2-5-09 More on 3M Renewable Energy Division

3M gave details on the new product lines that could come out of its just-launched renewable energy division. Story at Cleantech(R): <http://cleantech.com/news/4122/3m-chases-biofuels-solar-new-clean>
<http://www.renewablewire.com/industry-news/3m-forms-renewable-energy-division.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/dmqz32>

3M: <http://tinyurl.com/b6hyv2>

2-5-09 Solar, Renewables, in Texas

According to this press, at a news conference at Entech Solar's headquarters, Tom "Smitty" Smith of Public Citizen said with the economic-stimulus package pending and federal global-warming legislation down the pipe, Texas now more than ever needs to take the lead on renewable-energy projects.

Press at: <http://www.star-telegram.com/business/story/1180313.html>

Related press: <http://tinyurl.com/ang8an>

2-5-09 U.S. Department of Commerce Solar Energy Trade Mission to India

The U.S. Department of Commerce-U.S. Commercial Service is planning to lead a Solar Energy Trade Mission to India on 22-27 March. Details in the story at

RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/story?id=54680>

U.S. Department of Commerce India-Utility Scale Solar and PV Trade Mission:

<http://www.buyusa.gov/pacificsouth/indiatrademission.html>

2-5-09 Global PV Standards Roadmap Guidance Document

SEMI's PV Group has issued the "Global Photovoltaic Standards Roadmap Guidance Document", which identifies immediate opportunities for reducing cost and accelerating innovation in thin-film and crystalline silicon cell and module manufacturing through industry standards.

Press at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/bwmkql>

PV Group: <http://www.pvgroup.org/index.htm>

2-5-09 Webinar on PV Technology, Production and Cost, 2009 Forecast

Greentech Media and the Prometheus Institute announced a new report, "PV Technology, Production and Cost, 2009 Forecast: The Anatomy of a Shakeout". The authors will speak about the about the report and present exclusive content in a Webinar set for 17 February.

Information at: <http://www.greentechmedia.com/events/webinars/pvtechnology.html>

Report Web site: <http://tinyurl.com/d8pwqs>

2-5-09 Procurement Management of German PV Installers [Daniel Pohl]

EuPD Research has released a new study about procurement management of German PV installers titled "PV InstallerMonitor(C) 2008/2009".

Press at: <http://www.eupd-research.com/en/presse/pressemitteilungen/>

2-5-09 PV Fab Database [Faycal Khamassi]

Yole Developpement announced that "PV Fab Database – January 2009" is now available. The database includes more than 750 companies (69 fabs have been updated/added since the last edition).

Information at: <http://www.i-micronews.com/reports/PV-Fab-Database-2009/79/>

Yole Developpement: <http://www.yole.fr/>

2-5-09 Renewable Energy Project Finance

See the story "Renewable Energy Project Finance: Cause for Optimism Amidst Turmoil" at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/story?id=54650>
See also "Renewable Energy and Climate Change Front and Center in D.C." at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/story?id=54682>

2-5-09 IRENA, U.S. ITC, Perspective

See the story "Shifting solar sands as IRENA, U.S. ITC plans take shape" at PV Tech: http://www.pv-tech.org/news/a/shifting_solar_sands_as_irena_u.s._itc_plans_take_shape/ or <http://tinyurl.com/d6tzpp>
International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA): <http://www.irena.org/>

2-5-09 SEIA on Solar Policies in Economic Stimulus

SEIA issued a press release, "Solar Industry Calls on Congress to Pass Solar Policies in Economic Stimulus" at: http://seia.org/cs/news_detail?pressrelease.id=336

2-5-09 Shake Out in Renewable Industries

Angus McCrone, Chief Editor of New Energy Finance, looks at how the economic climate is impacting renewable energy industries in the RenewableEnergyWorld Podcast, "2009: The Year of the Shake-out; IEA Underestimates Renewables" at: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/podcast?id=54618>
New Energy Finance: <http://www.newenergymatters.com/?p=about&n=26>
<http://www.newenergymatters.com/?p=about&n=14>
<http://www.newenergymatters.com/?p=about&n=9>

2-5-09 Suntech at Investor Events

Suntech Power Holdings Co., Ltd. announced that management will participate in a number of upcoming investor conferences and industry events.
Press at: <http://biz.yahoo.com/pnews/090204/cnw016.html?v=62>
Suntech Power: <http://www.suntech-power.com/en/>

2-5-09 Clean Energy Investments Forum

Clean Energy Investments Forum 2009 is set for 20-21 April in Houston, Texas. Information at: <http://www.environmental-finance.com/conferences/2009/CEIF09/programme.htm>

2-5-09 Renewable Energy Deal Momentum

Strong M&A growth in the wind and solar power sectors is adding to renewable energy deal momentum, according to a new analysis of deal making in the industry published by PricewaterhouseCoopers.
Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cfrg59>
PWC: <http://tinyurl.com/dhe2rb>

2-5-09 European Solar Prizes 2009

EUROSOLAR announced the European Solar Prizes 2009 call for tenders until 31 July.
Press at: http://www.eurosolar.de/en/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=324&Itemid=98 or <http://tinyurl.com/bbdkxy>

2-5-09 CSP Today Articles

A number of new articles are posted at CSP Today, with coverage of tariffs in Israel, APS renewables, Ausra projects, and other news at: <http://social.csptoday.com/node>

2-6-09 Evergreen Solar Results

Evergreen Solar, Inc. announced financial results for the fourth quarter and fiscal year ended 31 December 2008. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNACO886.htm>
Evergreen Solar: <http://www.evergreensolar.com/app/en/investors/>
Related press at Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/aor67a>

2-6-09 HeliVolt Production

According to this article at Greentech Media, HeliVolt expects to start shipping its thin-film solar panels to customers later this year, while mass production will begin in 2010. Story at: <http://tinyurl.com/dalfg9>
HeliVolt: <http://www.heliovolta.net/>

2-6-09 1366 Technologies Solar America Initiative Funding

1366 Technologies said it will get up to \$3 million from the U.S. Department of Energy under the Solar America Initiative to further develop its Self-Aligned Cell technology, which allows cost-effective, scalable manufacturing of multi-crystalline solar cells. Story at Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/bcs8qv> and <http://tinyurl.com/afb6rf>

1366 Technologies: <http://www.1366tech.com/v1/>

Solar America Initiative: http://www1.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar_america/

2-6-09 juwi and SEGRO Long-term Cooperation

The juwi group and real estate developer SEGRO plc have agreed to integrate a PV station on a SEGRO building in Frankfurt, followed by many more solar power stations on SEGRO properties in Europe. Story at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUPR574.htm>

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

SEGRO: <http://www.segro.com/segro>

2-6-09 Gintech Energy Financial Report

Gintech Energy released its 2008 financial report. Press at DigiTimes: <http://tinyurl.com/cw7e5e>

Gintech: <http://www.gintechenergy.com/en/>

2-6-09 E-Ton Solar Tech Order

E-Ton Solar Tech announced it has obtained an order for 82 MWp of solar cells with shipments spanning 2009-2012. Press at DigiTimes: <http://tinyurl.com/ahdbv2>

E-Ton Solar Tech: <http://www.e-tonsolar.com/index.asp?le=english>

2-6-09 PV for San Jose Unified School District, California

San Jose Unified School District, Chevron Energy Solutions, and Bank of America announced the completion of a total of 5.5 MW of solar power projects at 14 district sites.

Press at: <http://sev.prnewswire.com/oil-energy/20090205/AQTH04205022009-1.html> or

<http://tinyurl.com/bewjy7>

Chevron Energy Solutions: <http://www.chevronenergy.com/>

2-6-09 Timex Group PV System, Connecticut

Timex Group USA held a dedication ceremony for its 800-panel PV system outside its Middlebury headquarters. Timex Group contracted Solar Works Inc., now Alteris Renewables, Inc., for the installation. Timex is also using a Web portal from Fat Spaniel Technologies for instant access to the performance data. Press at: <http://www.centredaily.com/business/technology/story/1102449.html>

Alteris Renewables: <http://www.alterisinc.com/index.php>

Fat Spaniel Technologies: <http://www.fatspaniel.com/>

2-6-09 SolarCraft PV System for Electric Company

SolarCraft completed the design and installation of an 83-kW solar electric system with 272 SunPower solar panels for Dahl-Beck Electric in Richmond, California.

Press at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/cxaizp>

SolarCraft: <http://www.solarcraft.com/>

2-6-09 Despatch Industries Installations

Despatch Industries said it has installed and started up two pilot-scale manufacturing units at the facilities of a U.S.-based PV manufacturer. Press at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/dm7w82>

Despatch Industries: <http://www.despatch.com/>

2-6-09 Trans-India and Solar Semiconductor Deal Called Off

According to this press, Trans-India Acquisition Corp and Solar Semiconductor called off a deal that was announced in October 2008 in which Trans-India agreed to acquire at least an 80% stake in Solar Semiconductor for \$375 million.

Press at: <http://in.reuters.com/article/indiaDeals/idINIndia-37807820090203>

2-6-09 Feed-in Tariff, Florida

Beginning March 1, those in Gainesville with new PV systems will be eligible to receive 32 cents per kWh over the next 20 years. Story at: <http://tinyurl.com/cc2ad3>

http://www.alligator.org/articles/2009/02/06/news/local/090206_gru.txt or <http://tinyurl.com/d4jrz3>

2-6-09 Empowering Solar Energy in Ohio

See coverage of the Wright Center for Photovoltaics Innovation and Commercialization conference, Empowering Solar Energy in

Ohio, at: <http://toledoblade.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090206/BUSINESS01/902060338> or <http://tinyurl.com/d5bew9>

<http://abclocal.go.com/wtvq/story?section=news/local&id=6643608>

PVIC: <http://www.pvic.org/>

2-6-09 Boost to PV Systems

Act Solar announced the limited availability of its new PowerString solar product, with patent-pending Injection Boost technology. Press at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/ccaw8a>

Act Solar: <http://www.actsolar.com/>

2-6-09 Xantrex Utility-scale Grid Tie Inverters in Italy

Xantrex Technology Inc., a subsidiary of Schneider Electric, announced the launch of the Xantrex GT500E and Xantrex GT 250E Three Phase Grid Tie Solar Inverters to the Italian market.

Press at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/ac47mt>

Xantrex: <http://www.xantrex.com/web/id/1024/solutions.asp>

2-6-09 MKS Instruments Sales in 2008

MKS Instruments has reported record sales to the solar manufacturing industry in 2008.

Press at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/dax8ps>

MKS Instruments: <http://www.mksinst.com/news/NewsHome.aspx>

2-6-09 U.S. DOE Loan Guarantees, Renewables Solicitation

See submission due dates for the U.S. DOE loan guarantees, "Renewables Solicitation" at: <http://www.lgprogram.energy.gov/>

2-6-09 Nanomaterials for Solar Cells

The nanomaterials for solar cells industry grew 47% in 2008 and is projected to grow another 44% in 2009 according to a report by The Information Network.

Press at: <http://www.merid.org/NDN/more.php?id=1697>

<http://www.azonano.com/news.asp?newsID=9749>

2-6-09 U.S. Economic Stimulus Plan

See the article, "Renewable Energy Stimulus Plan Update", at

RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/story?id=54686>

2-6-09 Polysilicon Spot Market Quotes

According to DigiTimes, major international suppliers of solar-grade polycrystalline silicon have further lowered their spot market quotes. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/aduvn9>

2-6-09 Solar Power in the Czech Republic 2009

Solar Power in the Czech Republic 2009 is set for 25 March in Prague.

Information at: http://www.bids.cz/en/konference/solar_power_in_the_czech_republic_2009/75 or <http://tinyurl.com/cj8tnp>

2-6-09 PV America Conference

PV America is set for 8-10 June in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Information at: <http://events.jspargo.com/seia09/public/enter.aspx>

2-6-09 Photovoltaics Summit 2009 and Concentrating Solar Thermal Power 2009 [Sheri Bonnell]

The Photovoltaics Summit 2009 is set for 1-3 June at the Hotel Kabuki in San Francisco, California, followed by Concentrating Solar Thermal Power 2009 on 4-5 June.

Information at: <http://www.photovoltaicssummit.com/>
<http://www.cstpower-conference.com/>

2-6-09 Cleantech Forum

Cleantech Forum(R) XXI will be held in San Francisco, California on 23-25 February.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/au48ck>

Forum Web Site: <http://cleantech.com/cleantechforum/sanfrancisco09/>

2-6-09 Solar Signs

Dimensional Innovations collaborated with Green Duck Energy Solutions, Inc. and Green Light Initiative to produce a new prototype solar sign solution. Story at: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/29018600/>

Dimensional Innovations: http://www.dimin.com/?page=capable_innovations

Green Duck Energy Solutions: <http://www.greenduckenergy.com/>

Green Light Initiative: <http://www.lednyc.com/>

2-6-09 CSP Today Newsletter [Sara Lloyd-Jones]

The CSP Today Newsletter is available at:

http://www.csptoday.com/newsletters/csptoday_newsletter_590_2009-02-04.html or

<http://tinyurl.com/aezuln>

CSP Today Newsletters: <http://social.csptoday.com/content/newsletters-0>

2-9-09 Tainergy Tech and Solarday New Solar Cell Agreement

Tainergy Tech has signed a second solar cell supply agreement with Solarday S.p.A.

Story at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/news/NewsASCO404.htm>

Tainergy Tech: <http://www.tainergy.com.tw/index.asp>

Solarday: http://www.solarday.it/index_ig.php

2-9-09 Spark Solar Australia Solar Cell Factory

Spark Solar Australia Pty Ltd has developed the first project to be awarded Major Project Facilitation status by the Rudd Labor Government, recognizing Spark's planned manufacturing operations as "of strategic significance to Australia". Spark plans to build a \$60 million high-tech solar cell factory with an initial capacity of 40 MW, which would grow to over 120 MW.

More at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsASMA225.htm>

Spark Solar Australia: <http://www.spark solar.com.au/>

2-9-09 ECD Results

Energy Conversion Devices, Inc. announced financial results for its second quarter of fiscal 2009 ended 31 December 2008. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/ajc7co>

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

2-9-09 juwi group Performance, Projection

juwi group published a report on its performance for 2009 and a projection for 2009.

Press at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/auwoyj>

juwi: <http://international.juwi.de/>

2-9-09 Sunways Fiscal Year End

Sunways commented on fiscal year end results.

Press at: http://www.sunways.de/en/investorrelations/am_overview.php?we_objectID=2313 or <http://tinyurl.com/bq6h9f>

2-9-09 Solar Power Partners Funding

According to this press, Solar Power Partners has raised \$32 million in new funding.

Press at: <http://www.pehub.com/30566/solar-power-partners-adds-32m/> or <http://tinyurl.com/c69aal>

See the story "Solar Power Partners Raising Up To \$150M For Project Fund" at the Solar Power Partners

Website: <http://www.solarpowerpartners.com/PDFs/CleanInsight.pdf>

Solar Power Partners: <http://www.solarpowerpartners.com/>

2-9-09 Sunselex 63-MW Solar Power Station, Germany

Sunselex has started construction of a 63-MW solar power station for the Juwi Solar GmbH in Turnow-Preilach near Cottbus, eastern Germany. Press at Sunselex: <http://tinyurl.com/bmnkv9>

Sunselex: <http://www.sunselex.de/>

<http://www.sunselex.de/en/aktuelles/presse/>

2-9-09 Spot Market Prices for Polysilicon Wafers

Spot market prices for solar-grade 6-inch polycrystalline silicon wafers have dropped, according to industry sources in Taiwan. Press at DigiTimes: <http://tinyurl.com/cnopyv>

2-9-09 centrotherm photovoltaics Webcast, Grid Parity Factory

See the press on centrotherm photovoltaics AG "Grid Parity Factory"

concept at: http://www.centrotherm-pv.de/ir/15.CorporateNews_05_02_2009.html or

<http://tinyurl.com/b8hl8j>

2-9-09 MEMC President and CEO

MEMC Electronic Materials, Inc. announced the appointment of Ahmad Chatila as President and CEO effective 2 March. Press at MEMC: <http://tinyurl.com/blbvhp>

2-9-09 GT Solar Vice President, Strategic Development

GT Solar International, Inc. announced that it has appointed David Gray, Ph.D., to the newly created position of vice president, strategic development.

Press at: <http://www.istockanalyst.com/article/viewiStockNews/articleid/3021504> or

<http://tinyurl.com/ddxplc>

GT Solar: <http://www.gtsolar.com/>

2-9-09 Automatic Solar Panel Cleaning Systems

Heliotex(TM) LLC announced the release of patent-pending automatic cleaning systems for business and home solar panels. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/aaqzq4>

Heliotex: <http://www.solarpanelcleaningsystems.com/>

2-9-09 SmartSpark Energy Systems Expansion to Texas

The CEO of micro-inverter company SmartSpark Energy Systems is moving the company headquarters from Champaign, Illinois to Austin, Texas, while maintaining the Illinois plant.

Press at: <http://www.bizjournals.com/austin/stories/2009/02/02/daily55.html>

SmartSpark Energy Systems: <http://www.smartsparkenergy.com/>

2-9-09 Central Vermont Public Service Grid-connected PV

Central Vermont Public Service has selected CV Solar and Wind, and ReKnew Energy Systems Inc. to build a 50-kW solar array near the CVPS Rutland District Service Center.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/b35rkz>

CV Solar & Wind: <http://www.cvsolar.com/>

ReKnew Energy Systems: <http://www.reknewenergy.com/>

2-9-09 Solar in the UK

See the story "'We Support Solar' campaign gains support in UK Parliament" at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/cbqbg8>
Press at New Energy Focus: <http://tinyurl.com/beygaw>
Solarcentury Press: <http://tinyurl.com/b3chjm>
Press from January 2009: <http://www.buildingtalk.com/news/sla/sla158.html>

2-9-09 New Jersey Renewable Energy Incentive Program

New Jersey launched its new Renewable Energy Incentive Program for 2009. Details at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/news/NewsNAGO377.htm> and <http://www.energycurrent.com/index.php?id=2&storyid=15798>
New Jersey's Clean Energy Program(TM): <http://www.njcleanenergy.com/>
<http://www.njcleanenergy.com/renewable-energy/home/home>

2-9-09 Massachusetts Commonwealth Solar Program

See the story "Massachusetts Commonwealth Solar Program Hits One-Year Mark" at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/bv5dxo>
Other press: <http://www.milforddailynews.com/news/x1552438573/Solar-program-puts-savings-in-spotlight> or <http://tinyurl.com/ccebqj>

2-9-09 CPV Role in California

CPV Today interviews Community Environmental Council's Tam Hunt regarding the role of CPV in California at: <http://tinyurl.com/cyf3ab>
Community Environmental Council:
http://www.communityenvironmentalcouncil.org/People/aboutus/staff_99.cfm or <http://tinyurl.com/cbq3wx>

2-9-09 U.S. DOE, State Energy Program, Conservation Update

The January-February 2009 issue of Conservation Update, with a feature story on "The Role of State Policy in Renewable Energy Development" is on line at: http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/state_energy_program/update/

2-9-09 altPOWER Honors

altPOWER President and CEO, Anthony Pereira received the Transformational Energy Action Management Special Achievement Award for Technology Demonstration for altPOWER's installation of a 205-kW solar power system on the roof of the DOE's Washington, DC headquarters last summer. Press at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/cts87w>
altPOWER: <http://www.altpower.com/home.php>
http://altpower.com/pdf/home_recentnews.pdf

2-9-09 Konarka Technologies at Washington, D.C. Event

Konarka Technologies, Inc. announced that Howard Berke, executive chairman and co-founder of Konarka, is an invited speaker at the Metropolitan Policy Program and Blueprint for American Prosperity Event hosted by The Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C.
Press at: <http://biz.yahoo.com/bw/090204/20090204005133.html?.v=1>
Konarka: <http://www.konarka.com/>
Brookings: http://www.brookings.edu/events/2009/0209_energy_innovation.aspx or <http://tinyurl.com/aehof4>

2-9-09 Solar Companies at Investor Events

Several solar companies have announced participation in upcoming investor conferences, such as the Piper Jaffray Fourth Annual Clean Technology and Renewables Conference on 19 February, and the Kaufman Brothers Green Investor Conference on 18 February.

For example:

<http://biz.yahoo.com/bw/090209/20090209005066.html?.v=1>

<http://tinyurl.com/asl4j2>

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/29036767/>

<http://tinyurl.com/dnftnd>

2-9-09 RETECH 2009, Renewable Energy Technology Conference & Exhibition

The speakers list for RETECH 2009, 25-27 February in Las Vegas, Nevada, and other conference information, is available at: <http://www.retech2009.com/>

2-9-09 Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority Solar RFP

The Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority has issued an RFP on behalf of Montgomery County, Maryland, for the development of solar energy on the roofs of publicly owned buildings used for solid waste processing, recycling, and composting.

Story at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/news/NewsNAPR1402.htm>

RFP: <http://www.nmwda.org/contact/procurement.asp>

2-9-09 Solar Industry Perspective

See "Solar 2.0: After the Bubble" at Red Herring: <http://www.redherring.com/home/25805>

2-9-09 Proposed Renewable Energy 401(k) Tax Credit

According to the Renewable Energy Task Force of the South Denver Chamber of Commerce, the Renewable Energy 401(k) Tax Credit will be a high yield federal investment. More in the story at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/aat8rx>

Renewable Energy Task Force: <http://www.retaskforce.biz/>

2-9-09 CSP Today Articles

See new postings at CSP Today with coverage of an interview with Gianluca Gigliucci, head of renewable energy research, Enel; testing of a new solar panel; technology marketing; a new testing and certification facility; and other news at: <http://social.csptoday.com/node>

2-10-09 Clear Skies Solar 2.1-MW Solar Farm, California

Clear Skies Solar, Inc. has signed an MOU with Badger Creek Development LLC of Beverly Hills, California for the design and construction of a 2.1-MW solar farm to be located in Badger, California. The project will be structured as a utility PPA. Clear Skies will work with Frontier Renewables LLC for the engineering, procurement and construction of the project.

Press at: <http://biz.yahoo.com/bw/090210/20090210005360.html?.v=1>

Clear Skies Solar: <http://www.clearskiesgroup.com/>

2-10-09 Scheuten Solar 2-MW PV Plant, Belgium

Scheuten Solar and GreenFever have signed a contract for delivery, operations and maintenance of a 2-MW PV plant in Veurne. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUPR577.htm>

Scheuten Solar: <http://www.scheutensolar.com/>

GreenFever: <http://www.greenfever.be/>

2-10-09 Montna Farms PV System, California

Montna Farms, SolarCity Corporation, and MMA Renewable Ventures announced the completion of a 394-kW solar power system installed at Montna's farm in Yuba City. MMA Renewable Ventures, which owns and operates the solar power system, worked with Montna Farms, Siemens Building Technologies, and SolarCity to develop the project.

Story and photo at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1403.htm>

SolarCity: <http://www.solarcity.com/>

MMA Renewable Ventures: <http://mmarenew.com/>

Siemens Building Technologies: <http://www.buildingtechnologies.siemens.com/>

2-10-09 SolFocus Funding

According to this press, SolFocus has raised an additional \$19.28 million, bringing the total Series C round to \$66.78 million. Press at

Greentech Media: <http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/solfocus-adds-1928m-to-series-c-5682.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/ao3wrk>

SolFocus: <http://www.solfocus.com/en/index.php>

2-10-09 Yingli Results

Yingli Green Energy Holding Company Limited announced its unaudited consolidated financial results for the fourth quarter and full year ended 31 December. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/c2qtb4>

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

2-10-09 EMCORE Results

EMCORE Corporation announced preliminary unaudited financial results for its first fiscal quarter ended 31 December. Press at: <http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/090209/ny68814.html?v=1>

EMCORE: <http://www.emcore.com/>

2-10-09 Amtech Systems Results

Amtech Systems, Inc. reported financial results for its fiscal 2009 first quarter ended 31 December.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/c6zyc3>

Amtech Systems, Inc.: <http://www.amtechsystems.com/>

2-10-09 Veeco Instruments Results

Veeco Instruments Inc. announced its financial results for the fourth quarter and full year ended 31 December. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cmp7a8>

Veeco: <http://www.veeco.com/>

2-10-09 PSE&G Solar Plans, New Jersey

Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) has asked the New Jersey regulators to approve a \$773-million proposal to bring 120 MW of solar power directly to communities and customers throughout its service territory.

Press at PSE&G: http://www.pseg.com/media_center/pressreleases/articles/2009/2009-02-10.jsp or <http://tinyurl.com/dxaleq> and

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/02/10/nyregion/10solar.html?ref=nyregion> or <http://tinyurl.com/bqbn94>

<http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2009/02/10/ap6031577.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/cunxtm>

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/marketsNewsUS/idUKN1026240320090210> or <http://tinyurl.com/dg5jyu>

2-10-09 U.S. Utility-scale Solar Picture

See the story "The US Utility-scale Solar Picture" at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/cshtty>

2-10-09 Solar Research, Institute in Tennessee

Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen said in his annual State of the State address that a partnership with the University of Tennessee and Oak Ridge National Laboratory could help the state become a national leader in solar research. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/av3qxo> and

<http://tinyurl.com/ahyc75>

Governor Bredesen Website: <http://tinyurl.com/c257n3>

2-10-09 Los Angeles Unified School District "We Build Green" Program

The Los Angeles Unified School District has launched a \$350-million program with a goal of putting 50 MW of solar panels on schools and other district buildings. More on the "We Build Green" program in the story at: http://www.latimes.com/news/education/la-me-green10-2009feb10_0_2904272.story or <http://tinyurl.com/djgetp>

LAUSD "We Build Green" Press: http://www.laschools.org/news/item?item_id=32398506

2-10-09 Sanyo Factory

According to this press, Sanyo Electric Co. said it plans to build a new solar cell plant in Osaka prefecture in western Japan, with operations scheduled to start by the end of 2010.

Press through Solarbuzz <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsPage.asp> at: <http://tinyurl.com/aozezw>

2-10-09 REC ASA Moses Lake Plant Update

REC ASA updated the Moses Lake "Plant III" start-up schedule in its press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cgachh>

2-10-09 Moser Baer Thin-Film Module Production Line Certification

Moser Baer's 40-MW thin-film module production line has been granted certification by the IEC. Press at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/dcwtbj>

Moser Baer: <http://www.moserbaer.com/>

2-10-09 PV Thin-film Testing, Thin-film Competence Center, Japan

The TUV Rheinland Asian Group with headquarters in Japan announced new testing services for the IEC 61646 Thin Film terrestrial PV modules, plus design qualification and type approval.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cleyr9>

TUV Rheinland: <http://www.tuv.com/jp/en/pv.html>

2-10-09 BioSolar Product Testing

BioSolar, Inc. reports that results of testing on BioBacksheet(TM) samples from the first pre-production runs have been consistent and satisfactory.

Press at: <http://www.centredaily.com/business/technology/story/1107358.html> and

<http://tinyurl.com/akogdy>

BioSolar: <http://www.biosolar.com/>

2-10-09 Solar Energy, Inc. and K Power, Inc. Strategic Alliance

Solar Energy, Inc. and K Power, Inc. have entered into a strategic alliance whereby Solar Energy, Inc. will be the preferred supplier of solar electric and solar thermal equipment to commercial and solar farm projects constructed by K Power. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cye7vj>

Solar Energy.com: <http://www.solarenergy.com/>

K Power: <http://www.kpowersolarthermal.com/>

2-10-09 Internet-based Monitoring Solution

ICP Solar Technologies Inc. announced that the company has developed an internet-based monitoring solution to communicate with OutBack Power Systems' power electronics products.

Press at: <http://www.centredaily.com/business/technology/story/1110155.html>

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

OutBack Power Systems: <http://www.outbackpower.com/>

2-10-09 Solar or Green Cities, India

Under a new government scheme, 60 cities in India would be developed as Solar or Green Cities during the 11th Plan period. Press through

Cleantech(R) <http://cleantech.com/news/4138/india-targets-60-solar-cities-catch> at:

<http://www.indopia.in/India-usa-uk-news/latest-news/495277/National/1/20/1> or <http://tinyurl.com/c85gfs>

2-10-09 U.S. Western Renewable Energy Zones, Public Comment

The Western Renewable Energy Zones Initiative urges all interested parties to comment on areas that have been identified through the WREZ process as having high quality and developable renewable resources. Several draft documents and a map are available for review and comment.

See the Website at: <http://www.westgov.org/wga/press/wrez2-2-09.htm>

Western Governors' Association: <http://www.westgov.org/>

2-10-09 PV Group Fab Managers Forum Hosted by Cell Makers [Eddy Blokken]

The 3rd PV Group Photovoltaic Fab Managers Forum (PV FMF) will focus on Supply Chain Management and take place at the Maritim Conference Centre on 8-9 March in Dresden, Germany. The event is designed for executives and business leaders from the PV industry; fab managers; lead engineers from wafer, cell, bulk silicon and thin film module manufacturers; plus executives, strategists, product managers and technical experts from suppliers to these industries.

More information at: <http://www.semi.org/en/P040664>

PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/dl9g7z>

PV Group: <http://www.pvgroup.org/index.htm>

<http://www.pvgroup.org/Events/index.htm>

2-10-09 The CPV Challenge, Report [Carlos Marquez]

CPV Today and the University of Jaen have completed a new CPV report entitled "The CPV Challenge (Part I): Achieving Grid Parity", which explores the technological challenges that CPV companies need to overcome to achieve commercial success. Information at: <http://www.cpvtoday.com/eu09/reports2.shtml>
http://www.cpvtoday.com/eu09/reports_form.shtml

2-10-09 Solar Market Perspective

See the story "2009 – The Market, Solar Stocks and Volatility" by J. Peter Lynch, Financial Consultant, at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/b9ggck>
<http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/author?id=5>

2-10-09 The Global PV Market Report

A new report from NextGen Research, "The Global Photovoltaic Market: Sunny Prospects for Energy Independence Through Solar Power" analyzes recent trends and maps out the future direction of the PV market. Press at: <http://biz.yahoo.com/bw/090210/20090210005997.html?.v=1>

NextGen Research: <http://www.nextgenresearch.com/research/1001996-Photovoltaics>

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

2-10-09 PV Fab Database Directory

Research and Markets announced the addition of the directory "PhotoVoltaic Fab Database 2009" to its offering. Press at: <http://biz.yahoo.com/bw/090209/20090209005524.html?.v=1>

Research and Markets: http://www.researchandmarkets.com/research/dc3316/photovoltaic_fab_d or
<http://tinyurl.com/bxpdr8>

2-10-09 Flexible Solar Cells Report

Research and Markets announced the addition of the report "Flexible Solar Cells" to its offering.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/by457o>

Research and Markets: http://www.researchandmarkets.com/research/cb534e/flexible_solar_cel or
<http://tinyurl.com/agav98>

2-10-09 Big Solar

See the article "Big Solar Heats Up", including a photo gallery, at Forbes: <http://tinyurl.com/bmu7vf>

2-10-09 U.S. Economic Stimulus Bill

The Senate passed its version of an economic stimulus bill, which sets up a conference with the House to resolve differences between the two versions. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/da5gbt>

2-11-09 China Solar Power IPO Plans

China Solar Power (Holdings) Ltd. plans a listing next year to raise cash for expansion.
Press at Reuters: <http://uk.reuters.com/article/oilRpt/idUKHKG30921420090211>

2-11-09 Suntech Power Opening of NYSE from China

Executives of Suntech Power Holdings Ltd. opened the NYSE market from Wuxi, China to celebrate the recent completion of the company's new 1-MW solar façade at its headquarters.

Story at: <http://tinyurl.com/cncvw6>

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

<http://phx.corporate-ir.net/phoenix.zhtml?c=192654&p=irol-news>

2-11-09 European Commission Funding for German Solar Projects

The European Commission backed nearly 100 million euros in aid to two solar power projects in Germany. Nearly 40 million euros of aid was approved for ersol Thin Film GmbH for the production of thin-film solar modules in Erfurt. A second regional aid injection worth 56 million euros was approved for Sunfilm, also for the production of thin-film solar modules, in Saxony.

Press at Reuters: <http://uk.reuters.com/article/oilRpt/idUKLB31054520090211> and

<http://tinyurl.com/c35qmg>

<http://tinyurl.com/age4tb>

ersol Thin Film GmbH: <http://tinyurl.com/c6bwrw>

Sunfilm: <http://www.sunfilm.com/>

2-11-09 Applied Materials Results, Developments

Applied Materials, Inc reported first fiscal quarter 2009 results. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/djabq5>

See coverage of developments at Applied Materials in the article at

Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/dk7ep5>

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

2-11-09 Berken Solar Production, New Mexico

Thin-film solar company, Berken Solar, has occupied a Roswell warehouse and plans to begin production within 3 months. Press at: http://www.kdbc.com/Global/story.asp?S=9819712&nav=menu608_2_3 or

<http://tinyurl.com/asdrjj>

Berken Solar: <http://berkensolar.com/>

2-11-09 Thin-film Promise

See the story "Silicon Substitute, Thin-film panels offer the hope of turning solar power into a more economical source of energy" at

The Wall Street Journal: <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB123378465974249285.html?mod>

2-11-09 Thin-film PV Module Prices

Taiwan-based thin-film PV module makers are being asked by clients to renegotiate contract prices to lower levels because prices for thin-film PV modules on the spot market have dropped to levels 20-30% lower than the contract prices.

Press at DigiTimes: <http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20090211PD200.html>

2-11-09 EDF Energies Nouvelles Financials 2008

At its meeting on 10 February, The Board of Directors of EDF Energies Nouvelles approved the Group's financial statements for the 2008 financial year.

Press at: http://www.edf-energies-nouvelles.com/english/index_gb.asp

2-11-09 Augustine Reservation 1.1-MW PV System, California

The Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians is holding a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening and operation of a 1.1-MW PV power plant in California. Press at:

<http://www.mydesert.com/article/20090211/NEWS07/902110330/1131/rss21> or <http://tinyurl.com/dcfd9m>

2-11-09 groSolar PV System for Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Vermont

Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc. will build a 100-kW PV array on top of the distribution center of its Green Mountain Coffee facility in Waterbury, Vermont. The solar array is the result of a partnership among the coffee company, the State of Vermont, Green Mountain Power, and groSolar.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/dh9zn4>

groSolar: <http://www.grosolar.com/>

Vermont Clean Energy Development Fund: <http://publicservice.vermont.gov/energy/energy-efficiency.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/bqjsam>

Green Mountain Power: <http://www.greenmountainpower.com/>

2-11-09 Premier Power on Solar 2009

Premier Power Renewable Energy Inc. discusses the future of Solar 2009 with Fox Business Network, with a link from the Premier Power Website.

Press at: <http://biz.yahoo.com/bw/090210/20090210006588.html?.v=1>

Premier Power: <http://www.premierpower.com/>

2-11-09 More on Sanyo Expansion

According to press, Sanyo Electric Co. plans to invest in a new solar cell plant in Kaizuka, Osaka Prefecture, to meet global demand. Press at: <http://search.japantimes.co.jp/rss/nb20090211a7.html>

Sanyo reported its consolidated results for the fiscal 2008

third quarter at: <http://www.sanyo.com/news/2009/02/05-1en.html>

2-11-09 SEPA on PSE&G Solar Program Investment

See the Solar Electric Power Association statement on PSE&G's \$773 million solar program investment, posted at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/co7ztg>

PSEG Press: http://www.pseg.com/media_center/pressreleases/articles/2009/2009-02-10.jsp or <http://tinyurl.com/dxaleq>

RenewableEnergyWorld PSE&G story: <http://tinyurl.com/cq83pa>

2-11-09 Feed-in Tariff, Canberra, Australia

The Minister for Energy, Simon Corbell, released details of Stage 1 of the ACT's Electricity Feed-in Tariff Scheme for households and commercial buildings, confirming the scheme will start on 1 March 2009.

Press at: <http://www.chiefminister.act.gov.au/media.php?v=7721>

Australian Capital Territory: <http://www.act.gov.au/CAP/accesspoint?action=menuHome>

2-11-09 U.S. Economic Stimulus Package

See the story "Update: US Senate Passes Stimulus Package with Renewable Energy Provisions" at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/d3yxzh>

2-11-09 CSP, CPV and Thin Film Technologies Summit MENA [Sara Lloyd-Jones]

The CSP, CPV and Thin Film Technologies Summit MENA is set for 2-3 June in Abu Dhabi, UAE. See the speaker list and other information at: <http://www.newsolartoday.com/mena09/speakers.shtml>

<http://www.newsolartoday.com/mena09/>

<http://social.csptoday.com/upcomingevents>

2-11-09 Solar Power Generation

Solar Power Generation is set for 23-24 February in Barcelona, Spain.

More information at: <http://www.greenpowerconferences.com/renewablesmarkets/solarpower09.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/5fpmxs>

2-11-09 Southern California Edison and BrightSource Energy Agreements

Southern California Edison and BrightSource Energy have reached agreements on a series of contracts for 1,300 MW of solar thermal power, with development of seven projects. Press at

RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/agt9vl>

Southern California Edison Press: <http://www.edison.com/pressroom/pr.asp?id=7174>

BrightSource Energy: <http://www.brightsourceenergy.com/>

2-11-09 Surface Power Launch of Solar Thermal Collector

Irish firm Surface Power is launching a solar thermal collector, which has undergone 6 years of development and testing and has been independently certified by TUV Rheinland.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/ctqmgb>

Surface Power: <http://www.surfacepower.com/news.html>

2-11-09 Solar Thermal Projects

EERE Network News [Kevin Eber] covers Ausra's plans, the Army's pilot projects including a 500-MW solar thermal plant at Fort Irwin, California, and testing of SkyFuel technology at NREL, in the latest newsletter at: http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/news_detail.cfm/news_id=12236

2-12-09 JA Solar 2009 Outlook Update

JA Solar announced its updated revenue and shipment guidance for the year ending 31 December 2009.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsASCO407.htm>

JA Solar: <http://www.jasolar.com/Web/index-en.asp>

<http://investors.jasolar.com/phoenix.zhtml?c=208005&p=irol-irhome>

2-12-09 Act Solar Technology for Pacific Power Management

Act Solar has received an 8-MW order for its flagship product, PowerString, from Pacific Power Management. Act Solar says that PowerString improves array performance by 6-11% using its patent-pending Injection Boost(TM) technology.

Story at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNACO888.htm>

PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/c3nxom>

Act Solar: <http://www.actsolar.com/>

Pacific Power Management: <http://www.pacpower.biz/>

2-12-09 Spire Corporation Equipment for TUV PTL, LLC

Spire Corporation announced that it has delivered to TUV Rheinland PTL, LLC the critical test equipment for their test and certification operations in the U.S. See "Spire Selected to Provide Advanced Solar Simulator to TUV Rheinland PTL, LLC" at: <http://tinyurl.com/d82fwe>

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

TUV PTL, LLC: <http://www.tuvptl.com/>

TUV Rheinland: <http://www.tuv.com/us/en/index.html>

2-12-09 Umoe Solar Facility Plans, Canada

Umoe Solar plans to invest \$600 million to build a solar panel facility at UPM's former New Brunswick paper mill.

Story at: <http://www.cbc.ca/canada/new-brunswick/story/2009/02/11/nb-miramichi-solar.html?ref=rss> or <http://tinyurl.com/cn4vew>

Umoe Solar: http://www.umoe.no/umoe_solar.shtm

2-12-09 Corus Colors and Dyesol Project Update

A collaborative project between Corus Colors and Dyesol is developing products, processes, and facilities to produce Dye Solar Cells integrated onto strip steel in a coil coating line. Dyesol and Corus report on their third milestone in this project in the press at: <http://www.dyesol.com/index.php?page=News>

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

Corus Colors: <http://tinyurl.com/yuqce4>

2-12-09 Silicon Wafer Area Shipments

Worldwide silicon wafer area shipments decreased by 6% in 2008 compared to 2007 according to the SEMI Silicon Manufacturers Group. Press at DigiTimes: <http://tinyurl.com/br4xmk>

SEMI: http://www.semi.org/en/Press/CTR_028165

http://www.semi.org/en/About/Communities/ctr_015423

2-12-09 Solar Growth in Asia

See the story "Go East, Solar Companies" at Greentech Media:

<http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/go-east-solar-companies-5679.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/cbke5m>

2-12-09 Charlie Gay, Applied Materials, Interview

Charlie Gay, President of the Applied Solar Business of Applied Materials, is interviewed in the article "Interview: Charlie Gay, Applied Materials'

solar guy" at: http://www.mercurynews.com/breakingnews/ci_11682442

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

See also, "Applied Materials expects to grow solar biz in '09, despite order push-outs" at

PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/c3w2pa>

2-12-09 Shi Zhengrong Featured

See the article "China's new king of solar" featuring Shi Zhengrong, Suntech Power Holdings founder, Chairman and CEO, at: http://money.cnn.com/2009/02/11/news/international/powell_shi.fortune/ or

<http://tinyurl.com/b2c7yj>

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

http://www.suntech-power.com/en/about/mgt_team.php

2-12-09 More on the 1.1-MW PV System at the Augustine Reservation, California

Augustine tribal chairwoman Mary Ann Green cut the ribbon on a 1.1-MW PV system in a ceremony held by the Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians.

More on the system at: <http://www.mydesert.com/article/20090212/NEWS06/902120319/1003/RSS02> or

<http://tinyurl.com/a9pmnr>

2-12-09 Cleantech Forum

Cleantech Forum(R) XXI will be held 23-25 February in San Francisco, California.

Information at: <http://cleantech.com/cleantechforum/sanfrancisco09/>

2-12-09 Printed Electronics Europe 09 [Cara Van Heest]

See PV on the agenda of Printed Electronics Europe 09, 7-8 April in Dresden,

Germany, at: <http://www.idtechex.com/printedelectronicseurope09/en/agenda.asp>

<http://www.idtechex.com/printedelectronicseurope09/en/index.asp>

2-12-09 PV and CSP Events

"Photovoltaics Summit 2009" and "Concentrating Solar Thermal Power 2009" are set for 1-3 June and 4-5 June, respectively in San Francisco, California. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/au7az9>

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

<http://www.cstpower-conference.com/>

2-12-09 U.S. Economic Stimulus Bill

See the story "U.S. Senate Passes Stimulus Bill: Solar Still in Play" at: <http://tinyurl.com/balvud>

2-12-09 Renewable Energy Jobs

The new report, "High Road or Low Road, Job Quality in the New Green Economy", says that green jobs must comply with standards that can sustain families and fuel the economy as well as protect the environment. Story at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/csogq9>

2-12-09 Renewable Facilities Program Guidebook, California

Changes to the Existing Renewable Facilities Program Guidebook were approved at the California Energy Commission's January 28 Business Meeting.

Information at: http://www.energy.ca.gov/renewables/notices/2009-02-11_notice_availability.html or

<http://tinyurl.com/dama6n>

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/renewables/documents/index.html#existing>

2-13-09 JA Solar Strategic Alliance, Supply Agreement with BP Solar

JA Solar Holdings Co., Ltd. announced that it has signed a contract with BP Solar International, Inc., pursuant to a broader strategic cooperation agreement with BP Alternative Energy Holdings Limited, under which JA Solar will supply monocrystalline and multicrystalline solar cells to BP Solar in 2009 with an initial volume of 175 MW and the potential to expand to 360 MW.

Press at: <http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/090212/aqth069.html?.v=80>

JA Solar: <http://www.jasolar.com/Web/index-en.asp>

BP Solar: <http://www.bp.com/sectiongenericarticle.do?categoryId=9071&contentId=7038231> or <http://tinyurl.com/646mvl>

2-13-09 SolarWorld Results

SolarWorld posted 2008 earnings and sales.

Press at SolarWorld: <http://www.solarworld.de/Welcome.2800.0.html?&L=1> and <http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssTechMediaTelecomNews/idUSLc28797120090213> or <http://tinyurl.com/bvd92a>

2-13-09 Solar EnerTech Corp. Results

Solar EnerTech Corp. announced results for the first quarter of fiscal year 2009.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cq9ajx>

Solar EnerTech Corp.: <http://www.solarenertech.com/>

2-13-09 Sintek Photronic PV Module Production

Sintek Photronic has moved into production of polycrystalline silicon PV modules and will begin shipments later in February 2009, with annual production capacity to attain 25 MWp and output to reach 10 MWp in 2009. Press at DigiTimes: <http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20090213PD200.html>

Sintek: <http://www.sintek.com.tw/>

2-13-09 Sunetric Hawaii PV Farm for Hospital, Hawaii

Sunetric Hawaii has installed a 500-kW solar farm at the Wilcox Memorial Hospital on Kauai.

Press at: <http://www.bizjournals.com/pacific/stories/2009/02/09/daily50.html> and <http://tinyurl.com/cocs5r>

2-13-09 Western Massachusetts Electric Company Solar Plan

Western Massachusetts Electric Company announced that it filed a plan with the Department of Public Utilities to implement an integrated, large-scale solar energy program in its service area that could begin to generate PV power as early as 2010. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/awq9bk>

WMECO: <http://www.wmeco.com/>

<http://www.wmeco.com/aboutwmeco/newsroom/newsreleases.aspx>

2-13-09 The Solar Future, Countdown to Grid-Parity, SolarPlaza Conference [Johan Trip]

The CEOs of the world's largest manufacturers of solar cells and modules will share their views on the future of solar energy at a conference in Munich, Germany on 26 May. "The Solar Future" conference, organized by SolarPlaza, will offer a leading platform for high-level networking and anyone interested in learning about the next big global industry, one that will create more than 50 billion dollars of annual revenues in 2012. The event takes place the day before the start of Intersolar.

See the press release at: <http://tinyurl.com/bcmxt>

The Solar Future, Countdown to grid-parity Website: <http://www.thesolarfuture.com/>

SolarPlaza public gallery of events: <http://tinyurl.com/blr3qs>

SolarPlaza: <http://www.solarplaza.com/>

Intersolar 2009, 27-29 May: http://www.intersolar.de/index.php?id=intersolar&no_cache=1&L=1

2-13-09 Streamlining the Value Chain, Web Conference [Anneke Mueller]

As an activity of its research network, AltaTerra Research announced it will host the web conference, "The Need for Speed: Streamlining the Solar Value Chain", to be presented by SolarTech on 5 March. More on the event at: <http://www.altaterra.net/event/NeedForSpeed>
AltaTerra Research Network: <http://www.altaterra.net/>
SolarTech: <http://www.solartech.org/>

2-13-09 Clean Technology and Renewables Conference

Piper Jaffray & Co. will host its Fourth Annual Clean Technology and Renewables Conference on 19 February in New York City. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/bkfelr>
Piper Jaffray: <http://www.piperjaffray.com/>

2-13-09 Solar-powered Vehicles

Applied Materials, Inc. conducted a simulation of the carbon-free transportation of the future at its Silicon Valley research campus, connecting battery-operated vehicles into the electrical grid utilizing energy generated by the company's 2-MW solar array. Story at Applied Materials: <http://www.appliedmaterials.com/news/pr2009.html?menuID=6>

2-13-09 CaliSolar Selection of Eyelit Manufacturing Software

CaliSolar has chosen Eyelit to provide its factory automation, manufacturing execution, quality, and asset management software suite to support the upgraded metallurgical-grade silicon solar cell company in its production ramp up of the facility in Sunnyvale, California. Press at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/cgwrba>
CaliSolar: <http://www.calisolar.com/>
Eyelit: <http://www.eyelit.com/>

2-13-09 Energy Recommerce Year-end Report

Energy Recommerce, Inc. President and CEO Peter Rexelius released a 2008 year-end report. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/bvvc5z>
Energy Recommerce: <http://www.energyrecommerce.com/>

2-13-09 Thin-film PV Market Outlook Report

Research and Markets announced the addition of the report, "Thin-Film PV 2.0: Market Outlook Through 2012" to its offering. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cbugrc>
Research and Markets: http://www.researchandmarkets.com/research/c1b070/thinilm_pv_2_0 or <http://tinyurl.com/dcvsnv>

2-13-09 U.S. Economic Stimulus Bill

The House and Senate conferees have reached an agreement on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. See "Update: Conferenced Stimulus Bill Retains Renewable Energy Provisions" at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/cqdspe>
http://www.solarindustrymag.com/e107_plugins/content/content_it.php?content.2534 or <http://tinyurl.com/dg9soq>

2-13-09 Technical Trends in Solar Thermal

See "Offering More Than Ever: Technical Trends in Solar Thermal" at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/cvtdk3>

2-17-09 Saint Charles Solaire Roof-integrated PV

In May 2009, Saint Charles Solaire will begin construction of a 95,000 tile, roof-integrated PV power plant in Perpignan, France at the warehouses of Saint Charles International. The project was conceived and developed by Solaire France. Press at: <http://www.akuoenergy.com/#> (go to news)
Solaire France: <http://www.solairefrance.fr/projetsEnCours.html>

2-17-09 TerniEnergia PV Project for Enel

TerniEnergia has won the Enel Green Power tender together with another operator for installation of the 6-MWp PV station at Montalto di Castro owned by Enel.

Press at TerniEnergia: http://www.ternienergia.it/investor_relations/16.aspx

Enel: <http://www.enel.com/en/index.aspx>

2-17-09 Sanyo New HIT Solar Cell Production Facilities

Sanyo Electric Co., Ltd. announced that it will increase production capacity for HIT solar cells by building new production facilities inside the grounds of the Nishikinohama Factory, Kaizuka City, Osaka. The new building construction will begin 17 February, with completion expected by October 2009. Press from

Sanyo at: <http://www.sanyo.com/news/2009/02/16-1en.html>

Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsASMA226.htm>

Sanyo: <http://www.sanyo.co.jp/>

<http://www.sanyo.com/news/2009/02/index.html>

2-17-09 ET Solar and Phaesun Sales Agreement

ET Solar Group Corp. announced a 2.2-MW sales agreement with Phaesun GmbH under which ET Solar will provide solar modules ranging from 5 W to 175 W in the next 12 months.

Press at ET Solar: http://www.etsolar.com/en/ns_305_846.html

Phaesun: <http://www.phaesun.com/>

2-17-09 Dow Chemical Roof Shingles

According to this press, Dow Chemical Co. says it aims to start selling power-generating roof shingles by 2011. Press at: <http://www.thestar.com/Business/article/588133>

<http://tinyurl.com/c933po>

<http://tinyurl.com/apeps6>

Dow: <http://www.dow.com/>

2-17-09 Centrosolar Group AG Provisional Results

Centrosolar Group AG released provisional 2008 results.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/news/NewsEUCO716.htm>

Centrosolar Group AG: <http://www.centrosolar.com/>

<http://www.centrosolar.com/index.php?id=5&L=1>

2-17-09 Meyer Burger Results

Meyer Burger Technology Ltd. announced annual un-audited results for 2008.

Press at: <http://www.meyerburger.ch/index.php?id=medienmitteilungen0&L=1>

2-17-09 Canadian Solar Results

Canadian Solar Inc. pre-announced selected un-audited financial results for the fourth quarter of 2008.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cztumt>

<http://www.reuters.com/article/marketsNews/idUSBNG42907320090217> or <http://tinyurl.com/bfznnz>

Canadian Solar: <http://www.csisolar.com/>

<http://phx.corporate-ir.net/phoenix.zhtml?c=196781&p=irol-irhome>

2-17-09 Trina Solar Results

Trina Solar Limited announced selected estimated financial results for the quarter and full year ended 31 December.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/chbnxd>

<http://tinyurl.com/cec79m>

Trina Solar: <http://www.trinasolar.com/>

2-17-09 Suntech Minority Stake in Asia Silicon

Suntech Power Holdings Co., Ltd. announced that it has acquired a minority stake in Asia Silicon Co., Ltd. Press at: <http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/090217/cntu044.html?v=1>

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

2-17-09 Deutsche Bank Refinancing of 4 PV Plants, Spain

Deutsche Bank has completed EUR 70 million in long-term refinancing of 4 PV power projects with a total of 8.3 MW on the island of Mallorca, Spain.

Press at: http://globalsolartechnology.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2460&Itemid=9 or <http://tinyurl.com/akswnr>

Deutsche Bank: http://www.db.com/index_e.htm

2-17-09 DelSolar Solar-cell Capacity

DelSolar signed with four local banks and the Development Bank of Singapore for a 5-year syndicated loan of US\$120 million with the funds earmarked for setting up an annual production capacity of 240 MWp at its factory in Wujiang, eastern China, by the end of 2009. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/atylrk>

DelSolar: <http://www.delsolarpv.com/>

2-17-09 Smit Ovens Thermal Process Solutions for Jenn Feng Industrial

Smit Ovens announced that it has signed a deal to supply Jenn Feng Industrial with thermal process solutions for mass production of CIGS PV cells. Jenn Feng Industrial aims to start mass production of CIGS cells and modules in 2009, with an annual capacity of 35 MWp.

Press at: http://globalsolartechnology.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2459&Itemid=9 or <http://tinyurl.com/dmhoze>

Smit Ovens: <http://www.smitovens.nl/>

Jenn Feng: <http://www.jennfeng.com/>

2-17-09 Xantrex Agreement with BP Solar

Xantrex Technology Inc. announced it signed an agreement with BP Solar under which Xantrex is supplying residential grid-tie solar power inverters to BP Solar for its use in solar package solutions.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cc3dy3>

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

BP Solar: <http://www.bp.com/genericcountryjump.do?categoryId=9070&contentId=7038143> or <http://tinyurl.com/yvmcvm>

2-17-09 PV Field, Israel

The Israel Electric Company has approved the Arava Power Company's proposal to build an 80-MW PV field on kibbutz land in the Arava.

Press through Solarbuzz <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/Newspage.asp>

at: <http://tinyurl.com/b7hnqo>

Arava Power Company: <http://www.aravapower.com/>

2-17-09 Solar Energy Center, Florida

Florida Power & Light Co. has pushed back construction of the Space Coast Next Generation Solar Energy Center at Kennedy Space Center until late May.

Press at: <http://www.floridatoday.com/article/20090217/NEWS01/902170335/1006> or

<http://tinyurl.com/dkpl8l>

<http://tinyurl.com/cfhag6>

2-17-09 PPL EnergyPlus Agreement to Purchase SRECs from SunPower

PPL EnergyPlus, the energy marketing and trading subsidiary of PPL Corporation, has signed an agreement to purchase New Jersey Solar Renewable Energy Certificates from SunPower Corporation over the next ten years. Under the agreement, PPL EnergyPlus will purchase SRECs issued as a result of solar power generated at SunPower installations in the state. SunPower expects to use revenue from the sale of the SRECs to finance the construction of approximately 2.5 MW of new solar power projects in New Jersey by 2010. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1409.htm>

RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/b6scjw>

SunPower: <http://www.sunpowercorp.com/>

PPL EnergyPlus: <http://www.pplenergyplus.com/>

2-17-09 Oncor PV Incentive Program, Texas

Oncor officially launched its first solar power initiative, the Take A Load Off, Texas(SM) Solar Photovoltaic Incentive Program, to encourage expansion of solar energy in Texas, create new jobs for experienced installation experts, and make solar systems more accessible.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAGO382.htm>

Oncor: <http://www.oncor.com/>

2-17-09 LIPA Renewables Programs

The Long Island Power Authority is moving ahead with an ambitious effort to generate more solar energy from commercial and industrial sites and increase spending by 80% to \$14.4 million for residential rooftop solar power systems and other renewable energy programs.

Press at: <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/02/15/nyregion/long-island/15solarli.html> or

<http://tinyurl.com/csbe65>

LIPA: <http://www.lipower.org/>

2-17-09 Solar in Oregon

Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski introduced a trio of bills to the 2009 state legislature that, if passed, would give solar energy in the state a significant boost. See "Rainy Oregon's Sunny Future" at

RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/brjck>

2-17-09 Sunrise Solar Financing

Sunrise Solar Corp. announced it will seek \$40 million in financing from international consortiums for its previously announced projects in South America. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/bhfx7g>

Sunrise Solar: <http://www.sunrisesolarcorp.com/>

2-17-09 Solar Cell Outsourcing Prices

Outsourcing quotes for crystalline silicon solar cell production have dropped by 15% from the fourth quarter of 2008, according to industry sources in Taiwan. Press at DigiTimes: <http://tinyurl.com/cg9o87>

2-17-09 CTDC Fund for SnO2 TCO Project

China Technology Development Group Corporation announced that it has been awarded a fund of US\$88,000 from Fujian Province for its SnO2 TCO Base Plate project.

Press at: http://globalsolartechnology.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2448&Itemid=9 or <http://tinyurl.com/d3uw7n>

China Technology: <http://www.chinactdc.com/>

2-17-09 HSBC Holdings Renewables Investments

HSBC Holdings is looking to buy stakes in companies engaged in wind and solar ventures in China and India as it builds up its renewable energy portfolio. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/dfndzq>

HSBC: <http://www.hsbc.com/1/2/>

2-17-09 Chevron Corp. Sustainable Energy Research Center, Qatar

Chevron Corp. announced plans to commit \$20 million over 5 years to form a partnership with the Qatar Science & Technology Park in Doha and establish a center of excellence in renewable power and energy efficiency. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/adlxam>

<http://www.bizjournals.com/sanfrancisco/stories/2009/02/16/daily19.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/csnod8>

Chevron: <http://www.chevron.com/>

2-17-09 Selling Solar, Diffusion of Renewable Energy in Emerging Markets

A new publication about the diffusion of solar energy in emerging markets titled "Selling Solar, The Diffusion of Renewable Energy in Emerging Markets" by Damian Miller, CEO of Orb Energy, considers how a wholesale shift to renewable energy technologies might happen, focusing on the case of PV.

Information at: http://www.earthscan.co.uk/Portals/0/pdfs/Selling_Solar.pdf

<http://www.earthscan.co.uk/?tabid=30154>

<http://www.orbenergy.com/site.html> (see About Us, Our Team)

2-17-09 Concentrating PV Power Industry, Report

The NREL report "Opportunities and Challenges for Development of a Mature Concentrating Photovoltaic Power Industry" a revised technical report, February 2009, by S. Kurtz, is posted at: <http://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy08osti/43208.pdf>
<http://www.nrel.gov/publications/>

2-17-09 Mediterranean Solar Plan

More than 100 projects have been proposed as part of a plan aimed at developing solar energy in the Mediterranean region. The 43-country Union for the Mediterranean has also contacted the Obama administration for coordination. As part of the Mediterranean Solar Plan, solar projects will be implemented in several countries over the coming two years, with the objective of 20 GW of renewable electricity by 2020, starting with 1 GW the first year.

Story in ClimateWire [subscription] <http://www.eenews.net/cw/>

Mediterranean Solar Plan: <http://tinyurl.com/b6wybf>

<http://tinyurl.com/bubefr>

2-17-09 How to Profit from the Stimulus Bill, Web Conference

AltaTerra Research Network is holding a Web conference titled "How to Profit from the Stimulus Bill: Is Your Solar Business Ready?" presented by Jigar Shah, SunEdison founder, on 24 February.

Information at: <http://www.altaterra.net/event/StimulusBill>

AltaTerra Research Network: <http://www.altaterra.net/>

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

2-17-09 National Development Council Solar Project Funding Initiative

The National Development Council is providing support for a solar project at the Gasser Foundation's headquarters in Napa Valley, California. According to the press, the development of the tax-credit structure is an initiative that NDC plans to expand to fund solar projects at nonprofit organizations across the country.

Press at: http://globalsolartechnology.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2449&Itemid=9
or <http://tinyurl.com/detgu6>

National Development Council: <http://www.nationaldevelopmentcouncil.org/>

<http://tinyurl.com/cwhhty>

2-17-09 Municipal Solar Financing Programs

For more on the Financing Initiative for Renewable and Solar Technology, CityFIRST program, see the press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cw6nzh>

Renewable Funding: <http://www.renewfund.com/>

2-17-09 Sunrise Powerlink

With approval of the Sunrise Powerlink project, San Diego Gas & Electric is moving forward with plans for a \$1.9 billion, 123-mile transmission line that would connect solar, wind, and geothermal power-generation in East County and the Imperial Valley to regional customers.

See more on solar projects at: <http://www.energycurrent.com/index.php?id=3&storyid=16076>

2-17-09 White Paper on Green Transmission Superhighway

A national call-in news conference to announce the release of "Green Power Superhighways: Building a Path to America's Clean Energy Future", a joint publication of AWEA and SEIA, is set for 18 February.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/dzky8g>

2-17-09 PV Reliability and Failure Mechanisms

See the "Photovoltaic Reliability and Failure Mechanisms" section of the 16th IEEE International Symposium on the Physical and Failure Analysis of Integrated Circuits agenda, 6-10 July in Suzhou, China, at: http://ewh.ieee.org/reg/10/ipfa/html/technical_program.htm

2-17-09 Gulf Solar Conference [Matthew Probyn]

"Gulf Solar, Commercialising solar power projects across the Middle East" is set for 5-7 May in Dubai, UAE. Information at: <http://tinyurl.com/aq942p>

2-17-09 Solar Cell Research, Los Alamos National Laboratory

See the story "Research Highlights Potential for Improved Solar Cell Efficiencies" at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/aepq5s>

2-17-09 Energy Harvesting from Solar Cells

Freescale Semiconductor has developed a chip that can harvest ultra-low voltages from solar cells. Story at Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/bpe2j5>
Freescale Semiconductor: <http://www.freescale.com/>

2-17-09 Solar and Wind-powered Mobile Technology

The GSMA announced it is working with Dialog Telekom to deploy ten solar and wind-powered base stations in Sri Lanka as part of its Green Power for Mobile programme. The trial will showcase viability of using renewable energy to power mobile technology.

Press at: <http://sev.prnewswire.com/computer-electronics/20090217/AQTU51617022009-1.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/aaajlt>

GSMA-GSM World: <http://www.gsmworld.com/>

2-17-09 Chuck Kutscher Honored

Colorado Governor Bill Ritter honored NREL's Chuck Kutscher with the 2nd Annual Governor's Excellence in Renewable Energy, Individual Award.

Press at: http://www.nrel.gov/features/20090213_kutscher.html

Governor's Office Press:

<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite?c=Page&cid=1233145583233&pagename=GovRitter%2FGOVRLayout> or <http://tinyurl.com/b28qba>

2-17-09 SunPower Corp. Board

SunPower Corp. announced it has appointed Thomas R. McDaniel to its board of directors.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/blcxwx>

SunPower: <http://www.sunpowercorp.com/>

2-17-09 SolarWorld Honors

See the story "Photovoltaic Test Winner SolarWorld" at: <http://tinyurl.com/c7ybuf>

SolarWorld: <http://www.solarworld.de/?L=1>

2-17-09 SolarWorld Jobs Move

According to this press, SolarWorld said it is moving work from its silicon ingot-manufacturing business in Vancouver, Washington, to its U.S. headquarters in Hillsboro, Oregon. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/av2c58>

<http://columbian.com/article/20090203/BIZ01/702039988/-1/BIZ> or <http://tinyurl.com/b3kbq5>

SolarWorld: <http://www.solarworld.de/?L=1>

2-17-09 Greentech Media Blogs

Greentech Media has links to several Blogs, which include solar content, at:

<http://www.greentechmedia.com/blogs-home.html> (use pull-down menu)

2-17-09 Solar Decathlon House, Ohio

Sixty Ohio State University students are building their solar-powered house for the Solar Decathlon.

More in the story at: <http://tinyurl.com/bc7m7h>

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

<http://www.solardecathlon.org/teams.html>

2-17-09 Zero-emission Polar Research Station

The zero-emission polar research station opened in Antarctica. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/dfxhp6>
<http://www.energycurrent.com/index.php?id=3&storyid=16083> or <http://tinyurl.com/cm6ed9>
<http://www.spaceref.com/news/viewsr.html?pid=30624>

2-17-09 Solar Cells and Modules Business Report

Research and Markets announced the addition of the report "Solar Cells and Modules – Global Strategic Business Report" to its offering. Press at: <http://biz.yahoo.com/bw/090216/20090216005411.html?.v=1>
Research and Markets: http://www.researchandmarkets.com/research/ec44c7/solar_cells_and_modules or
<http://tinyurl.com/ath866>

2-17-09 PV Innovation in North America Report

Research and Markets announced the addition of the report "PV Innovation in North America" to its offering. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/c3vrjg>
Research and Markets: http://www.researchandmarkets.com/research/48d64d/pv_innovation_in_north_america or
<http://tinyurl.com/dxu84l>

2-17-09 U.S. Economic Stimulus Bill

See "Update: President Obama Signs Stimulus Package into Law" at
RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/bdl182> and the related story at
PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/d6laga>

2-17-09 CSP Today Articles

See several new postings of articles at CSP Today, including coverage of AORA's \$5 million, Solar Millennium's Inner Mongolia project, Flagsol hybrid coal plants, Sai Solar Systems commercialization, BrightSource plans in Arizona, and others at: <http://social.csptoday.com/node>

2-18-09 Mitsubishi Electric Record Efficiency

Mitsubishi Electric Corporation announced that it has improved its highest conversion efficiency for a 150 x 150 millimeter multi-crystalline silicon PV cell from 18.6% to a new record of 18.9%.
Press at: http://global.mitsubishielectric.com/news/news_releases/2009/mel0732.pdf or
<http://tinyurl.com/dzc8c8>
Mitsubishi Electric: <http://global.mitsubishielectric.com/news/index.html>

2-18-09 T-Solar Volume Production

T-Solar Global S.A. announced that it has begun volume production of PV modules using a SunFab(TM) Thin Film Line supplied by Applied Materials, Inc. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/chfmhp>
T-Solar: <http://www.tsolar.eu/>
Applied Materials: <http://www.appliedmaterials.com/>

2-18-09 Konarka \$5 Million Loan for Manufacturing and Job Creation, Massachusetts [Tracy Wemett]

Konarka Technologies, Inc. has received \$5 million in financing in connection with its recently opened production facility in New Bedford. The long-term loan comes from a funding collaboration between the Emerging Technology Fund of the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency and the Massachusetts Renewable Energy Trust's Business Expansion Initiative. Press from Konarka at: <http://tinyurl.com/bkenjl>
<http://tinyurl.com/crhzjf>
<http://tinyurl.com/dzlnkd>
Konarka: <http://www.konarka.com/>
Massachusetts Development Finance Agency: <http://www.massdevelopment.com/>
Renewable Energy Trust: <http://www.masstech.org/renewableenergy/index.html>

2-18-09 Suntech Results, Outlook

Suntech Power Holdings Co., Ltd. reported financial results for the fourth quarter and full year ended 31 December. Press at Suntech: <http://tinyurl.com/c6fpxz>
Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsASCO415.htm>
PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/ch9l6b>
Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/aqmezz>

2-18-09 REC ASA Results

REC ASA presented fourth quarter 2008 results.
Press at: http://www.recgroup.no/default.asp?V_ITEM_ID=447

2-18-09 RUSNANO Corporation's Participation in Nitol Polycrystalline Silicon Project

The Supervisory Council of the Russian Corporation of Nanotechnologies has approved the Corporation's participation in the Nitol project aiming to construct Russia's first large-scale complex producing polycrystalline silicon and monosilane. Press at: http://www.nitolsolar.com/enews/?r693_id=219

2-18-09 MEMC Contract Amendment with Gintech

MEMC Electronic Materials Inc. has amended its 10-year supply agreement with Gintech Energy Corp. of Taiwan. The amended contract increases the supply and reduces the price of solar wafers from MEMC to Gintech for 2009. Press at: <http://www.semiconductor.net/articleXml/LN928265261.html>
PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/atj5a3>
MEMC: <http://investors.memc.com/phoenix.zhtml?c=106680&p=iroL-IRHome> or <http://tinyurl.com/cn7z2e>
Gintech: <http://www.gintechenergy.com/en/>

2-18-09 centrotherm photovoltaics AG Order

centrotherm photovoltaics AG has received an order from Illies Renewables GmbH for a 50-MW production line for thin-film modules based on CIGS technology for its production location at Magdeburg-Rothensee, Germany. The order volume is in excess of EUR 60 million, with delivery of the lines beginning in the first half of 2010.
Press at http://www.centrotherm-pv.de/ir/15.CorporateNews_18_02_2009.html

2-18-09 PV Installations for Foster's Wine Estates, California

SolarNet, Stellar, and a collaboration of solar energy professionals announced that a combined 2.8 MW of PV with Sharp modules is online at four California wineries owned by Foster's Wine Estates – Asti, Etude, Stags' Leap, and Beringer wineries. SolarNet was enlisted by The Bright Group to coordinate and co-develop the project, and SolarNet in turn recruited Stellar Energy Solutions as the solar engineer and general contractor and retained Perpetual Energy Systems as the project financier.
Press at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/afz9h7>
SolarNet: <http://www.solarnet.us/>
Stellar: <http://www.stellarenergy.com/>
Sharp: <http://solar.sharpusa.com/solar/home/1,2462,,00.html>
Perpetual Energy Systems: <http://www.goperpetual.com/>
The Bright Group: <http://www.brightgroup.us/>

2-18-09 PV for J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines, California

J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines unveiled a 3-acre, 756-kW single-axis tracking PV system designed to offset 75% of the winery's energy use at its Paso Robles, California operations. The system was designed and installed by Conergy. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/blaudn>
Conergy: <http://www.conergy.us/desktopdefault.aspx>

2-18-09 West County Waste Water District PV System, California

West County Wastewater District, Solar Power Partners, Inc., and Premier Power Renewable Energy have completed a PV system with 89 dual-axis trackers manufactured by ET Solar. Solar Power Partners, which owns and operates the solar equipment, set up a power purchase agreement with WCWD. Premier Power designed and installed the system.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1410.htm>

Solar Power Partners: <http://www.solarpowerpartners.com/>

Premier Power: <http://www.premierpower.com/>

ET Solar: <http://www.etsolar.com/en/default.html>

2-18-09 SunPower PV System, Australia

SunPower Corp. announced it has completed construction of a 305-kW PV system on the roof of the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Alice Springs, Northern Territory. Invest North Pty Ltd. is the owner of the project.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/chassd>

SunPower: <http://www.sunpowercorp.com/>

2-18-09 PV Farm, Illinois

Rockford City Council unanimously approved development of a PV solar panel facility by Wanxiang Group near Chicago Rockford International Airport.

Press at: <http://www.businessrockford.com/biznews/x286839891/Rockford-approves-solar-farm> or <http://tinyurl.com/cksqtp>

2-18-09 PV Activities in Japan and Global PV Highlights [RTS Corporation]

The February 2009 issue of "PV Activities in Japan and Global PV Highlights" is available [by subscription] from RTS Corporation, with coverage of PV highlights in Japan, global PV highlights, a monthly PV photo gallery, topics from Japan, and topics from the world.

Information at: http://www.rts-pv.com/e_publications.html

2-18-09 Green Energy Technology Spin-off

According to DigiTimes, Green Energy Technology is considering separating part of its business into a subsidiary. Press at: <http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20090218PD201.html>

Other press: <http://tinyurl.com/by85f4>

Green Energy Technology: <http://www.getinc.com.tw/>

2-18-09 Solaria Manufacturing, IEC Certification

See the video "Inside Solaria" at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/bn4axs>

Solaria Corporation announced that it has received the International Electrotechnical Commission 61215 certificate from TUV SUD for its CMT-190W, -200W and -210W solar modules. Press at

RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/cqb7v>

Solaria: <http://www.solaria.com/>

2-18-09 SunRun and SPG Solar Partnership

SunRun and SPG Solar announced a partnership that will make SPG Solar's turnkey solar solutions accessible to more residential customers.

Press at: <http://www.earthtimes.org/articles/show/sunrun-partners-with-spg-solar,721052.shtml> or <http://tinyurl.com/c7dtk8>

SunRun: <http://www.sunrunhome.com/>

SPG Solar: <http://www.spgsolar.com/>

2-18-09 Cheaper Materials for Low-cost Solar Cells

Unconventional solar cell materials that are abundant but much less costly than silicon and other semiconductors in use today could substantially reduce the cost of PV according to a new study from the Energy and Resources Group and the Department of Chemistry at the University of California, Berkeley and the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.

Press at: http://www.berkeley.edu/news/media/releases/2009/02/17_solar.shtml or <http://tinyurl.com/dlztde>

2-18-09 GreenVolts Technology

GreenVolts says it has come across a new technology opportunity that will allow the CPV technology company to make its CarouSol even more efficient. See more on GreenVolts at CPV Today: <http://social.cpvtoday.com/content/greenvolts-enhances-its-technology> or <http://tinyurl.com/dckc6d>
GreenVolts: <http://www.greenvolts.com/>

2-18-09 CPV Technology Evaluation

See the story "Overcoming the challenge of producing reliable performance data for deployments" with respect to CPV technologies, at CPV Today: <http://tinyurl.com/ca6dr8>

2-18-09 Underwriters Laboratories Expansion of PV Footprint to China

Underwriters Laboratories announced the expansion of its global PV testing services to Suzhou, China where it will open a Photovoltaic Technology Center of Excellence.
Press at: <http://biz.yahoo.com/pnews/090218/aqw508.html?.v=33>
Underwriters Laboratories: <http://www.ul.com/dge/photovoltaics/>

2-18-09 Thermo-photovoltaic Wafer Research

Wafer supplier IQE plc said that its subsidiary company Wafer Technology Ltd. will lead a collaborative R&D project to develop thermo-photovoltaic cells for the generation of electricity from the waste heat of industrial processes. More on the project at: <http://tinyurl.com/dgrsvp>
IQE: <http://www.iqep.com/>

2-18-09 Solar Electricity Allowance, China

According to this press, leading solar manufacturers in China have proposed that the government cut its allowance for solar electricity by roughly 75% by 2012.
Press at Cleantech(R): <http://www.cleantech.com/news/4174/chinese-firms-plan-solar-electricit> or <http://tinyurl.com/bbn2r2>

2-18-09 Ericsson Solar-energy Base Stations in Africa

Swedish telecom solutions provider Ericsson said that Ericsson and Orange Guinea Conakry are deploying more than 100 base stations fully powered by solar energy connecting remote parts of rural Africa. Press at: <http://www.tradingmarkets.com/site/news/Stock%20News/2183227/>
Ericsson: http://www.ericsson.com/ericsson/events/2009/mwc09/event_teaser/index.shtml or <http://tinyurl.com/arg3wa>
<http://www.ericsson.com/ericsson/press/releases/20090218-1291529.shtml> or <http://tinyurl.com/bdoknh>

2-18-09 Solar City Program in India

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has formulated the criteria to declare a city as a solar city in the country. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/b6phf2>

2-18-09 Green Tech Investing

For coverage of the recently held Clean Tech Investor Summit, see "Venture Capitalists: Money Is Tight in the Green Sector" at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/azhaz3>
Clean-tech Investor Summit: <http://www.cleantechsummit.com/>

2-18-09 Solar Market Shakeout

The latest report from Lux Research titled "Finding the Solar Market's Nadir" projects that the available capacity of solar cells and modules will measure twice the demand in 2009, while the overall market could shrink from last year's \$36 billion over 5.5 GW to \$29 billion over 5.3 GW this year.
Press at: <http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/Lux-Research-951174.html>
Lux Research: <http://www.luxresearchinc.com/>

2-18-09 U.S. Economic Stimulus Bill

For coverage of the economic stimulus bill impacts on renewables programs, see the articles in the latest EERE Network News [Kevin Eber] at: <http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/enn.cfm>

See also, "US Stimulus Bill to Support 110,000 Solar Jobs Growth" at

Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAGO383.htm>

"US Renewable Energy Industry Reacts to Stimulus Package Passage" at RenewableEnergyWorld:

<http://tinyurl.com/ap50ff>

"President Obama signs stimulus bill, solar trade groups applaud" at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/djnrtt>

"Namaste Solar Becomes Poster Child for Economic Recovery" at

Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/cdshw6>

"Obama Signs Stimulus Package" at Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/cclexh>

"Stimulus package gives a boost to clean energy" at the Los Angeles Times": <http://tinyurl.com/cms8as>

2-18-09 Solar Energy Initiatives Job Promotion

Solar Energy Initiatives, Inc. unveiled its "Renew the Nation" campaign intended to promote job growth.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cfgv4u>

Solar Energy Initiatives: <http://www.solarenergy.com/>

2-18-09 Solar Research at Iowa State University

Vikram Dalal, the Thomas M. Whitney Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Iowa State University and director of the university's Microelectronics Research Center, is leading a 3-year solar research project supported by a \$1.69 million grant from the Iowa Power Fund, with additional support from the Iowa Energy Center, to optimize new silicon alloys, develop new cell structures, and study semiconductors based on organic molecules.

More at: <http://www.genengnews.com/news/bnitem.aspx?name=49807492>

Iowa Power Fund: http://www.energy.iowa.gov/Power_Fund/about_IPF.html

Iowa Energy Center: <http://www.energy.iastate.edu/>

2-18-09 Solar Mapping and Monitoring, Webinar

Green Power Labs is partnering with Leonardo Energy to present its methodology and software for high-resolution solar resource mapping and monitoring in a Webinar set for 20 February.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cmhafw>

Green Power Labs: <http://www.greenpowerlabs.com/>

Leonardo Energy: <http://www.leonardo-energy.org/drupal/>

2-18-09 PV Equipment Market Research

Market research firm VLSI Research said that the PV cell and module manufacturing equipment market reached US\$4.4 billion in sales in 2008. More in the press at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/dlv7aq>

2-19-09 SunPower 2.2-MW PV System Agreement, Italy

SunPower Corporation has signed an agreement with a subsidiary of Api Nova Energia S.r.l. to design and build a 2.2-MW PV system in Tolentino, Italy. The project, which will be financed by regional banks via a leasing agreement, is the first phase of a planned 7.1-MW development expected to be completed this year. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUPR580.htm>

PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/d6arrp>

SunPower: <http://www.sunpowercorp.com/>

Api Nova Energia: <http://www.apinovaenergia.com/index.php>

<http://tinyurl.com/b6bkhb>

Related press: <http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601130&sid=aGLxReUMcDEU> or

<http://tinyurl.com/ceomy3>

2-19-09 SunPower PV Systems for Lake County and Lake County Sanitation District, California

SunPower Corporation, GE, California's Lake County, and the Lake County Sanitation District have completed a 2.2-MW PV system on three sites. GE Energy Financial Services, in partnership with SunPower, financed and owns the system as well as the RECs and environmental benefits. Under a SunPower Access(TM) power purchase agreement, the partnership is selling electricity to the County and LACOSAN at rates that are competitively priced against utility rates.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1412.htm>

SunPower: <http://www.sunpowercorp.com/>

GE Financial Services: <http://www.geenergyfinancialservices.com/>

2-19-09 Genesis Solar Espana S.L. Investment

Genesis Energy Investment PLC announced that it has received a Letter of Intent from a US investor to inject \$42 million into their wholly owned Spanish subsidiary, Genesis Solar Espana S.L. The investment is contingent upon completion of all financing activities of the US investor, and approval of an equity swap. The capital influx would give the go-ahead to complete the production facility in El Puerto de Santa Maria, Cadiz, for the large-scale manufacture of thin-film solar panels. More in the press from

Genesis at: http://www.genesisenergy.eu/files/rendkivuli_tajekoztatas_20090219_eng.pdf or

<http://tinyurl.com/dzkefs>

Genesis Energy: <http://www.genesisenergy.eu/index.php?changelang=en>

2-19-09 Sun Well Solar Production

Oerlikon and Sun Well Solar, a subsidiary of CMC Magnetics, announced that the ramp-up of the 40-MW amorphous thin-film silicon production line has been completed one month ahead of schedule.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/b5amk8>

Oerlikon Solar: <http://www.oerlikon.com/solar/>

CMC Solar: http://www.cmcdisc.com/cmc_solar.htm

2-19-09 Green Energy Technology Supply Contract

Green Energy Technology announced it has signed with a solar energy systems provider in the Czech Republic for a supply contract of a-Si PV modules worth 4.2 million euro with shipments to begin in the third quarter of 2009 and the contract to expire at the end of the year.

Press at DigiTimes: <http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20090219PD216.html>

Green Energy Technology: <http://www.getinc.com.tw/En/index.asp>

2-19-09 Soleos in Czech Republic

See the press "Soleos in Czech Republic, Soleos expands sales activities into Eastern Europe" at

Soleos: <http://www.soleos-solar.com/content/view/207/3/lang,en/>

<http://www.soleos-solar.com/content/blogcategory/1/3/lang,en/>

2-19-09 LDK Solar Outlook

LDK Solar provided an updated outlook for the fourth quarter of 2008, and select data for the year 2009.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsASCO416.htm>

Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/da6otq>

PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/dxof2m>

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

<http://www.ldksolar.com/Press%20Release.html>

2-19-09 aleo solar Preliminary Results

aleo solar AG announced preliminary results for the financial year 2008.

Press at: <http://www.aleo-solar.de/en/aleo-solar-download-the-sun.html>

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/hotStocksNews/idUKLJ48599920090219>

2-19-09 Applied Materials Perspective

Applied Materials held its 2009 analyst day in New York City on 18 February.

Press at: <http://www.appliedmaterials.com/investors/index.html>

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/technology-media-telco-SP/idUKN1843778120090218> or

<http://tinyurl.com/bd42ew>

<http://tinyurl.com/bfwtqr>

<http://tinyurl.com/cvztxz>

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

2-19-09 SMA Solar Technology Preliminary Report

SMA Solar Technology AG reported preliminary figures for 2008.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/c76qv4>

SMA Solar Technology AG: <http://www.sma.de/en.html>

2-19-09 Borrego Sale of Residential Business Unit, Focus

Borrego Solar Systems Inc. announced that the company will focus exclusively on its Commercial and Government Business Units, and expand its sales and installation operations to the Mid-Atlantic Region, beginning with the New York and New Jersey markets. The company also announced the sale of its Residential Business Unit to groSolar. Press at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/asovxf>

Borrego Solar: <http://www.borregosolar.com/>

groSolar: <http://www.grosolar.com/>

2-19-09 Spire Corporation "Come to America" Program

Spire Corporation announced that it has initiated its "Come to America" program to assist foreign manufacturers of PV modules to establish manufacturing operations in the U.S. Leading the program is Mark R. Case, recently named Vice President of Photovoltaic Factory Management at Spire. Press at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/cmxxvm>

Spire: <http://www.spirecorp.com/spire-solar/>

2-19-09 PV System Cost, Report

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory released the report "Tracking the Sun: The Installed Cost of Photovoltaics in the U.S. from 1998-2007", which provides a comprehensive summary of installed cost trends for grid-connected PV systems in the US from 1998 through 2007.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/bp2plo>

http://www.mercurynews.com/breakingnews/ci_11733507

Report and presentation: <http://eetd.lbl.gov/ea/emp/reports/lbni-1516e.pdf>

<http://eetd.lbl.gov/ea/emp/emp-ppt.html>

2-19-09 Comverge Data Acquisition and Deployment Solutions for BP Solar

Comverge, Inc. announced that BP Solar has selected Comverge to develop data acquisition and deployment solutions using the company's recently announced Apollo(R) integrated demand response platform, advanced metering infrastructure enabling technology, and information command center technology. The award is part of BP Solar's DOE Solar America Initiative project, "Reaching Grid Parity Using BP Solar Crystalline Silicon Technology". Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/dmam63>

Comverge: <http://www.comverge.com/>

BP Solar: <http://tinyurl.com/yvmcvm>

Solar America Initiative: http://www.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar_america/

2-19-09 PV Module Equipment for China-based Thin-film PV Module Makers

According to this press, China-based thin-film PV module makers have begun procuring key manufacturing equipment systems from international suppliers and the remaining complementary portions from Taiwan or China-based suppliers to reduce costs.

Press at DigiTimes: <http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20090219PD217.html>

2-19-09 PolySolar Award, UK

PolySolar, a Cambridge company developing transparent PV glazing based on organic PV material, was the winner of the 'Best Emerging Technology Award' at the East of England Energy Group's 'Energy Innovation' awards ceremony.

Press at: <http://www.cambridgenetwork.co.uk/news/article/default.aspx?objid=56614> or <http://tinyurl.com/dbsw7h>

PolySolar: <http://www.p polysolar.co.uk/>
<http://www.cambridgenetwork.co.uk/directory/orgprofile/default.aspx?objid=35208> or <http://tinyurl.com/c5nxkg>

2-19-09 'Solar Celebration' at Santa Clara University

Santa Clara University, SolarTech and ActSolar will celebrate their collaboration as California Energy Commission Public Interest Energy Research grant partners on 20 February at the 'Solar Celebration' to be held at Santa Clara University's Bannan Engineering Laboratories. Santa Clara University students are working on their next Solar Decathlon house, and will present this year's plans at the celebration and give tours of their 2007 house. Press at: <http://www.earthtimes.org/articles/show/santa-clara-university-solartech-to-celebrate-solar-energy-and-sustainability,722893.shtml> or <http://tinyurl.com/bw8hnh>

Event details and RSVP: <http://www.scu.edu/engineering/events/solar-celebration.cfm>

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

Santa Clara University team: <http://scu-cca-solar.org/>

ActSolar: <http://www.actsolar.com/>

California Energy Commission PIER program: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/pier/>

2-19-09 Solar Summits Freiburg 2009 [Marion Hopf]

The International Solar Summit 2009 congress on the subject of "Solar Buildings" is taking place in Freiburg, Germany on 14-16 October. Information at: <http://tinyurl.com/bxa4d6>

Solar Summits Freiburg: <http://www.solar-summits.com/>

2-19-09 RETECH 2009

RETECH 2009, the Renewable Energy Technology Conference & Exhibition, is set for 25-27 February 2009 in Las Vegas, Nevada. On 25 February, the opening Keynote Panel will address the stimulus bill and its opportunities. For the full agenda, see: <http://retech2009.com/business-conference/speakers>

2-19-09 CPV Today Newsletter [Joshua Bull]

For the latest issue of the CPV Today Newsletter,

go to: http://www.cpvtoday.com/newsletters/cpvtoday_newsletter_644_2009-02-19.html or

<http://tinyurl.com/csavvs>

CPV Today Newsletters: <http://social.cpvtoday.com/content/newsletters-0>

2-19-09 U.S. Economic Stimulus Act, Perspective

See "Clean Energy Aspects of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act" at

RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/c87q4j> and

"U.S. Stimulus: Boon or Boondoggle for the Solar PV Market?" at RenewableEnergyWorld:

<http://tinyurl.com/bxf3vg>

2-19-09 Solar Millennium Rights to 50-MW Solar Thermal Plant

Solar Millennium expects to sell within the next 2 months the rights to develop a 50-MW thermal plant in Spain. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/d5tyry>

Solar Millennium: <http://www.solarmillennium.de/index.lang2.html>

2-19-09 Solel 50-MW System, Spain

Solel Solar Systems announced that it has begun construction on a 50-MW solar field in Lebrija, Spain featuring the company's SunField LP technology and equipment.

Press at: <http://www.solel.com/files/press-pr/lebrija-release-english-final2.pdf> or <http://tinyurl.com/c82cfr>

Solel: <http://www.solel.com/>

2-19-09 Solar Thermal Power Station in China

China will begin constructing a 1.5-MW solar thermal power station in suburban Beijing next month.

Press at: <http://english.people.com.cn/90001/6596241.html>

2-20-09 Kyocera New Module Manufacturing Plant

Kyocera has started construction on a new solar module manufacturing plant in Tianjin City, China to expand production capacity at Kyocera (Tianjin) Solar Energy Co., Ltd. Press at

Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsASMA227.htm> and

<http://tinyurl.com/dcqot4>

Kyocera: <http://global.kyocera.com/>

2-20-09 Plastic Solar Cell Research

Research from CSIRO's Future Manufacturing Flagship, as part of the Victorian Organic Solar Cell Consortium, aims to develop flexible, large-area, cost-effective, reel-to-reel printable plastic solar cells.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/azq2uw>

CSIRO Future Manufacturing Flagship: <http://www.csiro.au/org/Future-Manufacturing-Flagship-Overview.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/apzd73>

Victorian Organic Solar Cell Consortium: <http://www.vicosc.unimelb.edu.au/>

2-20-09 ET Solar Contract

ET Solar Group Corp. has signed a fixed-price contract to provide 15 MW of modules to a German PV systems developer between March and November 2009. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/b4wnnf>

ET Solar: <http://www.etsolar.com/en/default.html>

2-20-09 Thin-film Turnkey PV

See the story "Thin-film PV turnkey competition heats up with customer ramps for Applied Materials,

Oerlikon Solar" at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/ap5crt>

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

Oerlikon Solar: <http://www.oerlikon.com/solar/>

2-20-09 CIGS Manufacturing Equipment

See the story "High volume CIGS manufacturing equipment drives down cost per watt while increasing cell efficiency" at I-Micronews: <http://tinyurl.com/ausbxt>

I-Micronews: <http://www.i-micronews.com/>

2-20-09 Golden Sun (Fujian) Solar Technology Thin-film Solar Cell Project, China

According to an agreement signed between the Mafang Industrial Park of Pinggu District and GS-Solar, the two will build a thin-film solar cell project with an annual production capacity of 150 MW.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/dgaez5>

GS Solar: <http://www.gs-solar.com/>

2-20-09 Solar Power Plant, Yunnan Province, China

Yunnan Dingxing New Energy Development Co., Ltd. plans to invest CNY 4 billion in the construction of a solar power plant in Yunnan Province, southwest China. With a total investment of CNY 40 million, the first phase of the Dongchuan-based amorphous silicon solar power plant and equipment manufacturing project will break ground soon. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cwqkpp>

2-20-09 Financial Aid to Thin-film PV Manufacturing, China

China's National Development and Reform Commission is reportedly evaluating the potential for offering subsidies or other forms of financial aid to the country's thin-film PV module manufacturing industry. Press at DigiTimes: <http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20090220PD200.html>

2-20-09 Renewables in California

California's goal of getting 33% of its electricity from renewable sources by 2020 might be more feasible than previously thought, according to a report issued by the California Public Utilities Commission.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/de38x6>

CPUC: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/energy/Renewables/index.htm> or <http://tinyurl.com/bo6php>
<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/energy/Renewables/hot/33implementation.htm> or <http://tinyurl.com/b9zqrr>

2-20-09 Solar Finance

See "SunPower Chief Werner Says Solar Finance Has Improved (Update 2)" at

Bloomberg: <http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601072&sid=anbrmFa63tN8> or
<http://tinyurl.com/c9r6rr>

SunPower: <http://www.sunpowercorp.com/>

2-20-09 PV EXPO 2009

The 2nd International Photovoltaic Power Generation Expo, PV EXPO 2009, is set for 25-27 February in Tokyo, Japan. Information at: http://www.pvexpo.jp/2009_eng/index.phtml

2-20-09 Governor's Award for Research Impact, Colorado

Governor Ritter presented the 2009 CO-LABS Governor's Award for Research Impact, including one for Renewable Energy, to 5 scientists from federal research laboratories in Colorado. Press at the

Governor's office: <http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/GovRitter/GOVR/1234967436653> or
<http://tinyurl.com/b6ajzc>

NREL Press: <http://www.nrel.gov/news/press/2009/667.html>

CO-LABS: <http://www.co-labs.org/GovernorsAward.html>
<http://www.co-labs.org/>

2-20-09 California Utility Allowance Calculator

The California Energy Commission will conduct 2 training sessions demonstrating the appropriate methods to use the California Utility Allowance Calculator and will address questions, on 5 and 10 March.

Information at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/renewables/06-NSHP-1/notices/>

2-20-09 CEC Emerging Renewables Program Guidebook

The California Energy Commission will consider the adoption of revisions to the Emerging Renewables Program Guidebook at the 25 February business meeting.

Information at:

<http://tinyurl.com/clnh2y>

2-20-09 Thin-film PV Report

Reportlinker.com announced that a new market research report, Worldwide Thin-film Photovoltaics – Current Status and R&D, is available from its catalogue. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/d3my8t>

Reportlinker.com: <http://tinyurl.com/bv34l6>

2-24-09 Evergreen Solar 2.8-MW Installation on Highway Tunnel, Germany

Evergreen Solar, Inc. announced that an installation placing more than 16,000 Evergreen Solar panels on the roof of a tunnel of Germany's A3 highway is nearing completion of its first phase of construction.

Ralos is overseeing the construction of the 2.8-MW installation and is working with Goldbach-Hoesbach, a German PV provider. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUPR582.htm>

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

PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/adm8cr>

2-24-09 Isofoton 1-MW PV Plant, Italy

Isofoton has connected its first turnkey PV plant to the electricity grid that will receive the feed-in-tariff at the "Conto Energia" rate. The 1-MW plant called Soleviva is located in Acquaviva Delle Fonti (Bari) in the region of Puglia. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/news/NewsEUPR581.htm>
Isofoton: <http://www.isofoton.com/>

2-24-09 Tokyo Electric Power Co. PV Plant, California

Tokyo Electric Power Co. will build a 1-MW solar power plant in California through its subsidiary, Eurus Energy Holdings Corp. Press through Solarbuzz <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/Newspage.asp> at: <http://dailynews.muzy.com/news/ll/english/10088468.shtml>
Eurus Energy: <http://www.eurus-energy.com/english/profile.html>

2-24-09 Aerowatt and Schuco PV Systems Partnership

Aerowatt and Schuco have entered into a commercial partnership for the supply of PV systems by Schuco to Aerowatt representing a total installed capacity of 6.8 MW.
Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/news/NewsEU0718.htm>
Aerowatt: <http://www.aerowatt.fr/>
Schuco: <http://www.schueco.com/specials/startsite/com/home.html>

2-24-09 CarbonFree Technology Corp. and SolEquity, Inc. Merger

CarbonFree Technology Corp. and SolEquity, Inc. announced that the two companies have merged their operations. The merged company will operate under the name CarbonFree Technology, with its U.S. headquarters in Scottsdale, Arizona plus offices in the Baltimore, Maryland area and Toronto, Canada.
Press at: <http://cleantechbrief.com/node/216>
<http://www.carbonfreetechnology.com/NewsEvents.html>

2-24-09 Meadowlands Exposition Center Solar Project, New Jersey

See the story "Meadowlands solar panels start soaking up the sun" at: <http://tinyurl.com/bfy8be>

2-24-09 Imaging Technology International Corp. Solar Division

Boulder, Colorado-based imaging Technology international (iTi) Corp. announced iTi Solar, an equipment manufacturing division established to advance the development of precision industrial inkjet systems that enable solar cell producers to improve production efficiency and reduce manufacturing costs.
Press at: <http://www.dailycamera.com/news/2009/feb/23/boulder-inkjet-iti-solar-print-cells/> or
<http://tinyurl.com/cosv9k>
<http://tinyurl.com/c2t269>
<http://tinyurl.com/centgu>
<http://www.centredaily.com/business/technology/story/1133709.html>
iTi: <http://www.iticorp.com/>
iTi Solar: <http://www.itisolar.com/>

2-24-09 Roth & Rau into CdTe Thin-film Technology

Roth & Rau AG has acquired all of the shares in CTF Solar GmbH, Kelkheim, from the management and the investment company Murphy&Spitz Green Capital AG. See "Roth & Rau AG plans entry into thin film technology based on cadmium telluride" at: <http://tinyurl.com/alqeky>
PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/bwrtyo>
Roth & Rau: http://www.roth-rau.de/php_en_n/index.php
<http://tinyurl.com/d5csjf>
CTF Solar GmbH: <http://www.ctf-solar.com/home/index.html>

2-24-09 Q-Cells Preliminary Figures

Q-Cells SE has published preliminary figures for fiscal 2008.
Press at: <http://biz.yahoo.com/iw/090224/0476792.html>
Q-Cells: http://www.q-cells.com/en/investor_relations/index.html

2-24-09 Advanced Energy Results

Advanced Energy Industries, Inc. announced financial results for the 4th quarter and year ended 31 December. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cnkrph>
Advanced Energy: <http://ir.advanced-energy.com/phoenix.zhtml?c=105985&p=irol-IRHome> or <http://tinyurl.com/dgynzl>

2-24-09 ICP Solar Technologies Results

ICP Solar Technologies Inc. announced preliminary financial results for the fiscal fourth quarter ended 31 January. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/c9q9kg>
ICP Solar: <http://www.icpsolar.com/>

2-24-09 Solar Energy Initiatives and Solar Energy Alternatives Long-term Solar Projects Agreement

Solar Energy Initiatives, Inc. and Solar Energy Alternatives, LLC have agreed to enter into a marketing, contract, finance, installation and operating agreement for commercial and residential PV installations in the US and certain foreign markets. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/ao46b5>

2-24-09 PV in France

See the story "French farmer is new sun king" with coverage of a 20-million euro, 4.5-MW PV system in France, at: <http://www.reuters.com/article/environmentNews/idUSTRE51N0I020090224> or <http://tinyurl.com/cl73e3>

2-24-09 10-MW Solar Power Plant, China

There will be an open-bid competition in March to choose a project lead for the construction of a 10-MWp solar power plant in northwestern China.

More in the press at: <http://www.tgdaily.com/content/view/41521/178/>
<http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20090223PD200.html>
http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2009-02/23/content_10876288.htm or <http://tinyurl.com/d6vvfs>

2-24-09 Gintech Shipments

Gintech Energy Corp. will start shipping the "Douro", a polycrystalline silicon solar cell with a conversion efficiency of 16.6%, in March 2009. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/buu993>
Gintech: <http://www.gintech.com.tw/>

2-24-09 UMG Silicon Prices

According to DigiTimes, international quotes for upgraded metallurgical-grade silicon have fallen from the highest level of US\$100/kg in 2008 to US\$50/kg currently. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/af8b97>

2-24-09 Shading Impacts

See the story "Shading a Problem for Solar Installers" at Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/awzaca>
Additional press on shading: <http://tinyurl.com/cahl3t>

2-24-09 Utility Scale Solar Trackers

According to this press, Utility Scale Solar plans to try out its technology with clients over the next several months and is looking for \$6 million in first-round funding to do so. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/asj5uw>
Utility Scale Solar, Inc.: <https://www.utilityscalesolar.com/>

2-24-09 J-PEC Acceptance of TUV Rheinland PV Certificates

Japan Photovoltaic Expansion Center, a part of The Japanese Photovoltaic Energy Association, has confirmed the acceptance of TUV Rheinland Photovoltaic Certificates for the residential solar generation installation subsidy programme. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cuv4b4>

J-PEC: <http://www.j-pec.or.jp/>

TUV Rheinland: <http://www.tuvdotcom.com/pi/web/index.xml>

2-24-09 Solar Power in Japan

See "Japan plans system to boost solar power capacity" at

Reuters: <http://uk.reuters.com/article/rbssConsumerGoodsAndRetailNews/idUKT36777920090224> or <http://tinyurl.com/adt4fl>

2-24-09 Feed-in Tariffs, Spain

See "Spain Kicks Off New Solar Feed-In Tariffs" at Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/bchxb9>

2-24-09 German PV Market, Report

Research and Markets announced the addition of GlobalData's report "Germany Solar PV Market Growth Amidst Financial Crisis" to its offering. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/blmvof>

2-24-09 The Wall Street Green Trading Summit

The Wall Street Green Trading Summit, 2009 is set for April 1-2, with a pre-conference seminar on 31 March and a post-conference seminar on 3 April, in New York.

Information at: <http://www.wsgts.com/index.php>

2-24-09 NRG Energy Agreement with eSolar

NRG Energy, Inc. has signed an agreement with eSolar to develop solar power plants with a total generation capacity of up to 500 MW at sites in California and the Southwest. The first plant is anticipated to begin producing electricity as early as 2011.

Press at: http://media.corporate-ir.net/media_files/irol/12/121544/0223eSolarFinal.pdf or <http://tinyurl.com/bdmk3n>

<http://tinyurl.com/bl4wh7>

<http://tinyurl.com/d9gvh6>

NRG: <http://www.nrgenergy.com/>

eSolar: <http://www.esolar.com/>

2-24-09 CSP in Spain

See the story "Solar power heats up energy possibilities", with coverage of

PS10, at: <http://tinyurl.com/dd58h4>

Abengoa Solar PS10: http://www.abengoasolar.com/sites/solar/en/our_projects/solucar/ps10/index.html

or <http://tinyurl.com/dav7kb>

2-24-09 Suntruf and Mulk Holdings MOU

UAE conglomerate Mulk Holdings and US solar energy developer Suntruf signed an MOU opening the way for the creation of the firm, Suntruf Mulk Energy Group, which will be headquartered in the UAE and have branches in the USA, Europe, and India. The company is to invest over AED200m to set up a factory manufacturing solar power technology to be deployed in the Gulf and around the world.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/dkebjf>

2-24-09 CSP Today Articles

See several new postings at CSP Today on Sopogy, Practical Solar, Inc. and Abengoa

Solar at: <http://social.csptoday.com/node>

2-24-09 Solar-powered Air Conditioning

Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle announced that PDM Solar, Inc. has received a \$210,000 loan from the Wisconsin Energy Independence Fund for the development of new solar-powered air conditioning

equipment. Press at: <http://www.wisbusiness.com/index.iml?Article=150102>

PDM Solar: <http://www.pdmsolar.com/>

2-25-09 PG&E 500-MW PV Initiative

Pacific Gas and Electric Company announced plans for a 5-year program to develop up to 500 MW of PV power in its northern and central California service area. The program consists of up to 250 MW of utility-owned PV generation and an additional 250 MW to be built and owned by independent developers under a streamlined regulatory process.

Stories at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1415.htm>

RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/bhrszn>

LA Times: <http://tinyurl.com/c2s7ay>

SEPA Statement: <http://tinyurl.com/cfv3s3>

PG&E: <http://tinyurl.com/ddfepc>

2-25-09 First Solar Milestone

First Solar Inc. announced it reduced its manufacturing cost for solar modules in the fourth quarter to US \$0.98/Watt. Press at RenewableEnergyWorld:

<http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/article/2009/02/first-solar-passes-us1watt> or

<http://tinyurl.com/dxhg4a>

PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/cguyv2>

First Solar: <http://tinyurl.com/d3ls3o>

2-25-09 First Solar Results

First Solar, Inc. announced its financial results for the fourth quarter and fiscal year ended 27 December.

Press at First Solar: <http://tinyurl.com/b5vvlp>

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

2-25-09 ersol Solar Energy Preliminary Figures

Bosch subsidiary, ersol Solar Energy AG, reported preliminary key figures as of 31 December. Press at

Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEU0723.htm>

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

<http://tinyurl.com/b39b4m>

2-25-09 SOLON SE Preliminary Figures

SOLON SE presented its preliminary figures for fiscal year 2008.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEU0721.htm>

SOLON: <http://www.solon.com/cw/en/>

2-25-09 Neo Solar Power Financial Report

Neo Solar Power released its financial report for 2008. Press at DigiTimes: <http://tinyurl.com/bw8tdv>

Neo Solar Power: <http://www.neosolarpower.com/>

2-25-09 Q-Cells SE Financing

Q-Cells press on securing corporate financing is posted at: <http://tinyurl.com/cg75so>

2-25-09 Scheuten Solar and Aehlios Multiyear Module Contract

Scheuten Solar and Aehlios have signed a multiyear contract for the supply of solar modules in the Multisol(R) range. The contract covers the supply of nearly 10 MWp of crystalline modules. Aehlios will install PV solar roofs fitted with Scheuten Solar modules over the next few years.

Story at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEU0724.htm>

Scheuten: <http://www.scheuten.com/>

Aehlios: <http://www.aehlios.fr/>

2-25-09 Municipal Water District PV, California

The Padre Dam Municipal Water District announced the activation of an 862-kW PV system deployed through a partnership with Borrego Solar Systems and SunEdison.

Story at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1416.htm>

Borrego Solar: <http://www.borregosolar.com/>

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

2-25-09 Solargy Systems Solar Farm, Florida

Solargy Systems Inc. announced that it has received a letter of intent from Barron Properties to develop and install a solar farm utility site, with a power purchase agreement involving Florida Power and Light.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/atzv22>

Solargy Systems: <http://www.solargysystemsinc.com/index2.html>

2-25-09 PV for Butte College, California

Butte College unveiled its newest PV systems at its Oroville campus totaling 450 kW DC, with Mitsubishi Electric solar modules. Press at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/aheuqr>

Mitsubishi Electric: <http://global.mitsubishielectric.com/bu/solar/index.html>

2-25-09 Suntech Japanese Distributor

Suntech Power has established an agreement with House Care Co. Ltd, a subsidiary of West Holdings Group, under which House Care will become an authorized distributor of Suntech in Japan and distribute 30 MW of Suntech solar products in 2009.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsASCO417.htm>

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

2-25-09 Suntech and Eagle Roofing Distribution Agreement

Suntech Power Holdings Co., Ltd. and Eagle Roofing Products announced that they have entered into an exclusive distribution agreement for North America.

Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Suntech-and-Eagle-Roofing-prnews-14449595.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/acvr2a>

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

Eagle Roofing: <http://www.eagleroofing.com/>

2-25-09 Despatch Industries Marketing Subsidiary in Taiwan

Despatch Industries announced the official opening of Despatch Industries Taiwan.

Press at DigiTimes: <http://tinyurl.com/ajrsfp>

Despatch Industries: <http://tinyurl.com/b5qc6w>

2-25-09 Solar Semiconductor Export

Solar Semiconductor Private Limited flagged off its first export consignment of PV modules to Germany marking the start of the company's commercial production activity at the state-government-promoted Fab City. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/auxxe6>

Solar Semiconductor: <http://www.solarsemiconductor.com/>

2-25-09 Hoku TCS Plans, Idaho

Hoku Materials has said it will delay the engineering and construction of the closed-loop trichlorosilane production area of its Pocatello, Idaho polysilicon plant until April 2009 and reassign construction management services, according to press at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/c4hjzm>

2-25-09 BP Space for Sale or Rent, Maryland

According to this press through Solarbuzz <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/Newspage.asp>, BP Solar is looking to sell or rent a 140,000-square-foot space at its plant off Ballenger Creek Pike. Press at the Frederick News Post: <http://tinyurl.com/czswu4>

2-25-09 Daxon Technology into PV Packaging Materials

Daxon Technology has moved into the development and production of materials used in packaging PV modules. Press at DigiTimes: <http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20090225PD200.html>

2-25-09 China Sunergy Wafer Purchase and Solar Sales Agreement

China Sunergy Co, Ltd. announced that it has entered into a wafer purchase agreement and a solar sales agreement with a U.S.-based PV products firm. China Sunergy will use the wafers purchased from the firm to produce solar cells, which will be sold back to the firm. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cbbj8v>

China Sunergy: <http://www.chinasunergy.com/>

2-25-09 BTU International Order, Results

BTU International announced the receipt for an order exceeding \$2 million in value from a new, major thin-film solar customer. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cdbmq8>

BTU also announced fourth quarter and fiscal year 2008 results. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/ah4yk8>
BTU: <http://www.btu.com/>

2-25-09 MKS Instruments Solar Yield Management System

MKS Instruments, Inc. has introduced the Genesis(R) Solar Yield Management System for solar cell manufacturers. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/c8r274> (registration required)

MKS Instruments: <http://www.mksinst.com/>

Printed Electronics World: <http://www.printedelectronicsworld.com/>

2-25-09 More on Spanish Feed-in Tariff

See "New Spanish Feed-in Tariff Level Set" at RenewableEnergyWorld:

<http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/article/2009/02/new-spanish-feed-in-tariff-level-set> or <http://tinyurl.com/dbzp2n>

2-25-09 Solar in Japan

According to this press, the Japanese government plans to compel electricity producers to buy surplus solar power generated at households and factories. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/dk35jw>

<http://tinyurl.com/cq6yvg>

2-25-09 Solar in Oregon

See the story "China's solar boom could dim Oregon's efforts" at:

http://www.oregonlive.com/special/index.ssf/2009/02/solar_story.html or <http://tinyurl.com/cg7u5m>

2-25-09 Solar Today [Brooke Simmons]

The Solar Today digital edition for March, sponsored by Solar Village Homes, is available online at:

<http://www.solartoday-digital.org/solartoday/200903/>

2-25-09 IREC State & Stakeholder Newsletter [Jane Pulaski]

The latest issue of the Interstate Renewable Energy Council's State and Stakeholder Newsletter with coverage of state and local headlines, an interview of the week, current and best practices, grants and RFPs, events, and other news is available at: <http://tinyurl.com/caf8mp>

2-25-09 EERE Network News

The latest issue of EERE Network News [Kevin Eber], with coverage of the call for more clean energy investment and DOE disbursement of funds received via the stimulus act, is available at:

<http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/enn.cfm>

2-25-09 Semiconductor Revenues

The impact of the financial crisis will result in the semiconductor industry experiencing near record revenue declines in 2009, according to DigiTimes coverage of Gartner's outlook at:

<http://tinyurl.com/ak5bgu>

2-25-09 Clean Technology Investment

Investors poured \$4.1 billion into fledgling clean technology companies last year according to a PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP report. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/d4rkdf>

2-25-09 U.S. Stimulus Plan

See "FACTBOX – Stimulus plan seeks to boost wind and solar energy" at Reuters:

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/topNews/idUKTRE51M5UI20090223>

2-25-09 FY 2009 Energy Appropriations

The House is expected to approve its version of the 2009 omnibus spending bill today, which includes the Department of Energy and solar. Next is consideration of the omnibus bill in the Senate.

2-25-09 Financial Opportunities

There are a number of new postings at The Green Power Network Financial Opportunities website at: <http://apps3.eere.energy.gov/greenpower/financial/>

2-25-09 Renewable Energy World North America

Renewable Energy World North America is set for 10-12 March in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/bych7c>

Website: <http://rewna09.events.pennnet.com/fl/content.cfm?NavId=7857&Language=Engl> or <http://tinyurl.com/6xmvg2>

2-25-09 Power-Gen ASIA

Power-Gen ASIA is set for 7-9 October in Bangkok, Thailand.

Information at: <http://www.powergenasia.com/index.html>

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/c9klhd>

2-25-09 Cogentrix Energy Acquisition of Sunray Energy

Cogentrix Energy, LLC, through its wholly owned subsidiary Cogentrix Solar Services, has closed its acquisition of Sunray Energy, Inc.

Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Cogentrix-Energy-Completes-bw-14464744.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/cxt9zo>

Cogentrix: <http://www.cogentrix.com/>

2-25-09 Solar-powered Air Conditioning

Coolerado Corporation announced that it has revealed its design for solar powered air conditioning systems to the general public through an online video.

Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Coolerado-Makes-Solar-Powered-bw-14467500.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/d8v89n>

Coolerado Corporation: <http://www.coolerado.com/>

2-26-09 Wacker Chemie Plans for Polycrystalline Silicon Facility in Tennessee

Wacker Chemie AG has mid-term plans to construct a new hyperpure polycrystalline silicon facility in the US and has purchased land in Tennessee covering about 550 acres for this purpose. Wacker expects a mid-term investment of around \$1 billion to set up the new plant, creating about 500 new jobs. Press at Wacker: http://www.wacker.com/cms/en/press_media/press-releases/pressinformation-detail_20540.jsp

or <http://tinyurl.com/acjxwj> and

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAMA154.htm>

<http://tinyurl.com/bwlf76>

<http://tinyurl.com/ce7qu3>

2-26-09 Hoku Amendment to Polysilicon Plant Engineering Contract

See more on plans for the Hoku Materials polysilicon plant in Idaho at

Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAMA153.htm>

Hoku Materials: <http://www.shareholder.hokuscientific.com/ReleaseDetail.cfm?ReleaseID=367410> or <http://tinyurl.com/cvwzuy>

2-26-09 Sunner Solar Thin-film Module Manufacturing, Taiwan

Sunner Solar opened its first thin-film PV module manufacturing facility in Taiwan and expects to have an annual production capacity of 25 MW. The ceremony also introduced Sunner Solar's achievement of serial production of SA-100 amorphous silicon thin-film modules.

Press at Sunner Solar: <http://www.sunnersolar.com/News.php?category=1>

<http://www.sunnersolar.com/News.php>

DigiTimes: <http://tinyurl.com/acloaf>

2-26-09 Akeena Solar Results

Akeena Solar, Inc. announced results for the fourth quarter and year ended 31 December.

Press at: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNACO893.htm>

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/29406696/>

Akeena Solar: <http://www.akeena.net/cm/Home.html>

<http://ir.akeena.com/releases.cfm>

2-26-09 Manz Automation Results

Manz Automation AG released preliminary figures for 2008. Press at Manz

Automation: <http://tinyurl.com/acnrtn>

<http://www.manz-automation.com/statisch/english/home/index.htm> or <http://tinyurl.com/2ppn72>

2-26-09 Large Utility-scale Solar Generating Facilities [Betty Prince]

A new report, "Large Utility-Scale Solar Generating Facilities (>3 MW) Feb. 2009" is available from New Energy Strategies. Information at: <http://www.newenergystrategies.com/>

<http://www.newenergystrategies.com/LargeSolarFacilities.htm>

2-26-09 Renewable Energy Focus Magazine [Matt Smaldon]

The January-February issue of Renewable Energy Focus is ready to view, with coverage of PV in US homes, PV during the downturn, and other news items. Information at Renewable Energy Focus

Magazine: <http://www.renewableenergyfocus.com/magazine/information/index.html> or

<http://tinyurl.com/akjbam>

Subscription registration: <http://tinyurl.com/cbt3mf>

<http://www.renewableenergyfocus.com/?ntp=22615@62662@7725716> or <http://tinyurl.com/aqwhu9>

2-26-09 Streamlining the Solar Value Chain

AltaTerra Research Network is hosting the Web conference "The Need for Speed: Streamlining the Solar Value Chain" on 5 March. Information at: http://www.altaterra.net/events/event_details.asp?id=50272

2-26-09 Thin Film Solar Summit Europe [Joshua Bull]

The Thin Film Solar Summit Europe is set for 19-20 May in Berlin, Germany. The Summit is designed to provide solar companies with a 2-day roadmap to profitable thin-film PV manufacturing and plant development for commercial success. More information at: <http://www.thinfilmtoday.com/eu>

2-26-09 Solar Power International 09

Solar Power International 09 is set for 27-29 October in Anaheim, California.

Information at: <http://www.solarpowerinternational.com/>

2-26-09 FY 2009 Appropriations

The House passed its version of the omnibus spending bill, which includes the Department of Energy and solar. The legislation now goes to the Senate for consideration.

2-26-09 AlwaysOn GoingGreen East 50 Awards

AlwaysOn announced the winners of the first annual GoingGreen East 50 Awards honoring top cleantech and greentech companies in the Eastern U.S. and Canada with an eye toward helping them secure the venture capital they need to grow and create new jobs and opportunities. See the list of winners,

including the Solar Energy category, at: <http://tinyurl.com/bzyjjo>

AlwaysOn: <http://alwayson.goingon.com/homepage>

AlwaysOn GoingGreen East: <http://alwayson.goingon.com/ecom/productview/30326>

2-27-09 Yunnan Tianda Photovoltaic Agreements, China

Yunnan Tianda Photovoltaic Co. Ltd. signed three agreements with the administration committee of Xiuzhou New Area and Xiuzhou Industry Park in Zhejiang Province regarding solar cell projects. The agreements enable the company to set up a solar cell production base and a solar cell R&D center in the zone. Press at: http://www.chinaknowledge.com/Newsires/News_Detail.aspx?type=1&NewsID=21502 or <http://tinyurl.com/cskrqb>

Yunnan Tianda Photovoltaic Co., Ltd.: <http://www.ynsolar.cn/en/index.aspx>

2-27-09 Tokyo Electron Strategic Cooperation with Oerlikon Solar

Tokyo Electron (TEL) has announced a strategic cooperation with Oerlikon Solar.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUCO726.htm>

PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/de73z5>

Oerlikon:

http://www.oerlikon.com/ecomaXL/index.php?site=SOLAR_EN_press_releases_detail&udtx_id=6676 or

<http://tinyurl.com/co8pup>

Tokyo Electron: http://www.tel.com/eng/news/2009/0227_001.htm

<http://www.tel.com/eng/index.htm>

2-27-09 BeyondPV Opening Ceremony for Factory, Taiwan

BeyondPV, a Taiwan-based maker of micromorphous silicon tandem-junction thin-film PV modules, held an opening ceremony for its factory in southern Taiwan and will start volume production in June 2009.

Press at DigiTimes: <http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20090227PR205.html>

BeyondPV: <http://www.beyondpv.com/beyondpv/>

2-27-09 Inventux Micromorph Thin Film Modules

See "Ahead of Schedule: Inventux Produces 115 Watt Micromorph Thin

Film Modules" at: http://www.inventux.com/en/news/berlin_090225/

2-27-09 China Sunergy Results

China Sunergy Co., Ltd. provided an update regarding selected estimated financial results for the fourth quarter ended 31 December. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/b8edqk>

2-27-09 Unitech Printed Circuit Board Suspension of Solar Cell Expansion Plans

Unitech Printed Circuit Board has decided to suspend a plan to invest NT\$1 billion in 2009 to expand its production capacity of crystalline silicon solar cells, according to

DigiTimes press at: <http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20090227PM201.html>

Unitech: <http://www.pcbut.com.tw/english/home.html>

2-27-09 Huamao Energy Technology Company Investment in CIGS, China

Guangzhou-based Huamao Energy Technology Company plans to spend a total of RMB 1.64 billion to establish a CIGS thin-film solar module project, which will include two 25-MW CIGS thin-film solar cell production lines. Press at: http://www.jlmpacificepoch.com/newsstories?id=142259_0_5_0_M

2-27-09 Astroenergy Thin-film Solar Cell Manufacturing, China

Hangzhou-based solar cell manufacturer Astroenergy recently began manufacturing second-generation thin-film solar cells. The company is targeting an annual capacity of more than 300 MW in 2010 and 50% increases each year thereafter. Press at:

http://www.jlmpacificepoch.com/newsstories?id=142156_0_5_0_M

2-27-09 Enfinity Management Capital Increase [Jurgen Van Damme]

Enfinity Management has been granted a 50-million Euro capital increase by investment company Waterland, allowing Enfinity to accelerate its growth in the 12 countries in which it is already present and also to develop its position in other countries.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUCO725.htm>

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

2-27-09 CENTROSOLAR Business Relationships

See the press, "CENTROSOLAR and Econcern reorder business relationship: CENTROSOLAR takes 100% stake in Dutch daughter Ubbink Solar Modules" at CENTROSOLAR: <http://tinyurl.com/b925r6>

2-27-09 FPL 25-MW DeSoto Next Generation Solar Energy Center, Groundbreaking

Florida Power & Light Company announced the groundbreaking for its 25-MW DeSoto Next Generation Solar Energy Center, which uses SunPower panels and SunPower(R) Tracker technology. The DeSoto Next Generation Solar Energy Center is one of three new solar facilities that FPL is building in Florida, which will total 110 MW. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1417.htm> and <http://www.bizjournals.com/tampabay/stories/2009/02/23/daily56.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/b4jh45>
FPL: <http://www.fpl.com/news/2009/22609.shtml>
FPL Solar Energy Centers: <http://www.fpl.com/environment/solar/projects.shtml?id=alias>
SunPower: <http://www.sunpowercorp.com/>

2-27-09 Solar Panel Production in Cuba

Cuba is setting up a new production line to increase the production of solar panels, meant mainly for projects of the Bolivarian Alternative for Our America. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/an5ecs>

2-27-09 CPV Today Newsletter [Joshua Bull, Belen Gallego]

The latest issue of the CPV Today Newsletter, with an article on differentiators and promises of CPV start-ups and other PV news, is available at: <http://tinyurl.com/abgsut>
CPV Newsletters: <http://social.cpvtoday.com/content/newsletters-0>

2-27-09 Kender Solar Technology

Kender Energy Inc. has developed a new solar technology where the thermal and light energy of the sun are used together to spin helium in a closed circuit. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/d9388j>
<http://tinyurl.com/bolu5y>
Kender Solar: <http://www.kendersolar.com/>

2-27-09 Solar Incentives in Michigan

Consumers Energy, one of Michigan's principal investor-owned electric utilities, has filed a petition with the Michigan Public Service Commission that contains a proposed pilot feed-in tariff for solar PV. Press and links at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/d3gcgw>
Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/cmgy45>
Consumers Energy: <http://www.consumersenergy.com/welcome.htm>

2-27-09 Solar Incentives in Ireland

Energy Minister Eamon Ryan announced measures to encourage on-site generation of electricity in homes and farms across Ireland. Among the measures is a guaranteed price of 19 cents/kWh. More in the press at: <http://tinyurl.com/bhrcwp>

2-27-09 Green Energy and Green Economy Act, Ontario

Ontario's Premier Dalton McGuinty and Energy Minister George Smitherman unveiled a plan to infuse the province with green energy and energy efficiency. See more on the Green Energy and Green Economy Act, 2009, at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/atrv3o>
More in the Podcast at: <http://tinyurl.com/bduv8f>

2-27-09 Solar Education Series, Arizona [Tamarack Little]

The office of Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, in partnership with the Pima County Public Library, hosts a community education series on solar energy called Solar Power 101. A new Solar Power 101 schedule for Spring/Summer 2009 is on line at: <http://giffords.house.gov/legislation/arizona-issues/Solar%20Energy/SolarEvents.shtml> or <http://tinyurl.com/d3dljn>
<http://giffords.house.gov/legislation/arizona-issues/Solar%20Energy/SolarEnergy.shtml> or <http://tinyurl.com/3239z6>

2-27-09 More on Spire "Come to America" Program

Spire Corporation announced that its senior management will introduce the Come to America program at PHOTON's 4th Photovoltaic Technology Show 2009 Europe.

Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Spire-to-Give-a-Press-bw-14477065.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/d6dbgy>

PHOTON Expo, 4-6 March in Munich: <http://www.photon-expo.com/en/index.htm>

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

Program press: <http://tinyurl.com/bo46eh>

2-27-09 Thin Film Solar Event [Matthew Probyn]

Thin Film Solar is set for 28-29 April in San Francisco, California.

Information at: <http://www.greenpowerconferences.com/renewablesmarkets/thinfilmsolar60.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/cwaszo>

2-27-09 Space Solar Power

See the article "Space solar power crowd bets on Obama" at: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/29387782/>

2-27-09 California Solar Power Market, Perspective

See the story "Calif. solar startups might get help in unlikely places" at the New York Times:

<http://www.nytimes.com/gwire/2009/02/26/26greenwire-calif-startups-might-get-help-in-unlikely-place-9884.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/d7mhwy>

2-27-09 Added Cost of Paperwork for Solar Installations

See the story "Paperwork: The Added Cost of Solar Installation" at

Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/chwnmz>

2-27-09 Growth in Alternative Energy Technologies

Alternative energy technologies are expected to grow at a 40% annual rate through 2012, and semiconductors used in these applications will see a comparable growth, according to The Information Network, in coverage at DigiTimes: <http://tinyurl.com/dls7e9>

2-27-09 Semiconductor Today [Darren Cummings]

The latest of issue of Semiconductor Today, with a feature article on multi-junction PV and other PV news, is on line at: http://www.webmags.co.uk/mag.aspx?magcode=SemiconductorToday2009_Feb09 or <http://tinyurl.com/dnbqul>

2-27-09 President's 2010 Budget Proposal

The administration outlined its proposed FY 2010 budget. Information at: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/> <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget/>

2-27-09 Global CSP Markets and Strategies Study [Jonathan Dower]

Emerging Energy Research announced a new study analyzing CSP markets titled "Global Concentrated Solar Power Markets & Strategies, 2009-2020. Information at at: <http://tinyurl.com/arrg2a>

Emerging Energy Research: <http://www.emerging-energy.com/>

2-27-09 NPR Coverage of Southern California Edison and BrightSource Solar Thermal Plant

See reference to "Huge Solar Facility Planned for California Desert" at

Talk of the Nation: <http://tinyurl.com/ck9r8g>

2-27-09 CSP Today Articles

See new postings at CSP Today at: <http://social.csptoday.com/node>

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3-2-09 Fotowatio Acquisition of MMA Renewable Ventures Core Solar Assets

Fotowatio has agreed to purchase the core US solar power assets of MMA Renewable Ventures. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNACO894.htm> and <http://tinyurl.com/awra2h>
<http://www.tradingmarkets.com/.site/news/Stock%20News/2201170/> or <http://tinyurl.com/dj869b>
<http://phx.corporate-ir.net/phoenix.zhtml?c=106902&p=irol-news&nyo=0> or <http://tinyurl.com/abxff>
<http://tinyurl.com/d884xy>
Fotowatio: <http://www.fotowatio.com/>
MMA Renewable Ventures: <http://mmarenew.com/>

3-2-09 50-MW PV Project, New York

New York Governor David Paterson announced a 50-MW PV project in the state. Long Island Power Authority selected BP Solar to provide 36.9 MW of solar energy from 2 PV facilities at Brookhaven. LIPA also chose enXco to supply 13.1 MW of solar power from facilities built at municipal, school and private properties across Long Island. Press at: http://www.state.ny.us/governor/press/press_0227092.html
http://www.bnl.gov/bnlweb/pubaf/pr/PR_display.asp?prID=918
<http://www.solarbuzz.com/news/NewsNAPR1418.htm>
http://www.newsday.com/business/ny-d6051245feb27_0,7740969.story or <http://tinyurl.com/bg6skb>
LIPA: <http://www.lipower.org/>
BP Solar: <http://www.bp.com/genericcountryjump.do?categoryId=9070&contentId=7038143> or <http://tinyurl.com/yvmcvm>
enXco: <http://www.enxco.com/>

3-2-09 Gainesville Milestone for Solar Program, Florida

Days before the Gainesville Regional Utilities officially launched its Solar FIT program, the GRU received completed applications to install PV systems totaling 4 MW, which is GRU's first-year target for the solar program. Stories at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/news/NewsNAGO384.htm> and <http://tinyurl.com/cv8psq>
Gainesville Regional Utilities: <http://www.gru.com/OurEnvironment/GreenEnergy/solarHub.jsp>
GRU: <http://www.gru.com/>

3-2-09 Plans for PV Plant in Pueblo County, Colorado

According to this press, Helios Energy Partners, a consortium seeking to build a 200- to 300-MW solar plant, has met with commissioners of Pueblo County, Colorado to discuss the estimated \$900 million project. Press at: <http://cleantechbrief.com/node/243>
<http://www.istockanalyst.com/article/viewiStockNews/articleid/3079878> or <http://tinyurl.com/d8y6as>
<http://cbs4denver.com/business/Consortium.Solar.Power.2.947478.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/bew35y>
<http://www.9news.com/rss/article.aspx?storyid=110936>

3-2-09 Western Massachusetts Electric Co. Sites for PV

Western Massachusetts Electric Co. has identified several potential sites for 6 MW of PV capacity to be installed by 2010, and 15 MW by 2012. Press at: http://www.berkshireagle.com/ci_11817336
WMECO: <http://tinyurl.com/bt2ms6>

3-2-09 High Ratings for Evergreen Solar Panels

Evergreen Solar, Inc. announced that its solar panels have received high ratings in two key industry performance tests.
Press at Evergreen Solar: <http://www.evergreensolar.com/app/en/company/press/pressreleases/item/713>
or <http://tinyurl.com/dmmpc4>
<http://www.evergreensolar.com/>

3-2-09 Evolution Solar Corp. Orders

Evolution Solar Corp. announced it recently received its first order to supply \$80 million of wafers to a major solar company and an additional order for \$30 million in ingots. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/apm4pc>
Evolution Solar: <http://www.evolutionsolar.com/>

3-2-09 China Sunergy Sales Agreement with asola

China Sunergy Co., Ltd. announced that it has entered into a solar cell sales agreement with asola Advanced and Automotive Solar System GmbH to supply a total volume of between 10 MW and 30 MW of solar cells to asola from February to December 2009. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/aufqe3>
China Sunergy: <http://www.chinasunergy.com/>
asola: <http://www.asola-power.com/>

3-2-09 SolarPower Restoration Systems Purchase Agreement with SBM Solar

SolarPower Restoration Systems Inc. announced it has signed a multi-year, multi MW purchase agreement with SBM Solar Inc. Press at: <http://www.pr.com/press-release/135298>
SolarPower Restoration Systems, Inc.: <http://www.solarpower-restoration.com/>
SBM Solar Inc.: <http://www.sbmsolar.com/>

3-2-09 E-Ton Solar Tech Shipment Goal

E-Ton Solar Tech has a shipment goal of 260-300 MWp for 2009.
Press at DigiTimes: <http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20090302PB202.html>
E-Ton Solar Tech: <http://www.e-tonsolar.com/index.asp?le=english>

3-2-09 juwi Solar Energy Project, India

juwi Solar has decided to set up a 500-MW solar energy project in Osmanabad.
Press at: <http://www.hindu.com/thehindu/holnus/006200903011932.htm>
juwi: <http://international.juwi.de/>

3-2-09 Moser Baer PV Expansion

Moser Baer India is hiring 400 people for its PV arm, with expansion of its footprint in the European markets and additional plans elsewhere. Press at: <http://www.siliconindia.com/shownews/53127>
Moser Baer: <http://www.moserbaer.com/>
<http://www.moserbaerpv.in/>

3-2-09 Yingli Management of Guangwei Solar Cell Project, China

Guangwei Green Energy started construction of a 66.7-hectare multicrystalline silicon solar cell project with planned annual capacity of 600 MW in Hebei province. Yingli Group has agreed to manage the project for two years and aid in product development, raw material purchasing and sales.
Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/d6dqxz>
Yingli: <http://www.yinglisolar.com/enmain/user/index.asp>

3-2-09 Solar Outlook, Photovoltaic Industry Update

The February 23 issue of Solar Outlook, from Principal Analyst and Executive Editor Paula Mints, with coverage of PV shipments, U.S. incentive tables, the new program in Greece, the feed-in tariff in Gujarat, China's action plan for solar, honors for Dr. Guha at Uni-Solar, BP Solar headquarters move, the view from the selling channel, a SEPA column, news in brief from around the world, and a PV conference calendar, is available from Navigant Consulting. Information and sample download at: <http://tinyurl.com/3ozn79>

3-2-09 Entech Solar Restructuring

Entech Solar announced that it has undertaken significant cost reduction activities to position the company for improved performance. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/abmdvb>
Entech Solar: <http://www.entechsolar.com/>

3-2-09 SunPower Vice President and General Manager of Utilities and Power Plants

SunPower Corp. announced that Jean M. Wilson has joined SunPower as its vice president and general manager of utilities and power plants. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/as9wro>
SunPower: <http://www.sunpowercorp.com/>

3-2-09 iTi Corporation Board Member, Solar Advisor

imaging Technology international (iT) Corporation announced it has appointed John Spiers to its Board of Directors. Spiers also serves as an advisor for the company's newly established solar division, iTi Solar, which focuses on delivering next-generation thin-film solar cell manufacturing processes using inkjet technologies. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/avwyf9>
iT Corporation: <http://www.iticorp.com/>
iT Solar: <http://www.itisolar.com/>

3-2-09 Fuji Electric Systems Prototype

Fuji Electric Systems Ltd exhibited a prototype of a lightweight solar cell module at the 2nd International Photovoltaic Power Generation Expo.
Press at: http://techon.nikkeibp.co.jp/english/NEWS_EN/20090227/166437/
Fuji Electric Systems: <http://www.fesys.co.jp/eng/>

3-2-09 Thin Plastic Films and Concentrator Technology

See Greentech Media coverage of Prism Solar and Cool Earth Solar at: <http://tinyurl.com/da63v3>
Prism Solar: <http://www.prismsolar.com/>
Cool Earth Solar: <http://www.coolearthsolar.com/>

3-2-09 Enphase Micro-inverter Technology Offering Via Suntech Dealer Network

Suntech Power Holdings Co., Ltd. announced that it will offer the Enphase Micro-inverter to its network of U.S. Authorized Dealers. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cwpr2x>
<http://tinyurl.com/dxj3xy>
Suntech: <http://www.suntech-power.com/>
Enphase: <http://www.enphaseenergy.com/>

3-2-09 LayTec In-line Monitoring for Thin-film Applications

LayTec GmbH has launched its in-line monitoring systems for thin-film PV applications. Press at Semiconductor Today: <http://tinyurl.com/an4pdn>
LayTec: <http://www.laytec.de/>

3-2-09 Solar Metrology Measurement Tool Expansion

Solar Metrology has expanded its SMX product range, which provides a production-ready suite of thin-film thickness and composition measurement tools for research and process development, in-process monitoring, and post-process quality control. More at Semiconductor Today: <http://tinyurl.com/dc32s8>

3-2-09 CVD Equipment Corp. Equipment Range Expansion

CVD Equipment Corp. has expanded its product line of EasyTube CVD systems to focus on quality control and R&D for next-generation process development in solar applications. Press at Semiconductor Today: <http://tinyurl.com/cjvm86>

3-2-09 Polycrystalline Silicon Solar Cell Spot Market

According to DigiTimes press, international spot market prices for polycrystalline silicon solar cells have dropped from US\$2.1-2.2/watt in early 2009 to US\$1.7-2.0/watt currently.
Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/dc4w32>

3-2-09 Green Energy and Good Jobs Measure B, Los Angeles, California

For coverage of the controversy over Measure B in Los Angeles, California, see Greentech Media at: <http://tinyurl.com/czom7f>

3-2-09 More on Thin Film Solar Summit Europe

The Thin Film Solar Summit Europe takes place 19-20 May in Berlin Germany.

Press at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/c7zpv5>

Summit information: <http://www.thinfilmtoday.com/eu/>

3-2-09 Clean Energy Investments Forum 2009

The Clean Energy Investments Forum 2009 is set for 20-21 April in Houston, Texas.

Information at: <http://www.environmental-finance.com/conferences/2009/CEIF09/intro.htm> or

<http://tinyurl.com/bk9cvf>

3-3-09 First Solar Acquisition of OptiSolar Project Pipeline

First Solar has entered into an agreement to significantly expand its penetration within the U.S. utility solar power market with the acquisition of OptiSolar's solar project pipeline.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1420.htm>

RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/cc57r3>

LA Times: <http://tinyurl.com/alazv8>

Reuters: <http://tinyurl.com/cphtlq>

MercuryNews: http://www.mercurynews.com/breakingnews/ci_11821776

First Solar: <http://www.firstsolar.com/>

OptiSolar: <http://www.optisolar.com/>

3-3-09 Foresight Group Contracts for 10 MW of PV, Italy

Foresight Group has signed two contracts for the construction of 10 MW of PV projects in Italy. Of the 10 MW, 4 MW will be built through an engineer, procure, construct (EPC) contract with Enerqos, with four plants located in southern Italy. A further six PV plants will be built in southern Italy with a total of 6 MW through an EPC contract with Ecoware SpA.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUPR584.htm>

Enerqos: <http://www.enerqos.com/eng/index2.aspx>

Ecoware S.p.A.: <http://www.ecoware.eu/>

3-3-09 SunRay Renewable Energy 24-MW PV Project, Italy

SunRay Renewable Energy broke ground on the 24-MW Montalto di Castro PV plant in Italy being managed through Cassiopea PV srl, a subsidiary of SunRay. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/bttxys>

<http://tinyurl.com/bdtedz>

SunRay Renewable Energy Ltd.: <http://www.sunrayrenewable.com/>

3-3-09 SunEdison Project Financing

SunEdison announced it has closed \$20 million in project financing with Union Bank, N.A.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/d8dord>

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

3-3-09 Trina Solar Results

Trina Solar Limited announced financial results for the fourth quarter and fiscal year 2008.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cjdfmh>

Trina Solar: <http://www.trinasolar.com/>

3-3-09 Soleos Solar Office in China

Soleos Solar GmbH is expanding its international presence with the opening of an office in China.

Press at: <http://www.soleos-solar.com/content/view/246/3/lang.en>

3-3-09 Collaboration Agreement on Inkjet Technology

Three Catalan institutions have signed an agreement to develop devices and materials using inkjet technology – the technology center CETEMMSA, the Institute of Photonic Sciences, and the Polytechnic University of Catalonia. Press at: <http://www.cetemmsa.com/?q=en/node/277>

3-3-09 PHOTON Consulting Report

PHOTON Consulting announced the release of "The True Cost of Solar Power: Race to \$1/W". PHOTON is discussing highlights at PHOTON's 7th Silicon Conference in Germany.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/b6wx5c>

Report information at: <http://tinyurl.com/csbf8o>

Conference: <http://www.photon-expo.com/en/index.htm>

3-3-09 CPV Grid Parity Report [Carlos Marquez-Salazar]

CPV Today released "The CPV Challenge (Part I): Achieving Grid Parity", written by the University of Jaen (Spain) and CPV Today. More on the report at: <http://www.cpvtoday.com/eu09/reports.shtml>

<http://www.cpvtoday.com/eu09/reports2.shtml>

3-3-09 Thin Film Today Newsletter [Joshua Bull]

The new Thin Film Today Newsletter is on

line at; <http://www.thinfilmtoday.com/eu/mailshot0209/index2.htm>

3-3-09 New SOLON Modules

SOLON is introducing a new in-roof module, the SOLON Black 160/05 produced from black monocrystalline cells on black Tedlar film.

Press at: <http://www.solon.com/cw/en/press/detail.html?ID=293>

3-3-09 Carpevigo AG in Italian Market

See "Carpevigo AG of Germany enters the Italian Solar Market" at: <http://www.n-tv.de/1113587.html>

Carpevigo: <http://www.carpevigo.de/>

3-3-09 ADES Solar Trackers for PV Project in Greece

See the press, "First Project with ADES Solar Trackers in Greece" at

ADES Energia Superior: <http://www.ades.tv/index.php> (News)

3-3-09 Energy Innovations Spin Off of RayTracker, Inc.

Energy Innovations, Inc. announced that its RayTracker product group has been spun off to form

RayTracker, Inc. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/czsjlx>

RayTracker(TM): <http://www.raytracker.com/>

Energy Innovations(TM): <http://www.energyinnovations.com/>

3-3-09 ET Solar Trackers for PV Project, California

ET Solar Group, in cooperation with Solar Power Partners, Inc., announced the completion of a 1.014-MW PV project with 89 ET Solar trackers for West County Wastewater District.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/c749u4>

ET Solar: <http://www.etsolar.com/en/default.html>

Solar Power Partners: <http://www.solarpowerpartners.com/>

3-3-09 San Jose, California PV RFP

San Jose, California, is soliciting proposals for 1-2 MW of solar power at city maintenance yards.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/c4fk78>

<http://www.bizjournals.com/sanjose/stories/2009/03/02/daily26.html>

<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/>

3-3-09 German PV Industry

See the story "Photon Expo: German Photovoltaic Industry Remains

Optimistic" at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Photon-Expo-German-cnw-14525265.html> or

<http://tinyurl.com/bxsvaz>

3-3-09 Solar in Iraq

See the story "Iraq Looks to Solar Energy to Help Rebuild its Economy" at

RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/c28qjv>

3-3-09 PV Project for Vermont National Guard

Senator Bernie Sanders has secured a \$5 million grant for a solar energy project for the Vermont National Guard. Sanders secured the \$5 million in the 2009 Department of Defense Appropriations bill. Story at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1419.htm>

3-3-09 PV for Ohio National Guard

The federal stimulus package will help fund installation of solar panels at three Ohio National Guard facilities, including in Toledo. The National Guard received \$8.5 million earmarked for capital projects. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cdf3h6>

3-3-09 MIT Solar Car

See coverage of MIT's solar car in the press at: <http://tinyurl.com/asb5mm>
<http://web.mit.edu/newsoffice/2009/solar-car-vid-0302.html>

3-3-09 US Bank Loans for PV

According to this press at DigiTimes, US banks are taking a stricter approach to loan applications by PV players. Press at: <http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20090303PD200.html>

3-3-09 China and Global PV Industry Report

Reportlinker.com announced that a new market research report is available in its catalog – "China and Global Photovoltaic Industry Research 2008". Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/aa98fe>

3-3-09 eSolar Deal with ACME Group

eSolar said it has signed a \$30-million deal with Indian technology company ACME Group that is part equity investment and part licensing agreement. Under the deal, ACME will build up to 1,000 MW of solar thermal power plants in India using eSolar's technology. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/caqv7c>
Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/c3hr34>
eSolar: <http://www.esolar.com/>
ACME: <http://www.acme.in/>

3-3-09 NV Energy, Solar Millennium, MAN Ferrostaal MOU

NV Energy, Inc. and Solar Millennium, LLC, together with its joint venture partner MAN Ferrostaal Inc., announced that they have entered into an MOU for potential development of one or more solar power facilities in southern Nevada. The initial project under consideration is a 250-MW solar trough technology plant that includes thermal storage. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/blmeak>
NV Energy: <http://www.nvenergy.com/>
Solar Millennium http://www.solarmillennium.de/Contact_Us/Contact_Us_.lang2,22.html or
<http://tinyurl.com/b45qaa>
MAN Ferrostaal AG: <http://www.manferrostaal.com/>

3-4-09 SiGen Solar-cell Foils

Silicon Genesis announced that it has produced 20um thickness solar-cell foils, a milestone in the development of SiGen's PolyMax(TM) kerf-free wafering technology. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/dbllo8>
SiGen: <http://www.sigen.net/>

3-4-09 centrotherm photovoltaics AG "First Silicon Out" in Asia

centrotherm photovoltaics AG has achieved a further milestone in silicon production and confirms the performance capacity of its silicon reactors with "First Silicon Out". At the production site of Asia Silicon (Qinghai) Co., Ltd., the company has successfully started its first polysilicon production equipment. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/b4heh3>

3-4-09 GP Solar GmbH Crystalline Module Production

With its new "Module Technology" business area, GP Solar GmbH, a 100% subsidiary of centrotherm photovoltaics AG, is supplementing centrotherm photovoltaics Group's range of products to include crystalline module production. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/b85bbk>

3-4-09 BASF and centrotherm photovoltaics Expanded Joint Development Agreement

BASF SE, centrotherm photovoltaics AG, and its subsidiary GP Solar GmbH announced that they have entered into an extended joint development agreement for chemicals required in the manufacturing process of crystalline solar cells. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/aqhdy>
BASF: <http://www.basf.com/group/corporate/en/>
centrotherm: <http://www.centrotherm.de/>

3-4-09 Concentrix Solar Central Database System

Concentrix Solar GmbH has implemented the Manufacturing Execution System (MES) InFrame Synapse of acp-IT AG within their fully automated concentrator PV production line enabling Concentrix Solar to record all product and process data within a central database system.
Press at: <http://www.acp-it.com/News/tabid/228/Default.aspx>
Concentrix Solar: <http://www.concentrix-solar.de/>
acp-IT: <http://www.acp-it.com/Default.aspx?tabid=53>

3-4-09 Sharp Residential Solar Power Generation Systems

Sharp Corporation will introduce into the Japanese market the Residential Solar Power Generation Systems Compatible with "Roofit Design" that enable efficient installation of PV modules on a wide range of roof shapes with various roof surface areas.
Press at: http://www.japancorp.net/Article.Asp?Art_ID=21137
Sharp: <http://sharp-world.com/corporate/news/090303.html>

3-4-09 IKERLAN Semitransparent Module

See information on IKERLAN's new semitransparent module based on plastic materials at: http://www.ikerlan.es/site_preview/noticia.php?id=26
IKERLAN: http://www.ikerlan.es/site_preview/quienessomos.php

3-4-09 Solar Canopy

Romag Holdings Plc said it has developed a canopy that generates solar power to charge electric vehicles and has secured a contract to build two prototypes. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/am5v7n>
Romag: <http://tinyurl.com/dfc62z>

3-4-09 Laser Technology for PV

Ten companies and institutes are cooperating in a Euro 6-million joint EU project called SOLASYS, which is being coordinated by the Fraunhofer Institute for Laser Technology ILT, to demonstrate the feasibility of laser manufacturing processes in PV. Press at: <http://idw-online.de/pages/en/news?id=303417>
<http://tinyurl.com/amxb7g>
SOLASYS: <http://www.solasys.eu/>

3-4-09 Global PV Demand Analysis and Forecast

Greentech Media, Inc. has teamed up with the Prometheus Institute for Sustainable Development to publish an analysis of the factors affecting regional and global demand for PV technologies. See more on the report "2009 Global PV Demand Analysis and Forecast: The Anatomy of a Shakeout II" at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/chvw8u>
Report information at Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/cmzpdq>
Prometheus Institute: <http://www.prometheus.org/>

3-4-09 Phaesun Solar Workshop

Phaesun GmbH called 48 customers and suppliers from 16 countries to a Solar Workshop in Paris from 28 February to 1 March. More on the workshop in the story at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/bbp3zu>
Phaesun: <http://www.phaesun.com/>

3-4-09 Conergy Managing Director, Asia-Pacific and Middle East

In his new position with Conergy as Managing Director, Asia-Pacific and Middle East, Marc Lohoff succeeds Stefan Mueller and is based in Singapore, managing Conergy subsidiaries in Australia, India, South Korea and Singapore. Press from Conergy: <http://singapore.conergy.com/desktopdefault.aspx>
<http://www.conergy.de/en/desktopdefault.aspx>

3-4-09 Photovoltaics World [Peter Singer]

The new PennWell Corporation magazine called Photovoltaics World is being launched this month, and the associated Web site is accessible at: <http://www.pvworld.com/index.html>
For subscription information, go to: <http://www.ameda.com/cgi-win/pvw.cgi?mode=main>
See the November press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cxvauf>

3-4-09 EERE Network News

The latest issue of EERE Network News [Kevin Eber], with coverage of clean energy funds in the proposed 2010 budget, pursuit of large-scale solar power facilities by U.S. utilities, and other news, is available at: <http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/enn.cfm>

3-4-09 ICP Solar Technologies Product Approval for California Rebates

ICP Solar Technologies Inc. announced that the company's Sunsei(R) GreenMeter(TM) has been approved for certain solar-based incentives in California. The GreenMeter(TM) is now listed as an eligible Meter and the associated web service is listed as an eligible Performance Monitoring and Reporting Service provider. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cozqxz>
ICP Solar: <http://www.icpsolar.com/>
Go Solar California, Eligible Solar Electric Equipment:
<http://www.gosolarcalifornia.org/equipment/index.html>

3-4-09 Boots on the Roof Partnership with SunWize Technologies

Boots on the Roof announced a new partnership with SunWize Technologies. With this partnership, Boots on the Roof is aiming to service SunWize dealers and prospective dealers for solar training courses. Press at: <http://www.prweb.com/releases/2009/03/prweb2200234.htm>
Boots on the Roof: <http://www.bootsontheroof.com/>
SunWize: <http://www.sunwize.com/>

3-4-09 Economic Stimulus Activity in California

The new California Energy Commission Web site devoted to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 is accessible at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/recovery/>

3-4-09 Washington D.C. Renewable Energy Incentives

Washington D.C.'s Department of Environment has introduced a multi-year renewable energy incentive program for business owners and residents to install renewable energy technologies.

Press at CSP Today: <http://tinyurl.com/dbqm7j>

Green Energy DC: <http://www.green.dc.gov/green/cwp/view,a,1244,q,461562.asp>

3-4-09 European Investment in Solar Power

See "European investment in solar power delivers market leadership, says iSuppli" at DigiTimes: <http://tinyurl.com/arg3s4>
iSuppli: <http://www.isuppli.com/products/home.aspx>

3-4-09 More on Feed-in Tariff, Gainesville, Florida

See the story "Why Did Gainesville Choose a FIT Over a Rebate?" by Christy Herig, SEPA, at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/dzqfpy>
<http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/author?id=49>

3-4-09 PECO Plan for Solar Renewable Energy Credits

In a plan filed with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, PECO is seeking approval to purchase 6 MW of solar renewable energy credits as part of the company's fulfillment of state Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1423.htm>
PECO: <http://tinyurl.com/coufhw>

3-4-09 Sustainability and Energy Expo, Arizona [Sara Rajca]

The Sustainability and Energy EXP09 is set for 6-7 March at the Tucson Convention Center.
Information at: <http://tinyurl.com/4ve7vl>

3-4-09 Cleantech Forum

Cleantech Forum(R) XXII is set for Copenhagen, Denmark, 28-30 April.
Information at: <http://cleantech.com/cleantechforum/copenhagen09/agenda.cfm>

3-5-09 Sixtron Order

Sixtron Advanced Materials announced that one of the world's three largest suppliers of turnkey solar cell manufacturing lines signed a multiple unit purchase order for its SunBox system. Press at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/awwnp8>
SiXtron: <http://www.sixtron.com/>

3-5-09 Colexon and DCM Energy Framework Agreement

Colexon Energy AG and DCM Energy AG have concluded a framework agreement for the construction and delivery of turnkey solar parks with a total power output of at least 12 MWp through the end of 2010. Also, Colexon agreed to provide the service, maintenance and operation of the power plants for a 10-year period. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUCO728.htm>
Colexon: <http://www.colexon.de/>

3-5-09 EnergoSolar Equipment for Thin-film Manufacturing Plant in China

EnergoSolar Hungary Equipment Manufacturing Ltd. and Parity Solar have signed a contract for a new production line of solar modules in Jiangsu province, China. Parity plans to expand manufacturing capacity to 96 MW in 2010-2011.
Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsASMA229.htm>
EnergoSolar: <http://www.energosolar.com/>
Parity Solar: <http://www.paritysolar.com/>

3-5-09 Mitsubishi Electric 34% Stake in Moura 46-MW PV Project

Mitsubishi and ACCIONA signed an agreement giving Mitsubishi a 34% stake in Amper Central Solar, the developer of Portugal's Amareleja (Moura) PV plant.
Story at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUPR585.htm>
ACCIONA: <http://www.accion.es/>
<http://tinyurl.com/dm76wz>
Mitsubishi: <http://www.mitsubishicorp.com/en/index.html>
<http://www.mitsubishicorp.com/en/pdf/pr/mcpr090305otte.pdf>

3-5-09 More on Solar at Butte College, Oroville, California

Butte College unveiled three new solar projects, which will help the college achieve its goal of becoming a carbon-neutral campus by 2015. Chico Electric was the solar installation vendor, which used Mitsubishi Electric modules. Story at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1424.htm>
Chico Electric: <http://www.chicoelectric.com/>
Mitsubishi Electric: <http://www.mitsubishielectricsolar.com/>

3-5-09 SolarCity Promotion [Jennifer Lopez]

SolarCity(R) is offering a promotion that, when combined with government incentives and utility rebates, can allow homeowners to pay a net cost for a solar system installation up to 50% less than the typical full retail price in 2008. SolarCity's "Think Half" promotion incorporates an introductory discount for thin-film solar modules from First Solar in SolarCity's service areas in California and Arizona. More on the promotion at: <http://www.pr-inside.com/solarcity-s-think-half-promotion-can-r1094337.htm> or

<http://tinyurl.com/bomg7z>

SolarCity: <http://www.solarcity.com/default.aspx>

3-5-09 Worldwide Energy and Manufacturing Patent Applications

Worldwide Energy and Manufacturing USA, Inc. announced that it has applied for 8 Chinese patents in solar module technology. Press at: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/29511219/>

Worldwide: <http://www.wwmusa.com/>

3-5-09 Veeco Strategic Partnership with Daiyang Metal Co. for CIGS Solar Cell Equipment

Veeco Instruments Inc. announced that it has entered into a strategic partnership with Daiyang Metal Co., Ltd. of Korea to be its supplier of equipment to manufacture CIGS solar cells.

Press at: <http://www.centredaily.com/business/technology/story/1154326.html>

Veeco: <http://www.veeco.com/>

Daiyang: <HTTPS://www.daiyangmetal.co.kr/>

3-5-09 Yingli Green Energy Loans

Yingli Green Energy Holding Company Limited announced that three of its PRC subsidiaries have received new short-term loans totaling RMB 420 million from domestic banks and an affiliate of the company. Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Yingli-Green-Energy-prnews-14550028.html> or

<http://tinyurl.com/cl8fkm>

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

3-5-09 Advanced Solar Photonics Letters of Intent to Purchase Solar Panels, Launch of Solar Car Charging Stations

Advanced Solar Photonics announced that it has received several letters of intent to purchase ASP's thin-film solar panels. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cw3bv9>

http://www.advancedsolarphotonics.com/Press_loi_purchase.html or <http://tinyurl.com/a2b7zz>

ASP also announced its partnership with RubeLab on solar car charging stations. Press at:

http://www.advancedsolarphotonics.com/press_solar_car.html or <http://tinyurl.com/7mcjlh>

Advanced Solar Photonics: <http://www.advancedsolarphotonics.com/>

RubeLab: <http://www.rubelab.org/>

RubeStation: <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/lake/orl-lk-electric-cars-030409,0,640588.story>

or <http://tinyurl.com/8ldcvd>

3-5-09 XsunX Developments and Plans

See an update on XsunX developments and plans in the article at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/7jlmxt>

"XsunX Provides Update to Manufacturing Facility Plans": <http://www.xsunx.com/news.aspx?news=206>

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

3-5-09 Act Solar Financing

According to this story at VentureBeat, through SolarPlaza <http://www.solarplaza.com/content/news.php>, ACT Solar is currently in talks with investors to raise \$9 million in early-stage capital.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/d7u4vd>

Act Solar: <http://www.actsolar.com/>

3-5-09 Enerpoint Branch in Germany

Enerpoint S.p.A. has opened a new branch in Germany.

Press at: http://www.enerpoint.net/en/news_show.php?id=760

3-5-09 CPV Today Articles

See new postings at CPV Today with coverage of CPV grid parity, GreenVolts progress, AXT revenues, Morgan Solar changes to HCPV system, a Chinese and a Spanish CPV start-up, ISI interest in HCPV patent, and other news at: <http://social.cpvtoday.com/node>

3-5-09 Spot Market Prices of Polysilicon

According to DigiTimes, spot market prices for solar-grade polycrystalline silicon are expected to drop from US\$120-125/kg currently to as low as US\$100/kg in the middle of March 2009.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/amy46n>

3-5-09 Advent Solar Honors

Advent Solar, Inc. announced it was named a finalist in TechInsights's EE Times fifth Annual Creativity in Electronics Awards in the "Most Innovative Renewable Energy Technology" category.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/d2cxep>

Advent Solar: <http://www.adventsolar.com/>

<http://www.adventsolar.com/index.php?page=technology>

TechInsights: <http://www.techinsights.com/>

3-5-09 Carmanah Technologies Solar-powered Area Lighting [Anthony Tisot]

Carmanah Technologies Corporation announced the EverGEN(TM) 1500 solar-powered LED area light.

Press from Carmanah: <http://tinyurl.com/ahlbfo>

<http://www.carmanah.com/> (Recent News)

3-5-09 Con Edison Solar Proposal

Con Edison has filed a proposal with the Public Service Commission for an 18-month solar energy pilot program encompassing homes, businesses, and the company's own facilities with the goal of generating 12 MW of solar electricity by 2011. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cmeyqn>

Proposal: <http://www.coned.com/messages/solarpilot.pdf>

Con Edison: <http://www.coned.com/>

3-5-09 DOE Information Related to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

The U.S. DOE activities related to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 are posted at: <http://www.energy.gov/recovery/index.htm>

<http://www.recovery.gov/>

3-5-09 TechConnect World Conference & Expo 2009

TechConnect World Conference & Expo 2009 is set for 3-7 May in Houston, Texas.

Information at: <http://www.techconnect.org/World2009/>

<http://www.nsti.org/Nanotech2009/>

<http://www.techconnect.org/Summit2009/>

<http://www.csievents.org/Cleantech2009/>

3-5-09 CEC PIER Workshop on Integration of Renewables

The California Energy Commission Public Interest Energy Research staff will conduct an informational workshop on the Regional Integration of Renewables project on 30 March.

Information at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/research/notices/index.html>

3-5-09 Photovoltaics Summit eNewsletter and Updates

To subscribe to the Photovoltaics Summit eNewsletter for industry updates and program announcements, go to: <http://www.photovoltaicssummit.com/>

Photovoltaics Summit 2009, 1-3 June, San Francisco, California.

3-5-09 Aora License for Solar Thermal Plant, Israel

Aora announced that Israel's Minister of National Infrastructures has signed Aora's license to provide solar electricity to the national grid from its solar thermal power plant at Kibbutz Samar in Israel's southern Arava region. Press at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/home> (Headline News) or <http://tinyurl.com/ahmzuy>
Aora: <http://www.aora-solar.com/>

3-6-09 Gemini Solar Development Company PV Plant for Austin Energy, Texas

Gemini Solar Development Company LLC has been selected to build a 30-MW PV solar power plant for Austin Energy. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1426.htm>
Austin Energy press: <http://tinyurl.com/7sewqn>
Other press: <http://www.bizjournals.com/austin/stories/2009/03/02/daily49.html>
<http://tinyurl.com/92xv6z>
Gemini: <http://www.geminisolar.com/>

3-6-09 Conergy Results

Conergy reported preliminary 2008 results.
Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUCO729.htm>
Conergy: <http://www.conergy.de/en/desktopdefault.aspx>
http://www.conergy.de/en/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-182/271_read-9918/ or <http://tinyurl.com/cjbfho>

3-6-09 Satcon Technology Results

Satcon Technology announced its financial results for the fourth quarter and year ended 31 December.
Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNACO896.htm>
Satcon: <http://www.Satcon.com/>
<http://investor.satcon.com/releasedetail.cfm?ReleaseID=369183>

3-6-09 Longjitaih and Yingli Joint Venture

The Longjitaih Industry Group has invested RMB 4.2 billion (\$627 million) in a new joint venture with the Yingli Group to make multicrystalline silicon solar cells. Guangwei Green Energy in China has a planned production capacity of 600 MW a year.
Press at Cleantech(R): <http://cleantech.com/news/4237/yingli-longjitaih-partner-new-600mw>

3-6-09 Recouping Solar Power Lost Due to Shade

Test results reveal that a new technology from the National Semiconductor Corp. can recover up to 57% of the power lost due to temporary or partial shading of PV panels. More on SolarMagic at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/87mfkq>
Press at National Semiconductor: <http://www.national.com/news/item/0,1735,1386,00.html>

3-6-09 Energy Innovations CEO

Energy Innovations, Inc. announced that Joseph Budano has joined the company as CEO and will also serve on the company's board of directors.
Press at: http://www.energyinnovations.com/documents/release_03_05_09.pdf
Energy Innovations: <http://www.energyinnovations.com/>

3-6-09 2008 PV Installation in Korea

Korea's 2008 PV facility installation volume increased 6 fold and accounted for the fourth largest market worldwide according to Displaybank, a market research company.
Press at DigiTimes: <http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20090306PR206.html>
Displaybank: <http://www.displaybank.com/eng/info/sread.php?id=4853>
<http://www.displaybank.com/eng/info/news.php>

3-6-09 PHOTON Consulting Decision Support Tool

PHOTON Consulting announced the release of "The Wall", a decision support tool for the solar industry originally developed as an internal tool for PHOTON Consulting. The Wall contains historical and 5-year forward projections for the solar sector including price, volume, revenue, cost and demand for c-Si and thin-film technologies. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/a6b7wx>

The Wall: <http://www.photonconsulting.com/thewall/>

PHOTON Consulting: http://www.photonconsulting.com/about_us.php

3-6-09 Economic Recovery Funding in California

The California Energy Commission and the California Department of Community Services and Development will host a web-based informational meeting 13 March discussing what is currently known about the estimated federal funds that are likely to go to California state agencies to support existing and new energy programs and initiatives. Information at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/recovery/meetings/>

3-6-09 Australian Feed-in Tariff

The Australian Federal Government has initiated a new feed-in tariff in the Australian Capital Territories.

More on scheme at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/cpqa9>

http://www.energymatters.com.au/index.php?main_page=news_article&article_id=339 or

<http://tinyurl.com/7spjiw>

3-6-09 DTE Energy Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Programs

DTE Energy has filed renewable energy and energy optimization proposals with the Michigan Public Service Commission. Press at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/8ge23n>

DTE Energy press: <http://dteenergy.mediaroom.com/index.php?s=43&item=384>

3-6-09 Renewable Energy World Conference & Expo North America

Renewable Energy World Conference & Expo North America takes place 10-12 March in Las Vegas, Nevada. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/abzss3>

Conference information at:

<http://rewna09.events.pennnet.com/fl/content.cfm?NavId=7857&Language=Engl>

or <http://tinyurl.com/6xmvg2>

3-6-09 OIDA Executive Forum & Conference

OPTomism, OIDA's Executive Forum & Conference, Powering the Green Revolution through Photonics, is set for 18-20 May in Santa Clara, California.

Program at: http://www.optomism.com/marketing/OPTomism_FlyerAgenda.pdf

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

<http://www.optomism.com/news022709.html>

3-6-09 Solar Deals

See the story "Backers believe sun is still shining on solar players" at

BusinessGreen: <http://tinyurl.com/bh9kay>

3-6-09 Solar Measure B, Los Angeles, California

See "Solar Suspense Continues in LA" with coverage of

Measure B at: <http://cleantechnica.com/2009/03/05/solar-suspense-continues-in-la/>

3-6-09 Solar System Featured on Extreme Makeover

A new solar system donated by SolarCity(R) and First Solar will be featured in an episode of "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" that will air on 8 March. First Solar donated 66 modules, and SolarCity donated the installation and labor, mounting system and other components, and its SolarGuard monitoring service to the project. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/b3tr8k>

SolarCity: <http://www.solarcity.com/>

First Solar: <http://www.firstsolar.com/>

3-6-09 FY 2009 Appropriations

The Senate continues to debate the FY 2009 Omnibus bill, which includes DOE funding, and the Continuing Resolution will likely be extended to next week.

3-6-09 Testing Facilities for SRCC in the USA

See the story "Enlarging Testing Facilities for SRCC in the USA" at: <http://www.solarthermalworld.org/node/431>

Solar Rating and Certification Corporation: <http://www.solar-rating.org/>

3-9-09 SolFocus in Greece

SolFocus is expanding its installation of solar concentrator PV technology in Greece. Originally announced in November 2008 as a 1.6-MWp deployment between SolFocus and Samaras Group, a new agreement increases the size of the project to 10 MWp.

More in the stories at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUPR586.htm>

PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/actsw3>

RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/cn5vcv>

SolFocus: <http://www.solfocus.com/en/index.php>

Samaras Group: <http://www.samarasgroup.com/>

3-9-09 Isofoton Plans for US Module Assembly Plant

Isofoton, through its subsidiary Isofoton North America, has signed a cooperation agreement with the State of Ohio by which both sides commit to cooperate in the implementation of a new Isofoton production center in the state. Story at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAMA157.htm>

Isofoton: <http://www.isofoton.com/>

<http://tinyurl.com/cj7djc>

3-9-09 Spire Module Engineering Platform

Spire Corporation announced that it is making available a new, simple development engineering platform for universities, companies, government laboratories and corporate R&D organizations to develop and evaluate their new materials and designs for PV modules.

Press at: RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/dxe7pn>

Spire: <http://www.spirecorp.com/spire-solar/>

3-9-09 Taiwan Polysilicon Factory

Taiwan Polysilicon is constructing a factory in southern Taiwan, with completion scheduled for the end of 2009. Volume production is expected to kick off in April 2010.

Press at DigiTimes: <http://tinyurl.com/b2xufo>

3-9-09 Kyocera Solar PV Module Plant, Mexico

Kyocera Solar inaugurated its second PV module manufacturing plant in Tijuana, Mexico, with a nameplate capacity of 150 MW. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/bmk7h5>

<http://tinyurl.com/8wkxw6>

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

3-9-09 Arima EcoEnergy Target

Arima EcoEnergy Technologies Corp. is focusing on building its mass production capability this year.

Press at CPV Today: <http://tinyurl.com/coj4da>

Arima EcoEnergy: <http://www.arimaeco.com/>

3-9-09 BioSolar Product Expansion to CIGS, CdTe Modules

BioSolar, Inc. announced its plan to expand the company's BioBacksheet(TM) technology to accommodate CIGS and CdTe thin-film modules. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cxhgra>

BioSolar: <http://www.biosolar.com/>

3-9-09 Prism Solar Technologies Goal

Prism Solar Technologies, Inc., which a few months ago received a \$1 million grant from The Solar Energy Consortium for its patented holographic planar concentrator technology, wants to be at grid parity by 2012. Press at CPV Today: <http://social.cpvtoday.com/content/prism-solar-targets-grid-parity-2012> or <http://tinyurl.com/aw4l2d>

Prism Solar Technologies: <http://www.prismsolar.com/>

3-9-09 Texas Emerging Technology Funds for 21-Century Silicon and Solarno

Texas Governor Rick Perry spoke at the North Texas Regional Center for Innovation and Commercialization, Tech Success 2009 event where he also announced Texas Emerging Technology Fund investments in 9 NTXRCIC portfolio companies, including \$3.5 million to 21-Century Silicon Inc. to commercialize its production process of low-cost silicon for cell cells and \$1 million to Solarno for commercialization of its nanotube technology for next generation solar cells.

Press at: <http://governor.state.tx.us/news/press-release/12041/>

Texas Emerging Technology Fund: http://www.texasone.us/site/PageServer?pagename=teff_homepage

21-Century Silicon, Inc.: <http://www.21-centurysilicon.com/>

Solarno: <http://www.solarno.com/>

3-9-09 Tampa Electric Contract to Purchase PV Energy, Florida

Tampa Electric announced that it has signed a contract to purchase solar power supplied by Energy 5.0's Florida Solar I facility, a proposed 25-MW PV electric generating station, for a 25-year period beginning in 2011. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cbxh9y>

Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1427.htm>

Tampa Electric Company: <http://www.tampaelectric.com/>

Energy 5.0: <http://www.energy5-0.com/>

3-9-09 Astonfield Renewable Resources Investment in Solar Projects, India

US-based Astonfield Renewable Resources said it is planning to invest \$2 billion in the next 5 years, and a major portion of it would be used for setting up solar power projects in India.

Press at: <http://www.hindu.com/thehindu/holnus/006200903081023.htm>

Astonfield Renewable Resources: <http://www.astonfield.com/>

3-9-09 Executive Director of SolarTAC

Officials at Midwest Research Institute announced that Dustin T. Smith has been appointed executive director of the Solar Technology Acceleration Center (SolarTAC), a solar technology acceleration center that was launched last October and is currently under construction in Aurora, Colorado.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cbce2v>

SolarTAC: <http://www.solartac.org/>

3-9-09 W2 Energy Subsidiary, Think Solar USA

W2 Energy Inc. announced it has established a wholly owned subsidiary, Think Solar USA, which will be designing, building, selling and deploying solar-based electricity and process heat systems throughout the continent. Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/W2-Energy-Establishes-Solar-iw-14580773.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/cxhkje>

W2 Energy: <http://www.w2energy.com/>

Think Solar USA: <http://www.thinksolarusa.com/>

3-9-09 SEPA Fact Finding Mission and Utility Solar Conference

From 17-22 May, SEPA will lead a delegation of utility executives and managers to Spain to learn about the country's experience with both PV and concentrating solar power.

Information at: <http://www.solarelectricpower.org/docs/Fact%20Finding%20Mission.pdf> or

<http://tinyurl.com/bvr8lg>

<http://tinyurl.com/bwyzc8>

SEPA's Utility Solar Conference is a 2-day conference (28-29 July in San Jose, California), open only to utility employees interested in exploring how to develop a viable long-term solar strategy of benefit to all stakeholders. Information at: <http://www.utilitysolarconference.com/>

SEPA Press: <http://tinyurl.com/arkyea>

<http://www.solarelectricpower.org/>

3-9-09 Solar Investments

See the story "Investors Conference 2009: Journey into the unknown", with coverage of PHOTON's 4th Photovoltaic Investors Conference held on 5 March, at PHOTON International: <http://tinyurl.com/avhdet>

<http://www.photon-international.com/index.htm>

3-9-09 Solar Sales Program for Realtors

The Arizona Solar Power Society(TM) announced a new sales program designed to teach realtors and real estate agents how to increase their sales revenue by selling energy efficiency home surveys, solar water heaters and solar power systems to residential and commercial customers. More on the Realtor Solar Scout(TM) Training Program at: <http://tinyurl.com/b8rf4h>

<http://www.meetup.com/arizona-solar-power-society/calendar/9911247/> or <http://tinyurl.com/cw2ubr>

3-9-09 Bella Energy Green Jobs Training

Bella Energy trained workers learning green construction skills as part of a Boulder County Green Jobs Pipeline Program. Together the crews installed a 10-kW solar system on an affordable housing unit in Louisville, Colorado. Press at: <http://sev.prnewswire.com/null/20090309/LA8040309032009-1.html>

Bella Energy: <http://www.bellaenergy.com/>

3-9-09 Solar Thermal Plant, Australia

According to this press, Pankaj Oswal has reportedly abandoned plans to build a \$1.5-billion solar energy plant in Western Australia's Pilbara region after being unable to find suitable land, and the project will be shifted to South Australia's Coorong shire southeast of Adelaide. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/aw638n>

<http://tinyurl.com/al8xkn>

<http://tinyurl.com/cn3el9>

3-9-09 Solar Water Heating Incentives, Texas

Oncor expanded its solar energy initiatives to include the Take A Load Off, Texas(SM) Solar Water Heating Program. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/armxz5>

Oncor: <http://www.oncor.com/electricity/teem/default.aspx>

3-10-09 HelioSphera Supply Agreement with Tecno Spot

HelioSphera has signed a long-term supply agreement with Tecno Spot, an Italian distributor of PV modules and components. The contract includes the supply of a minimum of 9 MW of micromorph thin-film modules between 2009 and 2010, and both parties agreed to consider a framework for additional quantities in 2010. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUCO730.htm>

HelioSphera: <http://www.heliosphera.com/>

Tecno Spot: <http://www.tecnospot.it/en/home.html>

3-10-09 Amonix HCPV System

Amonix has released its newest HCPV product, the 53-kW Amonix 7700 designed for utility-scale deployment. Utilizing multijunction solar cells, the Amonix 7700 is comprised of seven proprietary MegaModule(R)s that are built to maximum transportable size for rapid and cost-effective field deployment. Press at RenewableEnergyWorld:

<http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/article/2009/03/amonix-introduces-hcpv-system> or <http://tinyurl.com/czm6m2>

Amonix: <http://www.amonix.com/>
http://www.amonix.com/press_release.html

3-10-09 NorSun Financing

NorSun has raised NOK 1.15 billion in new financing to expand production of silicon ingots and wafers for high-efficiency solar cells. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/b3zzr5>

NorSun: <http://www.norsuncorp.no/>

3-10-09 Sixtron Funding

Sixtron Advanced Materials announced that it has completed the contracting phase with Sustainable Development Technology Canada, and has received an initial \$1.5 million in funding.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/amv8ya>

Sixtron: <http://www.sixtron.com/>

3-10-09 JA Solar Results

JA Solar Holdings, Ltd. announced its fourth quarter and 2008 financial results.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/dagqqn>

JA Solar: <http://www.jasolar.com/Web/index-en.asp>

3-10-09 Total and GDF SUEZ Solar Investment

See the story "Total and GDF SUEZ are considering a new investment in France in the solar industry" at:

<http://tinyurl.com/aadvog>

Total: <http://www.total.com/>

GDF SUEZ: <http://www.gdfsuez.com/en/group/>

3-10-09 City of Tucson Placement of Clean Renewable Energy Bonds Allowing for 1-MW of PV Projects, Arizona [Bruce Plenk]

On 26 February, the City of Tucson placed \$7.6 million of Clean Renewable Energy Bonds, which will allow the City to build one MW of PV projects on seven city sites. Bank of America purchased the tax credit bonds to be paid back by the City over 13 years using funds from energy savings and solar rebates from Tucson Electric Power. More in the press from the

City of Tucson: <http://www.tucsonaz.gov/hottopics/solarbonds.html> and

Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1429.htm>

<http://www.tucsonaz.gov/energy/alternative.html>

<http://www.tucsonaz.gov/index.php>

3-10-09 Clear Skies Solar PV System for McGowan Builders, New Jersey

Clear Skies Solar, Inc. announced the installation of the McGowan Builders 123.9-kW DC solar energy system using Suntech modules at the company's renovated headquarters in New Jersey.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/d6o4x3>

Clear Skies Solar: <http://www.clearskiesgroup.com/>

3-10-09 Lonestar Capital Corp. Commercial Division

Lonestar Capital Corp. has created a commercial division and named Ron Warmack as Director, Commercial Operations.

Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Lonestar-Capital-Corp-Creates-iw-14583955.html> or

<http://tinyurl.com/cdgsxd>

Lonestar / Arco Energy: <http://acroenergy.com/company>

3-10-09 Dyesol in ASX All Ordinaries Index, Sustainability Report

Dyesol Limited is now in the ASX All Ordinaries Index, and has released its first sustainability report.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/b585rq>

Dyesol: <http://www.dyesol.com/>

3-10-09 CHINT Solar, Astroenergy Private Investment

According to this press, two Chinese private equity firms have invested a combined \$50 million in CHINT Solar. Press at: <http://www.interfax.cn/news/8603/>

<http://www.cleantech.com/news/4248/astroenergy-secures-50m-pv-manufactu> or <http://tinyurl.com/daqe5e>

CHINT Solar, Astroenergy: <http://www.chintsolar.com/en/index.asp>

3-10-09 E.ON AG Solar Projects

E.ON AG said it remains committed to expanding its renewable energies business and is preparing several large-scale solar power projects. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cpr9kl>

E.ON AG: <http://www.eon.com/en/421.jsp>

3-10-09 Satcon Inverters for San Jose Unified School District PV Installations, California

Satcon announced that it has provided its PowerGate Plus PV inverters for the 5.5-MW San Jose Unified School District PV installations. Press at: <http://www.centredaily.com/news/education/story/1162240.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/aga9mf>

Satcon: <http://www.satcon.com/>

3-10-09 Air Products LOI with Best Solar

Air Products announced it has signed a letter of intent to provide liquid bulk and on-site gases to China's Best Solar Hi Tech Co., Ltd, which is building a new thin-film PV facility in Nanchang City, Jiangxi Province, China. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/b2p5kj>

Air Products: <http://www.airproducts.com/index.asp>

Best Solar: <http://www.bestsolarco.com/introduction.asp>

3-10-09 Solar Jobs Map [Antone Neugass]

The interactive "solar jobs map" was created through a collaboration among the Solar Energy Research & Education Foundation, Google.com, and Navigant Consulting Inc. The map dynamically illustrates the anticipated solar job creation over the next 8 years on a state-by-state basis and compares the job creation potential across solar technologies. It was designed to serve as a tool to help users visualize and understand how current, supportive government policies for solar energy are expected to generate more than 440,000 green jobs and tens of thousands of megawatts of clean energy across the nation by 2016. Information at: <http://www.seref.us/solarjobsmap.html>

http://www.seia.org/cs/solar_jobs_map

Solar Energy Research & Education Foundation: <http://www.seref.us/>

Google.org: <http://www.google.org/>

Navigant Consulting: <http://www.navigantconsulting.com/>

3-10-09 Vote Solar Initiative Analysis of Florida and Texas Job Opportunities

The Vote Solar Initiative released analysis indicating that a new renewable energy goal in Florida would create significant local employment opportunities. Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Vote-Solar-Help-Wanted-bw-14590631.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/acxo6u> and

<http://tinyurl.com/ago2q4>

Florida: <http://www.votesolar.org/florida.html>

The Vote Solar Initiative also released analysis indicating that a new solar incentive program in Texas would create significant local employment opportunities. Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Vote-Solar-Help-Wanted-bw-14590632.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/b3dsm5> and

<http://tinyurl.com/bdj84r>

Texas: <http://www.votesolar.org/texas.html>

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

3-10-09 Boulder City Solar Development Process Efficiency, Nevada

See the story "Small town making hay, Boulder City luring solar developers with open land, speedy approval process" at: <http://www.lasvegassun.com/news/2009/mar/08/small-town-making-hay/> or <http://tinyurl.com/dy4b8d>

3-10-09 Photovoltaik Institut Berlin Accreditation as Testing Lab

Photovoltaik Institut Berlin AG announced that it has received accreditation as an official ISO/IEC testing laboratory for the PV industry.

Press at: <http://www.centredaily.com/business/technology/story/1162433.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/bhhbk6>
Photovoltaik-Institut Berlin: <http://www.pi-berlin.com/>

3-10-09 RSEnergy Certification

RSEnergy has received the ISO 9001 certification by TUV Hellas. Press at: <http://www.rsenergy.gr/en/> (News)

3-10-09 Taiwan Thin-film PV Equipment Demand

Taiwan suppliers of equipment for the solar industry expect domestic demand to take off in 2010 when many of the island's thin-film PV module makers kick off volume production.

Press at DigiTimes: <http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20090310PD201.html>

3-10-09 PV News

The March 2009 issue of PV News(TM), with articles "Utilities Drive the U.S. PV Market" and "PV 2009-2012: The Anatomy of a Shakeout", coverage of US and world PV news, this month in PV research, the analyst's corner, and other news is available from Greentech Media and the Prometheus

Institute at: <http://www.greentechmedia.com/GreentechMedia/PVNews.html>
<http://www.prometheus.org/research/pvnews>

3-10-09 PV America Conference

The Solar Energy Industries Association opened registration for the PV America Conference set for 8-10 June in Philadelphia at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/c6qzz2>

PV America Conference: <http://events.jspargo.com/seia09/public/enter.aspx>

3-10-09 Renewable Energy Finance Forum-Wall Street

Renewable Energy Finance Forum-Wall Street is set for 23-24 June in New York.

Information at: <http://www.reffwallstreet.com/>

Forum rates:

http://www.reffwallstreet.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=126&Itemid=63 or <http://tinyurl.com/ckn47g>

3-10-09 Renewable Energy Zones

According to this press, U.S. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar wants to create renewable energy zones to spur solar and wind energy projects, and build power lines to get the electricity to markets.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/bmcyf>

<http://tinyurl.com/akkxs4>

3-10-09 Stimulus Impacts

See the story "Stimulus Plan is a Ray of Sunshine for Solar Industry" at: <http://tinyurl.com/dm6pqm>

3-10-09 Organic PV Materials and Markets

See the story "Report: OLEDs hold key for organic PV to win solar race" at

Cleantech(R): <http://www.cleantech.com/news/4249/organic-pv-sales-predicted-reach-60> or

<http://tinyurl.com/admr28>

NanoMarkets announced the release of the report, "Organic Photovoltaic Materials Markets: 2009 –

2016". Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/NanoMarkets-Issues-New-Report-prnews-14583717.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/d99cw7>

NanoMarkets: <http://www.nanomarkets.net/>

3-10-09 Solar Power Assembly for Space Station

Astronauts aboard the shuttle Discovery will deliver a \$298-million solar power assembly.

Press at: <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/hotstories/6302027.html>

<http://tinyurl.com/atfmqc>

<http://tinyurl.com/c4ncvx>

3-10-09 Grupo Ibereolica, Inveravante Solar Thermal Plants

Madrid-based renewable utility Grupo Ibereolica has signed an agreement with La Coruna, Spain-based energy conglomerate Inveravante to jointly start construction of two 50-MW solar thermal power plants in Andalusia and Extremadura, Spain. The two companies plan to build and operate eight solar projects in Spain. <http://www.energycurrent.com/index.php?id=3&storyid=16579> or <http://tinyurl.com/clyw79>
<http://sev.prnewswire.com/oil-energy/20090309/FL8084409032009-1.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/b65ams>
<http://tinyurl.com/ccqe2g>

Grupo Ibereolica: <http://www.grupoibereolica.com/>

Inveravante: <http://www.inveravante.es/>

3-10-09 Stimulus and the Solar Power Dream

See the story "Obama's Stimulus Keeps the Solar Power Dream Alive for Start-ups", with coverage of BrightSource Energy, at US News & World Report: <http://tinyurl.com/b9xpdo>

BrightSource Energy: <http://www.brightsourceenergy.com/>

3-11-09 Utility-scale Thin-film Plants

See the story "Utility-Scale Thin-Film: Three New Plants in Germany Total Almost 50 MW" at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/cv58fb>

3-11-09 Thin Films in Europe [Joshua Bull]

See the Thin Film Today article "IN-DEPTH: Spate of investments in European thin film companies depict a rosy picture" at: <http://tinyurl.com/cfxhqc>

Thin Film Today: <http://social.thinfilmtoday.com/index.php>

3-11-09 Ascent Solar Production [Brian Blackman]

Ascent Solar Technologies, Inc. announced that it has begun regular production of monolithically integrated flexible CIGS modules from its production line in Littleton, Colorado.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/dcwyc>

<http://tinyurl.com/cuog2u>

Ascent Solar: <http://www.ascentsolar.com/index.php>

3-11-09 Hoku and Alex New Energy Polysilicon Agreement

Hoku Materials and Shanghai Alex New Energy Company, Ltd., a manufacturer of silicon solar cells, modules, and PV products, have signed a definitive \$178-million contract for Hoku's sale and delivery of polysilicon to Alex over a 10-year period beginning in early 2010. Hoku's contract with Alex represents the resale of a portion of the polysilicon production capacity recaptured by Hoku after agreeing to amend its original supply agreement with Jiangxi Jinko Solar Company.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsASCO422.htm>

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

Alex New Energy: <http://tinyurl.com/bad9sb>

Jinko: <http://www.jinkosolar.com/>

3-11-09 Polysilicon Shipments

SEMI reported worldwide shipments for polysilicon consumed in the manufacture of both semiconductor and solar cell wafers for 2008. Press at: http://www.semi.org/en/Press/CTR_028736

SEMI: <http://www.semi.org>

3-11-09 LDK Solar Results

LDK Solar Co., Ltd. reported its unaudited financial results for the fourth quarter and fiscal year ended 31 December. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/atsdao>
LDK Solar: <http://www.ldksolar.com/>

3-11-09 SCHOTT Solar AG Results, Projections

SCHOTT Solar AG reports its 2007/2008 results and offers projections for 2008/2009 in the press at: <http://tinyurl.com/awdm32>
<http://www.schottsolar.com/global/news.html>

3-11-09 Real Goods Solar, Inc. Results

Real Goods Solar, Inc. announced results for its fourth quarter and fiscal year ended 31 December. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/acdhka>
Real Goods Solar: <http://www.realgoodssolar.com/>

3-11-09 ARISE Technologies Manufacturing Plant in Germany, Financial Results

ARISE Technologies Corporation announced that its PV cell manufacturing plant in Germany has produced its first PV cells on line 2 on schedule. ARISE also reported its financial results for the 2008 year-end and fourth quarter ended 31 December. Information at: <http://www.arisetech.com/content/view/274/182/>
<http://www.arisetech.com/content/view/272/182/>
<http://www.arisetech.com/content/view/273/217/>

3-11-09 Carmanah Revenues, Operating Performance

Carmanah Technologies Corporation reported on 2008 revenues, along with operating performance. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/bgehh7>
http://www.carmanah.com/Company/Press_Room/News_Releases.aspx or <http://tinyurl.com/b7g3cy>
http://www.carmanah.com/Company/Investors/Financial_Reports.aspx or <http://tinyurl.com/d6ma5q>

3-11-09 Solar Integrated Technologies BIPV Contracts

Solar Integrated Technologies Inc. secured two contracts to supply and install BIPV roofing systems at the U.S. Naval Station in Guam and the Marine Corps Air Station in Yuma, Arizona. Press at: <http://www.rttnews.com/ArticleView.aspx?id=878560&SMap=1>
Solar Integrated: <http://www.solarintegrated.com/>

3-11-09 Amtech Systems Orders

Amtech Systems, Inc. announced that its solar subsidiary, Tempres Systems, Inc., has received approximately \$3 million in follow-on solar orders for its diffusion processing systems from two customers in Asia. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cmo6ms>
Amtech Systems: <http://www.amtechsystems.com/>

3-11-09 DelSolar Production Capacity Expansion

DelSolar plans to expand its annual production capacity of PV modules from 10 MWp currently to 50 MWp. Press at DigiTimes: <http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20090311PD200.html>
DelSolar: <http://www.delsolarpv.com/>

3-11-09 PV for City of Santa Barbara, California

Suntech Power Holdings Co., Ltd., in partnership with the City of Santa Barbara and Tioga Energy, announced the activation of a 384-kW DC PV system for the City. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/bvhttt>
Suntech: <http://www.suntech-power.com/>
Tioga Energy: <http://www.tiogaenergy.com/>

3-11-09 Satcon Technology Distributed Energy Management Solutions

Satcon Technology Corporation announced the launch of Satcon Solstice(TM), a utility-grade DC architecture solution for highly efficient power conversion for large-scale solar power plants.

Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Satcon-Introduces-Solstice-bw-14603138.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/b8rvod>

Solstice: http://www.satcon.com/pv_inverters/solstice.html

Satcon: <http://www.satcon.com/>

3-11-09 Solar Power Conversion Substation

Xantrex Technology Inc. announced the launch of the Solar Power Conversion Substation for the North American market. Press at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/byt54x>

Xantrex(TM): <http://www.xantrex.com/>

3-11-09 PV Standards

The recent PV Fab Managers Forum drew over 200 leaders and technology experts in the PV industry. An overriding message was that the goal of grid parity would be greatly helped along by the implementation of standards. Press at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/bqat7v>

PV Fab Managers Forum: <http://www.semi.org/en/P040664>

SEMI-EPIA PV Technical Standards Committee:

http://www.semiconeuropa.org/ProgramsandEvents/Standards/ctr_024736 or <http://tinyurl.com/bb84d3>

See information on PV standards at PV Group: <http://www.pvgroup.org/index.htm>

SEMIViews: http://www.semi.org/en/Press/CTR_028648

3-11-09 Photovoltaics World Articles

See several new articles posted at Photovoltaics World at: <http://www.pvworld.com/index.html>

3-11-09 Printed, Organic and Flexible Electronics [Cara Van Heest]

In a report published by IDTechEx titled "Printed, Organic & Flexible Electronics Forecasts, Players & Opportunities 2009 – 2029", the opportunity for all printed and potentially printed electronics is assessed.

Information at: <http://tinyurl.com/bp7vgo>

<http://www.idtechex.com/estore/order.asp?productcategoryid=176>

Printed Electronics World: <http://www.printedelectronicsworld.com/?sessionid=1>

3-11-09 Clean Edge Clean Energy Trends 2009

See information on Clean Energy Trends 2009 from

Clean Edge at: <http://www.cleandedge.com/reports/reports-trends2009.php>

<http://www.cleandedge.com/reports/charts-reports-trends2009.php>

See also, "Getting Serious About Clean-Energy Stimulus" by

Ron Pernick at: <http://www.cleandedge.com/views/>

Also, "Another Year of Banner Growth in 2008, But Clean-Energy Sector Looks to Stimulus for Help in 2009" at: <http://www.cleandedge.com/news/story.php?nID=5956>

Other Press: <http://tinyurl.com/bps8xa>

<http://tinyurl.com/aumfpc>

3-11-09 GlobalData Report on Go Solar Campaign

Research and Markets announced the addition of GlobalData's report "Go Solar Campaign – A California State Initiative" to its offering. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/aplshd>

Research and Markets: http://www.researchandmarkets.com/research/dbd9fc/go_solar_campaign or

<http://tinyurl.com/b7fmj8>

3-11-09 CEC Scoping Meetings on Renewable Energy Executive Order

The California Energy Commission issued a notice regarding scoping meetings to discuss implementing the Renewable Energy Executive Order, Facilitating Renewable Energy Development and Natural Resource Conservation Planning, for 12 March in Sacramento and 17 March in Palm Springs.

Notice at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/33by2020/documents/index.html>

3-11-09 China Thin-film Solar Cell Market Report

Research and Markets announced the addition of "China Thin-Film Solar Cell Market Report, 2008" to its offering. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cwwu62>
Research and Markets: http://www.researchandmarkets.com/research/e47d0e/china_thinfilm_so or <http://tinyurl.com/ce6swm>

3-11-09 Solar Power-India Report

Research and Markets announced the addition of the "Solar Power – India" report to its offering. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/bdomxc>
Research and Markets: http://www.researchandmarkets.com/research/09f370/solar_power_indi or <http://tinyurl.com/d4ta3n>

3-11-09 IREC Connecting to the Grid Newsletter [Laurel Varnado]

The March 2009 issue of the Interstate Renewable Energy Council's Connecting to the Grid newsletter is available at: <http://www.irecusa.org/index.php?id=33>

3-11-09 Thin Film Solar Conference [Matthew Probyn]

"Thin Film Solar, Driving the thin film movement forward", is set for 28-29 April in San Francisco, California. Information at: http://www.greenpowerconferences.com/renewablesmarkets/thin_film_solar.html or <http://tinyurl.com/a3ut88>

3-11-09 Investor Events

Akeena Solar, Inc. announced its participation in two investor events in New York in March. Press at: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/29617170/>
Akeena Solar: <http://www.akeena.net/cm/Home.html>
Solar Energy Initiatives, Inc. announced it will present at the B. Riley 10th Annual Los Vegas Investor Conference in Nevada in March. Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Solar-Energy-Initiatives-Inc-bw-14602965.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/dbf3v9>
Solar Energy Initiatives: <http://www.solarenergy.com/>

3-11-09 FY 2009 Appropriations

The Senate approved the FY 2009 spending bill, which includes funding for the U.S. DOE, Solar Energy. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cnpwg6>
<http://tinyurl.com/dm5h5k>

3-11-09 Lockheed Martin Solar-power Testing Center, New Jersey

According to this press, Lockheed Martin is hoping to open its solar-power testing center on Earth Day, April 22. The company will use the Solar System Test and Engineering Site Array to research solar technology. Lockheed teamed with Starwood Energy Group in November 2007 to pursue contracts to construct large-scale solar-generation facilities across North America. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/dbcqpr>
Starwood Energy Group: http://www.starwoodenergygroup.com/press_releases.php

3-11-09 ACCIONA Starting on Third CSP Plant in Spain

ACCIONA Energy has started construction work on a 50-MW CSP plant at Majadas de Tietar (Caceres) representing an investment of 237 million euros. It is the third CSP plant built by ACCIONA in Spain. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUPR587.htm>
ACCIONA: <http://www.acciona.es/>

3-11-09 Solar-powered Turbine Generators

See the story "IN-DEPTH: Assessing the progress made by solar-powered turbine generators" at CSP Today: <http://tinyurl.com/ccsfye>
CSP Today: <http://social.csptoday.com/node>

3-12-09 Suntech and 3rd Rock Systems & Technologies Strategic Alliance

Suntech Power Holdings Co., Ltd. and 3rd Rock Systems & Technologies, Inc. announced that they have established a strategic alliance in connection with the development of an initial 7.2 MW of solar systems in the U.S. Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Suntech-and-3rd-Rock-Announce-prnews-14614779.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/b6l5rc>

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

3rd Rock Systems & Technologies, Inc.: <http://www.3rdrock.us/>

3-12-09 Elmarco New Generation of Solar Cells

Czech nanotechnology designer Elmarco said it is developing a new generation of solar cells that can be incorporated into thin, flexible and transparent films.

Press at: <http://www.interfax.com/5/478257/news.aspx>

Elmarco: <http://www.elmarco.com/>

3-12-09 Gintech Subsidiary

Gintech Energy has established a subsidiary, Apos Energy Corporation, specifically for marketing crystalline silicon PV modules under Apos' own brand.

Press at DigiTimes: <http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20090312PD200.html>

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

<http://www.gintechenergy.com/en/>

3-12-09 Kenmec Mechanical Engineering a-Si Production Line

Kenmec Mechanical Engineering will roll out its first turnkey production line for amorphous silicon thin-film PV modules in May 2009. Press at DigiTimes: <http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20090312PD201.html>

Kenmec Mechanical Engineering: <http://www.kenmec.com/003/about05.aspx>

3-12-09 Roth & Rau Silicon Solar Cell Production Line at University of New South Wales

Roth & Rau AG plans to construct a state-of-the-art silicon solar cell production line at the University of New South Wales, Australia. Press at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/ajpmlh> and

<http://tinyurl.com/bbvbkv>

Roth & Rau: <http://tinyurl.com/ap6d9j>

3-12-09 ReneSola Results

ReneSola announced fourth quarter and full year 2008 results.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsASCO424.htm>

ReneSola: <http://www.renesola.com/>

3-12-09 Dyesol-Timo Manufacturing Progress

Manufacture of the remaining equipment for the pilot plant for Dyesol-Timo, the Korean joint venture between Dyesol Limited and Timo Technology Co., Ltd., is underway in the Australian factory of Dyesol Limited. More on the progress towards Dyesol-Timo manufacturing at: <http://tinyurl.com/cmooam>

Dyesol: <http://www.dyesol.com/>

Timo Technology: <http://www.timo.co.kr/>

3-12-09 Dye-sensitized Solar Cells

See the story "Cheap, Durable Nonsilicon Solar Cells, An advanced dye boosts the efficiency of dye-sensitized solar cells" at MIT Technology Review: <http://www.technologyreview.com/energy/22279/>

3-12-09 IREC State & Stakeholder Newsletter [Jane Pulaski]

The latest issue of the Interstate Renewable Energy Council's State & Stakeholder Newsletter, with coverage of state/local headlines, an interview of the week, current and best practices, grants/RFPs, events, and other news, is available at: <http://www.irecusa.org/index.php?id=11>

3-12-09 More on Renewable Energy Zones

See the press "Secretary Salazar Issues Order to Spur Renewable Energy Development on U.S. Public Lands, Energy Zones a Key to New Initiative" at: <http://tinyurl.com/dxfz22>

3-12-09 PHOTON International Contents

The table of contents for the February issue of PHOTON International, as well as several live links for March 2009, are posted at: <http://www.photon-magazine.com/>
<http://www.photon-magazine.com/photon/index.htm>

3-12-09 Meeting Energy Needs in Europe with Solar in the Sahara

All of Europe's energy needs could be met by covering an area in the Sahara Desert with solar panels, it was announced in Copenhagen. Story at PV Tech: http://www.pv-tech.org/news/a/solar_farms_in_the_sahara_could_power_all_of_europe/ or <http://tinyurl.com/bl5tmq>
Additional press: <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/environment/article5887597.ece> or <http://tinyurl.com/cuweec>

3-12-09 Solar Energy in India

See "India left with no choice but to leverage solar energy, reports iSuppli" at: <http://tinyurl.com/cfgnu8>
iSuppli: <http://www.isuppli.com/MarketWatchDetail.aspx?ID=337>

3-12-09 Incentives in Italy

Government incentives in Italy are encouraging start-ups such as the launch of PV panel maker V-energy. See "Italy's solar power flourishes with state help" at Reuters: <http://tinyurl.com/dk62ct>
See also "FACTBOX – Italian solar sector set for rapid growth" at Reuters: <http://tinyurl.com/b3235q>

3-12-09 Phoenix As Silicon Valley of Solar Energy, Arizona

The Phoenix area can become the Silicon Valley of solar energy, says Mayor Gordon.
Press at: <http://www.bizjournals.com/phoenix/stories/2009/03/09/daily49.html> and <http://tinyurl.com/cwruhs>
Mayor Gordon: <http://www.mayorgordon.com/home/index.cfm>

3-12-09 Energy [R]evolution: A Sustainable U.S.A. Energy Outlook

See the story "Greenpeace energy report projects cheap, clean power – and more jobs" at: <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/greenspace/2009/03/cheap-clean-pow.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/djdw32>
Report: <http://www.greenpeace.org/usa/campaigns/global-warming-and-energy/energyrevolution> or <http://tinyurl.com/ck9akb>

3-12-09 Cost Reduction Measures at SEMI

SEMI has taken a number of cost-reduction measures, according to press at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/cu6qog>

3-12-09 Solar Energy Jobs Initiative, Perspective

See "Solar Energy Jobs Initiative" at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/cn4fhh>

3-12-09 SOLARCON China 2009

SOLARCON China 2009 is set for 17-19 March in Shanghai. Dr. Charles Gay, President Applied Solar Business, will deliver the keynote presentation "New policy and development programs accelerating renewable energy in the United States". Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/auridd>
Conference information: <http://www.semi.org.cn/solarconchina/en/>
Applied Materials: <http://www.appliedmaterials.com/>

3-12-09 ACORE Renewable Energy Teleconference Series [Dawn Butcher]

See information on the ACORE Renewable Energy Teleconference, "What the Stimulus Means for Renewables: Viewpoints of Key Players" set for 18 March at: <http://65.181.148.190/renewableenergyinfo/>

3-12-09 ASES National Solar Conference [Becky Campbell-Howe]

The ASES National Solar Conference, SOLAR 2009, is set for 11-16 May in Buffalo, New York.
Information at: http://www.ases.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=18&Itemid=18 or <http://tinyurl.com/67vcrx>

3-12-09 Global Market Review of PV Power Generation

Research Analysts has published "Global Market Review of Solar Photovoltaic Power Generation".
Information at: <http://www.researchanalysts.co.uk/publications/>

3-12-09 North American Non-Residential Solar Power Markets

Research and Markets announced the addition of Frost & Sullivan's report "North American Non-Residential Solar Power Markets" to its offering. Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Research-and-Markets-A-bw-14617313.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/ako65h>
Research and Markets: <http://tinyurl.com/cce228>

3-12-09 Salt-free CSP Tower

See the story "Salt-Free Solar: CSP Tower Using Air" at
RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/b2xvmg>
atel: <http://tinyurl.com/b8mnc6>

3-12-09 Atmospheric Sunshade

The concept of delaying global warming by adding particles into the upper atmosphere to cool the climate could unintentionally reduce peak electricity generated by large solar power plants by as much as one-fifth, according to a new NOAA study.

Press at Science Daily: <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2009/03/090311124022.htm>

NOAA: http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2009/20090311_sunshade.html or <http://tinyurl.com/dbbt7b>

3-12-09 EPRI, Utilities Study on Adding Solar to Existing Power Plants

The Electric Power Research Institute and a number of utilities are studying the potential of adding solar power to existing power plants to help cut their greenhouse gas emissions. More on these projects at EERE Network News [Kevin Eber]: http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/news_detail.cfm/news_id=12287
<http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/enn.cfm>

3-13-09 Solar-Fabrik Preliminary Results

Solar-Fabrik AG released preliminary, unaudited consolidated group results as of 31 December. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUCO735.htm>
Solar-Fabrik Group: <http://solar-fabrik.com/>

3-13-09 Advanced Solar Photonics LLC Production Plant

Advanced Solar Photonics LLC will build a solar panel plant in Florida. The factory, SolarFab(TM), should be operating by late 2009 and once complete will produce up to 40 MW annually.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/bko26j>

Advanced Solar Photonics: <http://www.advancedsolarphotonics.com/>

January 8 Press: http://www.advancedsolarphotonics.com/press/press_releases.html

3-13-09 Entech Solar Agreement with Fraunhofer USA

Entech Solar announced that it has entered into a research contract with Fraunhofer USA's Center for Sustainable Energy Systems to evaluate the feasibility of incorporating high-efficiency back-contact silicon solar cells into Entech's 20x concentrating solar systems. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cqcn36>

Entech Solar: <http://www.entechsolar.com/>

Fraunhofer Center for Sustainable Energy Systems: <http://www.fraunhofer-cse.org/>

3-13-09 juwi Headquarters Expansion, Germany

The juwi Group is expanding its company headquarters in Worrstadt, Rhineland-Palatinate.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/catr7t>

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

3-13-09 Growth at ASYS Solar

See "Growth at ASYS Solar in 2008" at: <http://www.emsnow.com/npps/story.cfm?pg=story&id=38981>

ASYS Group: <http://www.asys.de/asys-group/?lang=EN>

3-13-09 Carmanah Grid-tie System for Toronto Parking Authority, Canada [Anthony Tisot]

The Toronto Parking Authority in Ontario is installing a \$248,000 solar-powered grid-tie system from Carmanah Technologies Corporation. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/c8r54q>
<http://www.solarforbuildings.com/>

3-13-09 Global Solar and Dow Chemical Solar Shingles Project

Global Solar Energy and Dow Chemical have been working together for a year on a solar shingles project. Press coverage at: <http://www.energycurrent.com/index.php?id=3&storyid=16692>
Global Solar: <http://www.globalsolar.com/index.php>
February press: <http://tinyurl.com/c933po>
Dow 2008: <http://news.dow.com/prodpub/2008/20080423a.htm>

3-13-09 Spot Price of 6-inch Poly-Si Wafers

According to DigiTimes, China-based makers of solar-grade 6-inch poly-Si wafers have pushed the spot price to below US\$5 per unit in mid-March. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/c7x4qy>

3-13-09 New Feed-in Rates in Ontario, Canada

Ontario is poised to introduce new electricity pricing to encourage the development of renewable energy from a diverse range of producers including homeowners, community-based groups and larger scale commercial generators. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAGO385.htm>

3-13-09 Advanced Energy Cost Reductions

Advanced Energy Industries, Inc. announced cost reductions. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/bs3w8w>
Advanced Energy: <http://www.advanced-energy.com/>

3-13-09 CPV Today Newsletter [Joshua Bull]

The latest issue of the CPV Today Newsletter is available at: http://www.cpvtoday.com/newsletters/cpvtoday_newsletter_694_2009-03-12.html or <http://tinyurl.com/dbwanp>

3-13-09 BIPV Summit

The BIPV Summit is set for 6-8 April in San Diego, California.
Press at: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/29656407/>
Event information: <http://www.infocastinc.com/index.php/conference/bipv>

3-13-09 Jefferies Global Clean Technology Conference

The Jefferies 7th Annual Global Clean Technology Conference is set for March 17 in New York City. <http://www.jefferies.com/cositemgr.pl/html/OurFirm/ConferencesEvents/index.shtml> or <http://tinyurl.com/5h3zbo>

3-13-09 EuPD Research CSP Study [Daniel Pohl]

See "CSP Survey: Industry report helps reduce site selection risks" at EuPD Research: <http://tinyurl.com/b9lwub>
EuPD Research: <http://www.eupd-research.com/en/home/>

3-16-09 ATERSA Results

ATERSA, a subsidiary of Elecnor, provided results for 2008. Press at PV Tech: http://www.pv-tech.org/news/a/atersa_still_strong_in_the_photovoltaic_market/ or <http://tinyurl.com/ckh3bb>
ATERSA: <http://www.atersa.com/>
Elecnor: <http://www.elecnor.es/>

3-16-09 PG&E 2-MW Solar Panel Project

PG&E said it is starting work on a 2-MW solar panel project as part of a 250-MW (of a 500-MW) program and is looking to buy solar panels for the project. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/avww63>
<http://sacramento.bizjournals.com/sacramento/stories/2009/03/09/daily72.html> or
<http://tinyurl.com/cawdhm>
<http://tinyurl.com/c98svz>
<http://www.cleantech.com/news/4266/pge-opens-bidding-500-mw-solar-prog> or <http://tinyurl.com/afpmfr>
<http://www.next100.com/2009/03/pge-moves-on-pilot-solar-pv-pr.php> or <http://tinyurl.com/d4th65>

3-16-09 SunPower Expansion in Philippines

According to this press, SunPower Corp. is negotiating with the International Finance Corp. for a loan of up to \$75 million to expand a solar cell factory in the Philippines.

Press at Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/bjj8wp>

SunPower: <http://sunpowercorp.com/>

IFC: <http://www.ifc.org/>

3-16-09 GreenVolts Agreement with NREL

GreenVolts announced that it has entered into a development relationship with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory to commercialize the Inverted Metamorphic advanced multi-junction solar cell design.

Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/GreenVolts-and-US-Department-iv-14647322.html> or

<http://tinyurl.com/clzjfl>

GreenVolts: <http://www.greenvolts.com/>

3-16-09 World PV Market Report

World PV market installations reached a record high of 5.95 GW in 2008, representing growth of 110% over the previous year according to the annual PV market report issued by Solarbuzz LLC. More about the report in the press at: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNACO897.htm>

Marketbuzz(TM) 2009: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/Marketbuzz2009-intro.htm>

Additional press: <http://tinyurl.com/cwovmg>

<http://tinyurl.com/d2vv7m>

3-16-09 Gartner Outlook on PV

See the story "Gartner sees solar PV poised for long-term

growth" at: http://www.eetimesupplynetwork.com/215900304?cid=RSSfeed_eetsn_eetsnRSS or

<http://tinyurl.com/c3szrz>

Coverage at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/cxca8w>

Gartner: <http://www.gartner.com/>

3-16-09 Silicon Price Index

PHOTON Consulting announced that its proprietary Silicon Price Index is now available on the BLOOMBERG PROFESSIONAL(R) service. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/catgy6>

Silicon Price Index: <http://www.siliconpriceindex.com/>

PHOTON Consulting: <http://www.photonconsulting.com/>

http://www.photonconsulting.com/about_us.php

3-16-09 More on BP Solar PV for LIPA

According to this press, BP Solar confirmed that the company has been selected to enter into negotiations with the Long Island Power Authority to provide close to 37 MW of PV power on the grounds of the U.S. Department of Energy's Brookhaven National Laboratory.

Press at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/cu3s6r>

PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/cvbf5x>

BP Solar: <http://www.bp.com/genericcountryjump.do?categoryId=9070&contentId=7038143> or

<http://tinyurl.com/yvmcvm>

February press: http://www.bnl.gov/bnlweb/pubaf/pr/PR_display.asp?prID=918 or <http://tinyurl.com/bfzzxu>

LIPA: http://www.lipower.org/newscenter/pr/2009/022709_gov.html or <http://tinyurl.com/8kh49g>

3-16-09 Solar Farm, Jacksonville, Florida

JEA has revealed plans for a 100-acre solar farm.

Press at: http://www.jacksonville.com/news/metro/2009-03-14/story/jea_plans_powerful_solar_farm or <http://tinyurl.com/dyvzmt>

JEA: <http://www.jea.com/about/news/index.asp>

3-16-09 Entech Solar Capital

Entech Solar said the company intends to effect a \$3 million common stock rights offering to raise equity capital for general corporate and working capital purposes. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/bvynyf>

Entech Solar: <http://www.entechsolar.com/>

3-16-09 Applied Materials New Wire Saw

Applied Materials, Inc. introduced its Applied HCT MaxEdge(TM) wire saw, a new platform for slicing ingots into ultra-thin wafers. Press at: <http://www.rttnews.com/ArticleView.aspx?Id=882797&SMap=1>

Applied Materials: <http://tinyurl.com/d3vsp6>

3-16-09 AVA Solar New Brand Name, Abound Solar

AVA Solar has unveiled its new brand name, Abound Solar.

Press at: http://www.solarindustrymag.com/e107_plugins/content/content_lt.php?content.2720 or <http://tinyurl.com/d5zhf6>

http://www.denverpost.com/business/ci_11921846

AVA Solar: <http://www.avasolar.com/>

Abound Solar: <http://www.aboundsolar.com/>

<http://abound.monigle2.net/Content.asp?cid=24>

3-16-09 Solar Research at University of NSW

Research to be performed at the University of New South Wales' new Solar Industrial Research Facility will focus on applying Australian research on new production techniques to commercial production.

Press at: <http://www.smh.com.au/environment/unis-solar-panel-captures-more-light-20090315-8z1q.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/bx8afu>

University of NSW: <http://tinyurl.com/chd88g>

3-16-09 Japanese Lending for Solar Power Systems

Japan will lend \$5 billion to developing nations to put in place running water, solar power systems, and other environmental infrastructure.

Press at: <http://uk.reuters.com/article/environmentNews/idUKTRE52D0B520090314> or <http://tinyurl.com/ddagsq>

3-16-09 Multifunctional Solar Systems

A co-founder and former CEO of Ausra has formed a new company – Chromasun – that hopes to capitalize on the growing market for multifunctional solar systems that harvest both light and heat from the sun. More on the device at Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/cg743w>

3-16-09 Update on Solar Measure B, Los Angeles

According to this press, the Los Angeles City Clerk's election division will announced the final vote count for the March 3 election on March 19. More on the solar ballot measure at

PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/cwl3qc>

3-16-09 Dow Corning Solar Cell Science and Technology Manager

Dow Corning has named Dr. Guy Beaucarne as Solar Cell Science and Technology Manager for its Solar Market Business Unit. He will be based at the company's European headquarters in Belgium.

Press at: http://www.chemie.de/news/e/98305/?WT.mc_id=ca0066

3-16-09 Photovoltaics World Postings

See new postings at Photovoltaics World, "Minimization of light reflected in photovoltaic modules" and "Full-surface lamination technology for large-scale solar module encapsulation", at: <http://www.pvworld.com/index.html>

3-16-09 Inverters for North American Installations

Power-One, Inc. announced the availability of three new series in its Aurora(R) family of renewable energy inverters for North American installations.

Press at: <http://www.power-one.com/investor/pressreleases/pr031209.pdf>

Power-One: <http://www.power-one.com/>

3-16-09 CPV Summit

The 2nd Concentrated Photovoltaic Summit is set for 28-29 April, with the ISFOC visit on the 30th, Toledo, Spain. Information at: <http://www.cpvtoday.com/eu09/>

<http://www.cpvtoday.com/eu09/visit.shtml>

3-16-09 SEPA Phone Seminar

SEPA is hosting a phone seminar on "German Solar Markets – How Does the United States Solar Market Compare?" on 19 March. Information at: <http://www.solarelectricpower.org/index.php?page=sepaevents>

3-16-09 Maldives Carbon Neutral in a Decade

The Maldives will shift entirely to renewable energy over the next decade to become a carbon-neutral nation and fight climate change said the president.

Press at Reuters: <http://www.reuters.com/article/latestCrisis/idUSCOL471188>

3-16-09 Physics of Solar Cells

Research and Markets announced the addition of John Wiley and Sons Ltd's "Physics of Solar Cells: From Basic Principles to Advanced Concepts" to its offering. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/d3jo69>

Research and Markets: http://www.researchandmarkets.com/research/ce1cfb/physics_of_solar_c and <http://tinyurl.com/c72u2l>

3-16-09 Alanod Solar Cumulative Shipments

Alanod Solar has now shipped more than one hundred million square feet of solar absorptive surfaces worldwide. Press at: <http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/Alanod-Solar-961440.html>

Alanod Solar: <http://www.alanod-solar.com/>

3-17-09 Canadian Solar Results

Canadian Solar Inc. reported its unaudited US GAAP financial information for the fourth quarter and year ended 31 December. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cu9khz>

Canadian Solar: <http://www.csisolar.com/>

3-17-09 Day4 Energy Results

Day4 Energy Inc. reported operating results for the fourth quarter and fiscal year 2008.

Press at: <http://www.day4energy.com/news.htm>

<http://www.day4energy.com/>

3-17-09 Energy Conversion Devices Updated Outlook, Developments

Energy Conversion Devices, Inc. updated its outlook and announced developments and plans. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNACO899.htm> and

<http://tinyurl.com/cke29h>

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

3-17-09 Solar Energy Initiatives Results

Solar Energy Initiatives, Inc. announced revenues for the second quarter.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/c7epks>

<http://solarenergy.ir.stockpr.com/company-news>

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

3-17-09 Entech Solar Results

Entech Solar announced its financial results for the 3 and 12 months ended 31 December.

Press at: <http://www.entsolar.com/press-releases-details.php?id=130> or <http://tinyurl.com/cosesx>

3-17-09 Perfectenergy Results

Perfectenergy International Ltd. announced financial results for the first fiscal quarter ended 31 January.

Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Perfectenergy-International-pz-14662142.html> or

<http://tinyurl.com/chw7as>

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

3-17-09 Crystalline Silicon Solar Cell Capacity Expansion, Taiwan

According to press at DigiTimes, four Taiwan-based makers of crystalline silicon solar cells plan to expand their annual production capacities in 2009. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/ch3gga>

3-17-09 ENN Solar Energy Thin-film PV Panels

ENN Solar Energy Co. Ltd. in China says it has produced 5.7 m2 high-efficiency tandem-junction thin-film PV panels using a SunFab(TM) Thin Film Line, rated at 60 MW per year, supplied by Applied Materials.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cx5d57> and

<http://tinyurl.com/dfjx3o>

ENN Solar Energy: <http://www.ennsolar.com/>

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

<http://tinyurl.com/csc4hy>

3-17-09 China Sunergy Framework Agreement with asola

China Sunergy Co., Ltd. announced that it has entered into a 10-year Sales Framework Agreement with asola Advanced and Automotive Solar Systems GmbH, which outlines the potential delivery of up to 480 MW of solar cells manufactured by China Sunergy from 2009 to 2018.

Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/China-Sunergy-Signs-10-Year-prnews-14662718.html> or

<http://tinyurl.com/dejbhx>

China Sunergy: http://www.chinasunergy.com/home/home_eng.asp

asola: <http://www.asola-power.com/>

3-17-09 NanoGram Technology Agreement with Teijin Limited

NanoGram Corporation announced that it has entered into a technology development agreement with Teijin Limited to further develop NanoGram's printed silicon ink. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/d32dcv>

NanoGram: <http://www.nanogram.com/home/>

Teijin: <http://www.teijin.co.jp/english/index.html>

3-17-09 Lonestar Capital Letter of Intent to Acquire Solar Self Help

Lonestar Capital Corporation has signed a Letter of Intent to acquire Solar Self Help, Inc. dba Light Energy Systems of Concord, California. Lonestar's business plan is focused on the consolidation and growth of renewable energy companies, primarily in the US solar market.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNACO898.htm>

Lonestar Capital Corp.: <http://www.lonestarcapitalcorp.com/index.htm>

3-17-09 PV Activities in Japan and Global PV Highlights [RTS Corporation]

The March 2009 issue of "PV Activities in Japan and Global PV Highlights" is available [by subscription] with coverage of PV highlights in Japan (announcement of a new support scheme for power purchase; production capacity of PV industry in Japan), global trends of silicon feedstock, PV Expo 2009, monthly photo gallery, topics from Japan, and topics from the world. Information at: http://www.rts-pv.com/e_publications.html

3-17-09 Japanese PV Power

See the story "Japanese PV Power: New Support Framework Boosts the PV Market" by Izumi Kaizuka and Osamu Ikki, RTS Corporation, at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/daue9u>
See also "Japan govt plans equipping public offices with solar panels" at: <http://tinyurl.com/chf28k>

3-17-09 Bids to Build 10-MW Solar Power Station, China

Fifty companies have bid to build a 10-MW PV power station in Dunhuang, Gansu province.
Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/csw28o>

3-17-09 Xcel Energy Solar Incentives for New Mexico

Electric customers of Xcel Energy in New Mexico can apply for Solar*Rewards incentives on small and medium PV generating systems installed on their homes and businesses.

Press at: <http://www.newschannel10.com/Global/story.asp?S=10014561>

Solar*Rewards:

http://www.xcelenergy.com/Residential/RenewableEnergy/Solar_Rewards/Pages/home.aspx or
<http://tinyurl.com/cxpjc6>

3-17-09 Nanomaterials for More Efficient Solar Cells Project

A new EU-funded project called ROD-SOL (All-inorganic nano-rod based thin-film solar cells on glass) is a 3-year, 4-million EUR project with aim of developing new, more cost-effective nanomaterials for solar cells. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/b5gtvm>

3-17-09 Solar Stocks, Boom and Bust, Perspective

See the story "Solar Stocks: Factoring in the Boom & Bust Cycle of the Market" by J. Peter Lynch, at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/cws88z>

3-17-09 Camstar Solar Webinar

Camstar Systems, Inc. announced that it will host a solar industry Webinar titled "Collaborate on Product Quality to Win the Low Cost per Watt Battle" on 26 March. Information at: <http://tinyurl.com/c97jed>
<http://www.camstar.info/march26webinar>

3-17-09 Utility-scale Renewable Energy Integration

See the story "More Companies Focus on Utility-scale Renewable Energy Integration" at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/dgd6l5>

3-17-09 SEMICON China 2009

SEMICON China 2009 is taking place in Shanghai from 17-19 March, with more than 800 exhibitors including more than 250 participants from across the PV manufacturing supply chain.

Press at DigiTimes: <http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20090317PR203.html>

SEMICON China 2009: <http://semiconchina.semi.org/scchina2008-en/index.htm>

3-17-09 Clean Energy Investments Forum

The Clean Energy Investments Forum 2009 is set for 20-21 April in Houston, Texas.

Information at: <http://www.environmental-finance.com/conferences/2009/CEIF09/programme.htm> or
<http://tinyurl.com/cfcrgo>

3-17-09 SolarDay 2009

The first annual SolarDay will be held on 21 June to educate the public about the benefits of solar energy and solar installations in local areas. Press at: <http://www.eponline.com/articles/71237/>
SolarDay 2009: <http://www.solarday.com/>

3-17-09 CSP Today Articles

See several new postings of articles at CSP Today covering EPRI solar studies, Solar Millennium plans, data for hybrid power plants in California, and others at: <http://social.csptoday.com/node>

3-18-09 Recurrent Energy Purchase of Solar Project Pipeline

Recurrent Energy announced the purchase of a solar project pipeline of up to 350 MW from UPC Solar.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNACO904.htm>

RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/cltczu>

SFGate: <http://tinyurl.com/dbouyb>

Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/c2hy8z> and

<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Recurrent-Energy-Acquires-350-bw-14675345.html> or

<http://tinyurl.com/d68wfg>

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

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

3-18-09 Sencera Thin-film Silicon Solar Cell, Equity Funding

Sencera, a manufacturer of thin film silicon based PV modules, has successfully deposited single-junction silicon solar cells with an initial 8.7% conversion efficiency under standard test conditions. The company has secured the final \$5.2 million of a \$15.6 million investment from the California based lead investor

Quercus Trust. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cla672>

Sencera: <http://www.sencera.com/>

3-18-09 China Sunergy Letter of Intent with SolarMax Technology

China Sunergy signed a letter of intent with SolarMax Technology for China Sunergy to supply 25 MW of solar cells to SolarMax throughout 2009.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNACO905.htm>

PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/cw27gl>

China Sunergy: <http://www.chinasunergy.com/>

SolarMax Technology: <http://www.solarmaxtech.com/>

3-18-09 Phoenix Solar Preliminary Figures

Phoenix Solar released preliminary figures for the financial year 2008.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUCO737.htm>

PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/djp5tv>

Phoenix Solar: <http://www.phoenixsolar.com/Press/PressReleases/index.html>

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

3-18-09 Timminco Limited Results

Timminco Limited announced its financial results for the fourth quarter and fiscal year ended 31

December. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNACO903.htm>

Timminco Limited: <http://www.timminco.com/>

3-18-09 Clear Skies Solar Strategic Project Finance Partnership with ZebaSolar

Clear Skies Solar, Inc. announced the signing of an MOU with ZebaSolar, achieving a major milestone of financing its pipeline of multi-megawatt solar installations globally.

Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Clear-Skies-Solar-Announces-prnews-14674489.html> or

<http://tinyurl.com/dbb9we>

Clear Skies Solar: <http://www.clearskiesgroup.com/>

ZebaSolar: <http://www.zebasolar.com/>

3-18-09 Worldwide Energy and Manufacturing \$52 Million Backlog

Worldwide Energy and Manufacturing USA, Inc. announced that its solar division has a backlog of \$52 million in solar module contracts. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cnjgcu>
Worldwide: <http://www.wwmusa.com/>

3-18-09 AIG Financial Products Corp. Closing of Solar Park Transaction

AIG Financial Products Corp. reported that it has closed the sale of its interests in three operating Spanish PV plants from its energy and infrastructure book. HG Capital acquired AIGFP's interests. Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/AIG-Financial-Products-Corp-bw-14678656.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/chxwxt>

3-18-09 Ascent Solar Grand Opening

The grand opening for Ascent Solar's new headquarters and manufacturing facility in Thornton, Colorado, is set for 24 March.

Information at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Ascent-Solar-to-Open-World-bw-14673296.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/da45k6>
<http://tinyurl.com/d689g6>

Ascent Solar: <http://www.ascentsolar.com/index.php>

3-18-09 PV System at Colorado Convention Center

A 300-kW solar power installation on the roof of the Colorado Convention Center by project developers Oak Leaf Energy Partners is being launched. MMA Renewable Ventures was the lead financier of the venture and owns the complex. Namaste Solar designed and installed the facility, SunPower made the solar panels, and Fat Spaniel provided the monitoring. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cfzhee>
<http://coloradoenergynews.com/2009/03/colorado-convention-center-gets-rooftop-solar-system/> or <http://tinyurl.com/d94dlu>

Oak Leaf Energy Partners: <http://oakleafep.com/>

Namaste Solar: <http://www.namastesolar.com/index.htm>

MMA Renewable Ventures: <http://mmarenew.com/>

SunPower: <http://www.sunpowercorp.com/>

Fat Spaniel Monitoring: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/29750983/>
<http://www.fatspaniel.com/>

3-18-09 DuPont PV Sales

DuPont Co. said it expects to nearly triple its solar PV sales to more than \$1 billion in 2012.

Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/DuPont-says-photovoltaic-apf-14667058.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/cd8gmj>

PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/dcgc7u>

DuPont Press: <http://tinyurl.com/c4swth>

3-18-09 Support for Clean Energy, China

Applied Materials announced that Chinese Vice Premier Li Keqiang toured the company's SunFab Solar Module Reliability Testing facility in Xi'an, China and met with company executives to discuss the future prospects for PV electricity in China. More in the press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/China-Vice-Premier-bw-14667938.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/cyf58h> and <http://tinyurl.com/delvay>

Applied Materials: http://www.appliedmaterials.com/assets/sunfab_module.html
<http://www.appliedmaterials.com/>

3-18-09 Agency Cooperation on Renewable Energy Permitting

The U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary, Ken Salazar, and Acting Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Jon Wellinghoff, announced that the two agencies have plans to work together to facilitate the permitting of renewable energy in offshore waters as well as on land.

Story at Solarbuzz: <http://tinyurl.com/cswkty>

3-18-09 EERE Network News

The latest issue of EERE Network News [Kevin Eber], with coverage of the appropriations act, DOE investment in weatherization and state energy grants, and other topics is on line at: <http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/enn.cfm>

3-18-09 Solar-powered Catamaran

Swiss and German engineers are building a solar-powered catamaran that will try to circumnavigate the globe. Story at Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/cq69od>
Planet Solar: <http://www.planetsolar.org/>

3-18-09 ACORE, The US-China Program

The American Council On Renewable Energy has launched a website to help U.S. companies connect with Chinese companies and institutions that are working to expand and finance renewable energy development projects in China. See the "ACORE, The US-China Program" website at: <http://www.acorechina.org/uscp/index.html>
ACORE: <http://tinyurl.com/c9z8qh>

3-18-09 Solar America Board for Codes and Standards Events

The events calendar for the Solar America Board for Codes and Standards is posted at: http://www.solarabcs.org/index.php?option=com_events&Itemid=71

3-18-09 SEMI Foundation High Tech U

The mission of the SEMI Foundation is to support education and career awareness in the fields of high tech. The upcoming events for the 2009 High Tech U programs and events are posted at: http://www.semi.org/en/About/SEMIFoundation/ctr_026612

3-18-09 Cleantech Forum

The Cleantech Forum(R) XXII is set for 28-30 in Copenhagen, Denmark.
Information at: <http://cleantech.com/cleantechforum/copenhagen09/>

3-18-09 BrightSource Project, Nevada

Nevada developer Harvey Whittemore and BrightSource Energy, Inc. have reached an agreement on a solar-thermal project that could provide up to 600 MW of power for Whittemore's Coyote Springs development and other markets in Nevada and California.
Stories at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Nevada-developer-solar-firm-apf-14669815.html> or
<http://tinyurl.com/csml6y>
<http://tinyurl.com/cm5b8x>
BrightSource Energy: <http://www.brightsourceenergy.com/>

3-18-09 CSP Markets and Strategies

For information on Emerging Energy Research's "Global Concentrated Solar Power Markets & Strategies, 2009-2020, April 2009", go to: <http://tinyurl.com/arrg2a>

3-19-09 Evergreen Solar Partnership Agreement with RMT, Inc.

Evergreen Solar, Inc. announced that it has entered into an agreement with RMT, Inc. under which the two companies will co-market to electric utilities and project developers of utility-scale solar power projects. Press at <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Evergreen-Solar-Signs-bw-14689210.html> or
<http://tinyurl.com/dnf223>
Evergreen Solar: <http://www.evergreensolar.com/app/en/investors/>
RMT: <http://www.rmtinc.com/public/index.html>

3-19-09 Soltec SOLLUZ 1-MW Plant, Spain

Soltec Energias Renovables' latest PV plant, SOLLUZ, has recently started generating electricity in the municipality of Lorca (Murcia), Spain. The 1-MW PV plant comprises 94 dual-axis SOLTEC 10K Series solar trackers, with a total of 3,666 Suntech Power PV modules and 94 Soltec inverters. Press and photo at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUPR588.htm>
Soltec: <http://www.soltec-renovables.com/>

3-19-09 Q-Cells Fiscal Year 2008

Q-Cells confirmed figures for fiscal year 2008 and published its annual report.
Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/daerm4>
<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Solar-panel-maker-QCells-2008-apf-14686727.html> or
<http://tinyurl.com/cedh2w>

3-19-09 Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corp. Plans

According to this press, Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corp. plans to split off its solar cell and its chip packaging and testing units and list their shares in the not too distant future.
Press at Reuters: <http://www.reuters.com/article/newIssuesNews/idUSSHA6201720090319> or
<http://tinyurl.com/cpez4>
PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/c739sv>
SMIC: http://www.smics.com/website/enVersion/About_SMIC/aboutUs.htm

3-19-09 SANYO New Solar Panels

SANYO Energy Corporation introduced the HIT Power(R) N Series of solar panels.
Press at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/dg2r2u>
SANYO: <http://us.sanyo.com/Solar>

3-19-09 GreenVolts Solar Field

Greentech Media provides an update on GreenVolts' plans for a 2-MW solar field in the article at: <http://tinyurl.com/cqcj6f>
GreenVolts: <http://www.greenvolts.com/>

3-19-09 HelioSphera Technology

See the story "IN-DEPTH: HelioSphera reposes faith in Micromorph technology" at Thin Film Today: <http://social.thinfilmtoday.com/news/depth-heliosphera-reposes-faith-micromorph-technology> or <http://tinyurl.com/ddy2tx>
HelioSphera: <http://www.heliosphera.com/company>

3-19-09 Zytech Expansion in China

Zytech Solar has expanded and upgraded its manufacturing facilities at Zhuzhou High Technology Park, Qingdao, China. Story at CPV Today: <http://tinyurl.com/ckv8ul>
Zytech Solar: <http://www.zytech.es/index.asp>
<http://www.zytech.es/zytechiw.asp>

3-19-09 Covalent Solar Organic Solar Concentrator PV Technology

Covalent Solar was set up last year to develop and commercialize Organic Solar Concentrator PV technology. According to CPV Today, Covalent Solar is in the news for hoping to sell panels within three years, per Popular Mechanics. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cm62fy>
Covalent Solar: <http://www.covalentsolar.com/>
<http://www.popularmechanics.com/science/research/4306162.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/czm9xt>

3-19-09 Concentrator Optics Featured

See coverage of Concentrator Optics GmbH at CPV Today: <http://tinyurl.com/c3j6c6>
Concentrator Optics: <http://www.concentratoroptics.com/index.php?id=4>

3-19-09 CPV for San Jose, California

See the story "CPV may get a boost as San Jose explores solar technology" at CPV Today: <http://tinyurl.com/cmj27s>

3-19-09 CIGS Equipment, Taiwan

Taiwan-based NanWin Technology has unveiled turnkey equipment for the production of CIGS thin-film PV modules. Kenmec Mechanical Engineering and Gallant Precision Machining are also developing similar equipment solutions. Press at DigiTimes: <http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20090319PD202.html>

3-19-09 Taiwan Solar Investments

Taiwan's Executive Yuan has proposed a 5-year budget of NT\$30 billion specifically for financially sponsoring renewable energy R&D projects, with a focus on the solar energy and LED industries. Press at: <http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20090318PD200.html>

3-19-09 Solar Power Partners Projects in the San Diego Area, California

Solar Power Partners, Inc. announced that its recently completed solar systems in the San Diego area are in operation and generating power. The systems include an 878.22-kW system at the University of California at San Diego, a 357.32-kW system at Point Loma Nazarene University, and a 1.1-MW system at the Valley Center Water District. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/dkgvxa>
Solar Power Partners: <http://www.solarpowerpartners.com/>

3-19-09 Forest Service PV in Ohio

The U.S. Forest Service has awarded a contract worth nearly \$400,000 to add more than 250 solar panels to the roof of the Wayne National Forest headquarters in Ohio. The funding is part of the Federal stimulus package. Press at: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/29738230/>

3-19-09 Konarka Technologies VP of Business Development [Tracy Wemett]

Konarka Technologies, Inc. announced that Therese Jordan, Ph.D. has joined the company as vice president of business development. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/d22qsj>
Konarka: <http://www.konarka.com/>

3-19-09 Renewable Distributed Energy Generation Study

The cleantech market research firm Pike Research forecasts that the renewable distributed energy generation market will continue strong growth, more than doubling in value to \$60.6 billion by 2013. More on the study at: <http://tinyurl.com/c9m8dq>
Renewable Distributed Energy Generation: <http://www.pikeresearch.com/research/renewable-distributed-energy-generation> or <http://tinyurl.com/d24vcs>

3-19-09 Thin Film Solar Summit Europe

Thin Film Solar Summit Europe is set for 19-20 May in Berlin, Germany.
Information at: <http://www.thinfilmtoday.com/eu/>

3-19-09 CSP, CPV and Thin Film Technologies Summit MENA

The CSP, CPV and Thin Film Technologies Summit MENA is set for 2-3 June in Abu Dhabi, UAE.
Information at: <http://www.newsolartoday.com/mena09/>

3-19-09 Institute for Analysis of Solar Energy Kickoff Symposium [Ken Zweibel, Alexander Winn]

The Institute for Analysis of Solar Energy at The George Washington University is holding a kickoff symposium, "Solar Energy: A solution to energy and environmental problems?" on 24 April at GWU.
Information at: <http://tinyurl.com/d4fmlf>
<http://solar.gwu.edu/Symposium.html>

3-19-09 Intersolar Award

The 2009 Intersolar Award will once again reward pioneering technologies in the categories of PV and solar thermal technology. The official award ceremony will take place on 27 May. Applications will be accepted until 24 April. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/c37rct>

Intersolar 2009, 27-29 May, Munich, Germany:

http://www.intersolar.de/index.php?id=intersolar&no_cache=1&L=1 or <http://tinyurl.com/d85njk>

3-19-09 Solar Millennium Results

Solar Millennium AG presented its audited consolidated financial statements for the 2007/2008 fiscal year. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/d4fdnm>

3-19-09 CSP Summit US

The 3rd Annual Concentrated Solar Power Summit US is set for 30 June – 1 July in San Francisco, California. Information at: <http://www.csptoday.com/us/index.shtml>

3-20-09 First Solar Production

First Solar, Inc. announced that it has produced 1 GW of its advanced solar modules since beginning commercial production in early 2002. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/d8maen>

First Solar: <http://www.firstsolar.com/>

3-20-09 National Semiconductor Acquisition of Act Solar

National Semiconductor Corporation has acquired Act Solar, Inc., a privately held solar energy company that provides power optimization solutions for commercial and utility-scale solar installations. Press at

Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNACO907.htm>

National Semiconductor: <http://www.national.com/analog>

Act Solar: <http://www.actsolar.com/>

3-20-09 SolarFrameWorks BIPV Membrane System [Calla Leonard]

SolarFrameWorks announced the launch of its building integrated PV single-ply membrane system, CoolPly(TM). Press at: <http://www.solarframeworks.com/news.html>

SolarFrameWorks: <http://www.solarframeworks.com/>

3-20-09 Q-Cells Solar Projects

Q-Cells SE said it expects its projects business to install over 200 MW of capacity in 2009. Press through Solarbuzz <http://www.solarbuzz.com/index.asp> at Bloomberg.com:

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601072&sid=aT6fKc69jifo> or <http://tinyurl.com/cf9sec>

Q-Cells: <http://www.qcells.de/de/index.html>

http://www.q-cells.com/en/investor_relations/press_releases/index.html?ir=799 or

<http://tinyurl.com/ca95sq>

3-20-09 SolarWorld Expansion, North America

SolarWorld announced it will begin construction of a new facility adjacent to the one that celebrated its grand opening in Hillsboro, Oregon five months ago. Press at: <http://www.solarworld-usa.com/SolarWorld-to-expand-I.3459.0.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/cppsyy>

3-20-09 Sunetric Solar Farm for Hospital in Hawaii

Sunetric installed a 500-kW PV system at Wilcox Memorial Hospital on the island of Kauai using 2,190 SunPower modules and SMA America's Sunny Central 250U inverters.

Press and photo at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1439.htm>

Sunetric: <http://www.suntechhawaii.com/>

SunPower: <http://www.sunpowercorp.com/>

SMA America: http://www.sma-america.com/en_US.html

3-20-09 Inauguration of 2.4-MW Rooftop Solar Installation, New Jersey

Trina Solar announced the inauguration of the 2.4-MW solar rooftop installation at the Atlantic City Convention Center. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/dngert>
Trina Solar: <http://www.trinasolar.com/>

3-20-09 PV System for Porsche, California

An 80-kW PV system was unveiled at the Porsche Logistics, LLC facility in Ontario. The system was designed and installed by Heliopower using 372 Sharp modules.
Press at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/cj385b>
Heliopower: <http://www.heliopower.com/>
Sharp: <http://solar.sharpusa.com/solar/home/1,2462,,00.html>

3-20-09 Feed-in Tariffs

See the story "The Rooftop Revolution" with coverage of the Gainesville, Florida solar incentives at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/c2hrck>

3-20-09 Results, Solar Measure B, California

See the results on the vote count on Measure B at the Los Angeles Times: <http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-measure-b-count20-2009mar20,0,6685936.story> or <http://tinyurl.com/djtveg>

3-20-09 US Solar Industry Year in Review 2008, SEIA Report

The Solar Energy Industries Association issued its year-in-review report. Press coverage at Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/dl2h5x>
New York Times: <http://tinyurl.com/c9edbv>
Report: http://www.seia.org/galleries/pdf/2008_Year_in_Review-small.pdf or <http://tinyurl.com/d38fh2>
SEIA: <http://seia.org/>

3-20-09 Dutch Solar Energy Conference [Johan Trip]

Hermann Scheer will be speaking at the Dutch solar energy conference, "The Solar Future – Investing in Solar Energy" on 22 April in Rotterdam.
More on the conference at SolarPlaza: <http://www.solarplaza.com/index.php>
The Solar Future: <http://www.thesolarfuture.nl/>
<http://www.thesolarfuture.nl/sprekers/>

3-20-09 Photonics Products for Green Technology

"OPTomism Executive Forum & Conference: Photonics Products for Green Technology" is set for 18-20 May in Santa Clara, California. Information at: <http://www.oida.org/optomism>
<http://www.optomism.com/>

3-20-09 Hybrid Power Plants

See "IN-DEPTH: Future predictions for solar thermal / fuel hybrid power plants" at CSP Today: <http://tinyurl.com/ct92mg>

3-23-09 Solyndra Offered DOE Loan Guarantee

Solyndra, Inc. announced that it is the first company to receive an offer for a U.S. DOE loan guarantee under Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Solyndra will use the proceeds of a \$535 million loan from the US. Treasury's Federal Financing Bank to expand its solar panel manufacturing capacity in California. Press at Solyndra: <http://www.solyndra.com/News/Press-Release-032009>

Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAMA159.htm>

Greentech Media: <http://www.greentechmedia.com/categories/category-solar.html>

<http://tinyurl.com/d9xjbz>

<http://cbs5.com/local/Fremont.solar.company.2.965171.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/c2tm7u>

<http://tinyurl.com/dnckmc>

<http://tinyurl.com/dlggga>

<http://tinyurl.com/cbcrgo>

DOE Press: <http://www.energy.gov/news2009/7078.htm>

3-23-09 CENTROSOLAR Results

CENTROSOLAR Group AG reported 2008 results.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEU0738.htm>

CENTROSOLAR: <http://www.centrosolar.de/index.php?L=1>

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

3-23-09 Enfinity Investment

Enfinity has secured a \$64 million investment from a European private equity company.

Press at: http://www.bizjournals.com/sacramento/stories/2009/03/16/daily82.html?ana=from_rss or

<http://tinyurl.com/ckxu35>

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

3-23-09 Solar-Fabrik New PV Module Plant

Solar-Fabrik opened its new PV module plant in Freiburg.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUMA285.htm>

Solar-Fabrik: <http://www.solar-fabrik.com/index.php?id=27>

3-23-09 Motech Wafer Slicing Capacity Expansion

Motech Industries is expanding its capacity for polysilicon wafer slicing from an annual level equivalent to 100 MWp currently to 160 MWp, with expansion to be completed in mid-2009.

Press at DigiTimes: <http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20090323PD200.html>

Motech: <http://www.motechind.com/>

3-23-09 Renewable Energy Corp Plant in Washington

According to this press, Renewable Energy Corp is sticking to a plan for starting up an expanded silicon plant at Moses Lake, Washington by the end of March. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cw8ay7>

REC: <http://www.recgroup.com/>

3-23-09 MicroScreen Solar Cell Printing Facility

MicroScreen has completed a new facility dedicated to the manufacture of screens for solar cell printing.

Press at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/dbyet2>

MicroScreen: <http://www.microscreen.org/index.cfm/fa/screens>

3-23-09 DRI PV for Target Stores, Hawaii

DRI Energy has completed solar installations on Target's first two stores in Hawaii. Both the Honolulu West and Kapolei stores were outfitted with 143-kW DC systems fully integrated with the single ply roof system installed by DRI Commercial, the commercial roofing subsidiary of DRI Companies. Press at

Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1441.htm>

DRI Energy: <http://www.dricommercial.com/Energy.aspx>

3-23-09 OPEL System, Connecticut

OPEL announced that its 131-kW combined rooftop solar panel and tracker system installation has gone live at the Linden Street School in Plainville, Connecticut. Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Opel-Inc-Brightens-ccn-14701154.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/cgose8>
OPEL: <http://www.opelinc.com/>

3-23-09 SolFocus Display of CPV for Governor Schwarzenegger

SolFocus announced that it showcased a display of its CPV technology to California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger as part of his tour of the 2009 Green California Exposition.
Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/d3wkp9>
SolFocus: <http://www.solfocus.com/en/index.php>
2009 Green California Exposition: <http://gov.ca.gov/photos/11775/>
<http://www.green-technology.org/gcsummit/>

3-23-09 Solar Market in India

See the story "India – A Vast Market for American Solar PV Companies" at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/cmck6>

3-23-09 PV Farm, India

Surana Telecom and Power Limited is planning to set up a 5-MW solar farm.
Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cu5f8x>
Surana: <http://www.surana.com/stpl/index.html>

3-23-09 Solar in Qatar

See the story "Qatar pushes ahead with solar plans" at the Gulf Times: <http://tinyurl.com/d6wjbl>

3-23-09 Gulf Solar Conference

Gulf Solar is set for 5-7 May in Dubai, UAE. Information at: <http://tinyurl.com/aq942p>

3-23-09 3TIER Offices to Serve EU, Pacific Rim, India

3TIER(R) announced the expansion of its global operations with new offices in Germany, Australia, and India. Press at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/c4zbb8>
3TIER(R): <http://www.3tier.com/>

3-23-09 Arizona Solar Power Conference

"Building a Commercial Solar Power Industry in Arizona" is set for 26 March.
Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/c6j4k9>
Information at: <http://www.meetup.com/arizona-solar-power-society/calendar/9636305/>

3-23-09 Space Station Solar

Astronauts successfully unfurled the newly installed solar wings at the international space station.
Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/d8oxaf>
<http://tinyurl.com/c4unmb>
<http://tinyurl.com/dcymbb>
<http://tinyurl.com/dj5xfz>

3-24-09 First Solar 30-MW Power Plant for Tri-State, New Mexico

First Solar, Inc. has entered into a 25-year power purchase agreement with Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc., which calls for First Solar to engineer, procure and construct a 30-MW AC ground-mounted PV power plant in northeastern New Mexico. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/dffq89>
<http://tinyurl.com/dgsn33>
http://www.kdbc.com/Global/story.asp?S=10060733&nav=menu608_2_3 or <http://tinyurl.com/dhblm2>
First Solar: <http://www.firstsolar.com/media>
Tri-State: <http://www.tristategt.org/>

3-24-09 Funding for First Solar Expansion, Ohio

Perrysburg Township will receive a \$200,000 roadwork development grant in support of First Solar's planned expansion. More on the grant and expansion at: <http://www.toledoonthemove.com/news/story.aspx?id=277183>

3-24-09 Ascent Solar World Headquarters Opening, Colorado

Ascent Solar Technologies, Inc. is being joined by Colorado Governor Bill Ritter and local officials to cut the ribbon for the company's new world headquarters in Thornton, Colorado.

Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Ascent-Solar-Opens-World-bw-14724272.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/c6hb9v>

<http://cbs4denver.com/local/Ascent.Solar.power.2.966003.html>

Ascent Solar: <http://www.ascentsolar.com/index.php>

3-24-09 ersol Solar Energy Capacity Expansion

At a groundbreaking ceremony in Arnstadt, Germany, the Bosch Group has begun the expansion of its solar production, setting up a new manufacturing facility for crystalline solar cells and modules. With the added investments, Bosch subsidiary ersol Solar Energy will nearly triple its present manufacturing capacity in the crystalline field to a nominal capacity of some 630 MWp.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUMA286.htm>

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

<http://www.ersol.de/en/home/>

3-24-09 Solar Panel Plant, Illinois

Governor Pat Quinn announced a \$2 million investment package to support Wanxiang America Corporation's plans to establish a high-tech solar panel manufacturing facility in Rockford. State, local and company officials are signing the final development deal for the project, with a groundbreaking later this year. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cl63eu>

<http://www.kwqc.com/Global/story.asp?S=10057179>

<http://tinyurl.com/cc4j52>

3-24-09 SunPower PV System for Water District

Rancho California Water District and SunPower Corp. announced the completion of a 1.1-MW PV system at the district's water treatment facility in Murrieta. In addition to designing and building the system,

SunPower also financed it under a SunPower Access PPA. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/c8gbkj>

SunPower: <http://www.sunpowercorp.com/>

3-24-09 Progress Energy Solar Milestone, Florida

Progress Energy's solar energy generation systems in Florida collectively reached 1 MW earlier this month. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/djfhoe>

<http://tinyurl.com/dn5c2v>

Progress Energy: <http://www.progress-energy.com/>

3-24-09 PV for Recycling Company, Germany

Solaxis GmbH and Solardach GmbH collaborated on construction of an 837-kW solar power plant in the city of Moers near Duisburg, Germany on the roof of Riedel Recycling using First Solar modules and SolarMax central inverters. A German subsidiary of Swiss inverter manufacturer Sputnik Engineering provided technical support. Press at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/de57wf>

3-24-09 Komax Equipment Sales

Komax reported on its equipment sales. Press at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/d7xhng>

Komax: <http://www.komaxgroup.com/home/company/press-releases.htm>

3-24-09 Reliability and Durability of CPV

As stated by CPV Today, reliability and durability are two main parameters that guarantee operational behavior, safety, and profitability in any CPV system. See "Defining the requirements of a technology which still is under development" at CPV Today: <http://tinyurl.com/d4v7q5>

3-24-09 EPIA Market Figures [Marie Latour]

The European Photovoltaic Industry Association presented its global market analysis and projections for the next 5 years to its members at the 4th Market Potential and Production Capacity Workshop in Frankfurt on 20 March.

Press at EPIA: <http://tinyurl.com/c3cr4s>

EPIA: <http://www.epia.org/index.php?id=29>

<http://www.epia.org/index.php?id=359>

3-24-09 EPIA Leadership [Marie Latour]

The European Photovoltaic Industry Association celebrated its Annual General Meeting on 19 March and re-elected Dr. Winfried Hoffmann as President until 2010 and elected Anton Milner as Vice-President.

Stephan Hansen entered the Board as Director. Press from EPIA: <http://tinyurl.com/dann6b>

<http://www.epia.org/index.php?id=29>

<http://www.epia.org/index.php?id=359>

3-24-09 U.S. Solar Energy Trade Mission, India

To facilitate solar energy business with India, a consortium of 14 companies from the US is on a 3-city tour to promote trade. More on the Solar Energy Trade Mission in India at: <http://tinyurl.com/d73jqz>

<http://tinyurl.com/c5plwn>

<http://newdelhi.usembassy.gov/pr032309a.html>

3-24-09 Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Rolling RFP

To boost green power in order to reach 20% of the city's power resource mix by 2010 and 35% by 2020, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power issued a rolling request for proposals designed to seek renewable energy proposals on a continuous basis.

Press at: <http://www.ladwpnews.com/go/doc/1475/260266/>

3-24-09 Solar America Showcases 2009 Funding Opportunity First Quarter Application Deadline

The "Solar America Initiative (SAI) Market Transformation: Solar America Showcases 2009" upcoming

Funding Opportunity application due date is 31 March. Information at: <http://tinyurl.com/dagjn5>

Solar America Initiative: http://www1.eere.energy.gov/solar/market_transformation_program.html or

<http://tinyurl.com/cu2uxc>

http://www1.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar_america_showcases.html or <http://tinyurl.com/deuyyr>

http://www1.eere.energy.gov/solar/current_opportunities.html

3-24-09 Solar Investments

See the article "Good Energies' Hansen Is Seeking Solar Investments (Update 2)"

at Bloomberg: http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601072&sid=aavkny363_nE or

<http://tinyurl.com/dcfz4o>

3-24-09 Wells Fargo Financing of PV

Wells Fargo & Company announced that it has financed 125 commercial-scale PV projects since fall 2007. The projects have 43 MW of installed capacity in 10 states. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/c65nlj>

3-24-09 U.S. Government Assistance

According to this press at Greentech Media, now that the U.S. DOE has awarded the first renewable energy loan guarantee in the last four years, the eager anticipation has begun for other companies

waiting for the government's help. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/d74eo8>

Greentech Media: <http://www.greentechmedia.com/categories/category-solar.html> or

<http://tinyurl.com/2q99ns>

3-24-09 ThinkGreen Forum, California

The ThinkGreen forum is taking place 24-26 March in San Francisco.
Information at: <http://www.thinkequity.com/events/ThinkGreen/2009/>
Presenters: <http://tinyurl.com/d6cswr>
<http://tinyurl.com/dbhcan>

3-24-09 PV Cooperation

A Taiwan government-sponsored convention probing the possibility of cooperation between the local PV players and their counterparts in China is bringing together about 550 participants from Taiwan's PV-related companies and about 100 others from China.
Press at DigiTimes: <http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20090324PD200.html>

3-24-09 U.S. Energy R&D

See the story "Obama commits \$1.2 billion in energy R&D" at
CNet News: http://news.cnet.com/8301-11128_3-10202041-54.html

3-24-09 ASES eNewsletter

The Sunbeam eNewsletter is a bi-monthly publication of the American Solar Energy Society. See more information at: http://www.ases.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=163&Itemid=16 or <http://tinyurl.com/d7ssfb>

3-24-09 Renewable Analytics Newsletters [Brad Meikle]

Information on Renewable Analytics LLC newsletters can be found at: <http://www.renewableanalytics.com/newsletters.cfm>
<http://www.renewableanalytics.com/>

3-24-09 Solar Development, Nevada

See the story "Solar developers shoot to beat buzzer for cash" at the Las Vegas Sun: <http://tinyurl.com/cbceu7>

3-24-09 Siemens Energy Stake in Archimede Solar Energy

Germany's Siemens AG said that Siemens Energy is to acquire a 28% stake in Italian solar company Archimede Solar Energy S.p.A. and thus expand its competencies for solar thermal power plants.
Press at: <http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20090324-703071.html>
Siemens: <http://ww1.energy.siemens.com/energy/en/index.htm>
<http://tinyurl.com/c77frz>
Archimede Solar Energy: http://www.angelantoni.it/en/en_archimede_angelantoni.htm or <http://tinyurl.com/dbooyd>

3-25-09 Greek Parliament Thin-film Manufacturing Plant Subsidy

HelioSphera announced the approval of a subsidy application by the Greek Parliament. The subsidy amounts to 29.88 million Euros, and is a key component of HelioSphera's project finance structure. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUMA287.htm>
HelioSphera: <http://www.heliosphera.com/>

3-25-09 Solar Power, Inc. Results

Solar Power, Inc announced fourth quarter and year-end 2008 results. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/coxgyy> and <http://www.bizjournals.com/sacramento/stories/2009/03/23/daily33.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/djtlhj>
Solar Power, Inc.: <http://www.solarpowerinc.net/>

3-25-09 Solarfun Power Holdings Results

Solarfun Power Holdings Co., Ltd. reported its unaudited financial results for the fourth quarter and full year ended 31 December. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsASCO426.htm> and <http://tinyurl.com/c8nlh5>
Solarfun: <http://www.solarfun.com.cn/>

3-25-09 China Sunergy PV Framework Agreement and Sales Contract

China Sunergy Co., Ltd. announced that it has entered into a 35-MW PV products framework agreement, and a 5-MW PV products sales contract under the framework agreement, with Global Service LTM LLC in Taiwan. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsASCO427.htm> and <http://tinyurl.com/c6mw68>
China Sunergy: <http://www.chinasunergy.com/>

3-25-09 Pacific Power Management Financing

Pacific Power Management LLC has agreements for up to \$330 million from a major Wall Street investment bank and a trust bank to finance new solar-power projects. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/d22xhk>
Pacific Power Management: <http://www.pacpower.biz/>

3-25-09 OPEL Inc. European Subsidiary

OPEL International Inc. announced the formation of OPL Solar Europe, a fully owned subsidiary of OPEL Inc. headquartered in Brussels, Belgium. Press at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/c6kj6n>
OPEL: <http://www.opelinc.com/>

3-25-09 Solar in Colorado, Oregon

Northwest Parkway officials hope to begin building the first of 26 solar arrays along the 8-mile toll road that connects U.S. 36 and Colorado 128 with Interstate 25 at E-470. Some 5,000 solar panels will eventually power the parkway's lights, the machines to collect tolls and the highway's headquarters. Tech-Western will install the system. Press at: http://www.denverpost.com/breakingnews/ci_11981126
See also the March 2009 press on Oregon's solar highway at: <http://tinyurl.com/ddn4f2>
http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/OIPP/inn_solarhighway.shtm

3-25-09 Advanced Solar Photonics Project Financing

Advanced Solar Photonics is seeking \$40 million in financing from investors for its previously announced 45-MW thin-film demo factory, SolarFab(TM).
Press at: http://www.advancedsolarphotonics.com/Press_first_solar_plant.html
http://www.advancedsolarphotonics.com/about_us.html

3-25-09 MicroSi PV Plans

According to this press, MicroSi, owned by Shin-Etsu Chemical of Japan, plans to enter the PV materials market in the near future. Press at
PV Tech: http://www.pv-tech.org/news/a/shin-etsu_microsi_to_enter_photovoltaics_materials_market/ or <http://tinyurl.com/chcgtw>
MicroSi: <http://www.microsi.com/>

3-25-09 Bidding for 10-MW Solar Power Plant, China

According to this press, the ongoing bidding for the 10-MW solar power plant in Dunhuang of Gansu Province, northwest China, is expected to prompt significant reduction of on-grid solar power prices. Press at: <http://www.istockanalyst.com/article/viewiStockNews/articleid/3142113> or <http://tinyurl.com/ckytj5>

3-25-09 Hermann Scheer Honors [Robert Birkmire]

Hermann Scheer, a member of German Parliament, president of EUROSOLAR, and chairperson of the World Council for Renewable Energy, will receive the 2009 Karl Boer Solar Energy Medal of Merit during a ceremony to be held on 7 May at the University of Delaware.
More on this honor at: <http://www.udel.edu/udaily/2009/mar/boeraward031709.html>
Dr. Hermann Scheer: <http://www.hermannscheer.de/en/>

3-25-09 Solar Leaders TV at PV Tech

Two additions to Solar Leaders TV are on line at PV Tech:
"Gerhard Rauter, Q-Cells COO, opens 3rd PV Fab Managers' Forum in Dresden, 2009", and "Deutsche Cell: Pushing solar cell manufacturing to the next level" at: http://www.pv-tech.org/solar_leaders_video_clips/

3-25-09 Moser Baer Featured

RenewableEnergyWorld features Moser Baer in the article "Under an Indian Sun", reprinted from GlobalPost.com, at: <http://tinyurl.com/DCF9GJ>
Moser Baer: <http://www.moserbaer.com/>

3-25-09 Surface Treatment Boost to Solar Cell Efficiency

Using two different types of chemical etching to create features at both the micron and nanometer scales, researchers at Georgia Tech have developed a surface treatment that boosts the light absorption of silicon PV cells in two complementary ways.

Press at: <http://www.newswise.com/articles/view/550360/?sc=rssn> and
<http://tinyurl.com/c93vIa>

3-25-09 Boost in Power Output of Solyndra Panels

See the story "Solyndra Boosts Power Output" at Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/cteg5a>
Solyndra: <http://solyndra.com/>

3-25-09 Konarka Article on Organic PV in Wire Format [Tracy Wemett]

Science Magazine has published the article "Solar Power Wires Based on Organic Photovoltaic Materials" authored by Konarka. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/corpcz>
Science: <http://www.sciencemag.org/>

3-25-09 Printed Electronics World Articles [Cara Van Heest, Chris Clare]

For the latest articles on PV from Printed Electronics World [registration required], go to: <http://www.printedelectronicworld.com/topics/photovoltaics.asp>
Printed Electronics Europe 09 is set for 7-8 April in Dresden, Germany. Information at: <http://www.idtechex.com/printedelectronicseurope09/en/index.asp>
<http://www.idtechex.com/printedelectronicseurope09/en/>

3-25-09 Solar Cell from Reclaimed Silicon

Researchers from Swansea University's School of Engineering in collaboration with Pure Wafer International Limited have developed a solar cell made from reclaimed silicon.
More at EE Times: <http://tinyurl.com/df2zlh>
Swansea University: <http://www.swansea.ac.uk/engineering/>
Pure Wafer: <http://www.purewafer.com/contact.html>

3-25-09 EERE Network News

The latest issue of EERE Network News [Kevin Eber], with coverage of DOE's loan guarantee to Solyndra, growth in solar, and other news is available at: <http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/enn.cfm>

3-25-09 SolarTech and CALSEIA Annual Summit [Fabienne Rodet]

SolarTech and CALSEIA announced their first collaborative event – the 1st Annual SolarTech / CALSEIA Summit to be held 7 May in San Jose, California. A welcome reception and industry dinner will precede the event on the evening of 6 May. The ultimate goal of this event is to harness thought leadership to accelerate the adoption of solar, stimulating new markets and job growth in the solar industry.

Press at: <http://www.solartech.org/news/104-press-release>

Summit information: <http://www.calsolarsummit.org/>

SolarTech: <http://www.solartech.org/>

CALSEIA: <http://calseia.org/>

3-25-09 PV Manufacturing Webcast

Renewable Energy World's Webcast, "Photovoltaic Manufacturing – Present and Future", is set for 27 March. Information and registration at: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/partner/rew/online/webcast/2009-03-25/> or
<http://tinyurl.com/d3r8u5>

3-25-09 Colorado Renewable Energy Society Events Calendar

For the latest calendar of events from the Colorado Renewable Energy Society, including information on the Colorado Renewable Energy Conference, 28-30 August in Golden, visit: <http://www.cres-energy.org/events/>
Colorado Renewable Energy Conference: <http://www.cres-energy.org/events/conference/>

3-25-09 Hawaii-DOE Clean Energy Initiative

The Hawaii-DOE Clean Energy Initiative is highlighted in RenewableEnergyWorld's "Video: Hawaii – Transforming Energy in a Generation" at: <http://tinyurl.com/ch9vzv>
Hawaii-DOE Clean Energy Initiative: <http://hawaii.gov/dbedt/info/energy/hcei/>

3-25-09 Solar in San Francisco

See "San Francisco Sets \$20M - \$30M Goal for Berkeley-style Solar Loan Program" at Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/ctsumt>

3-25-09 Southern California Edison Solar Rooftop Project

According to Greentech Media, the California Public Utilities Commission is hearing a debate on whether Southern California Edison should be required to allow independent power producers to participate in a proposed 250-MW rooftop project. Story at: <http://tinyurl.com/d59vhb>

3-25-09 U.S. Stimulus Bill

Cautious optimism was the term being used across the renewable energy industry in the weeks following the passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act as industry leaders tried to understand exactly what the package could do. See more on impacts of the stimulus in the article "Stimulus Package Only the Beginning: Renewable Energy Makes Strides in the US Political Arena" at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/co6spn>

3-25-09 Green Bank Perspective

See "Green Bank Act praised by solar industry" at PV Tech: http://www.pv-tech.org/news/a/green_bank_act_praised_by_solar_industry/ or <http://tinyurl.com/cobngw>
Fox Business: <http://tinyurl.com/cquyrm>

3-25-09 Solar Decathlon

Santa Clara University students have begun construction on their house for the 2009 Solar Decathlon. Stories at: <http://www.kcbs.com/Santa-Clara-Students-Build-Solar-House/4077762> or <http://tinyurl.com/cr6qey>
<http://kliv.com/SCU-BEGINS-WORK-ON-SOLAR-HOUSE/4076829>
Solar Decathlon: <http://www.solardecathlon.org/>

3-25-09 Low Carbon Buildings Programme Developments, UK

See developments in the Low Carbon Buildings Programme in the article at: http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/7962698.stm

3-25-09 Infinia Corporation Featured

Infinia is featured in the article "Stirling-Engine Solar Firm Finds New Life in Recession-Stricken Detroit" at: <http://tinyurl.com/dbc2np>
Other press: <http://tinyurl.com/cw8ec8>
Infinia: <http://www.infiniacorp.com/main.php>

3-26-09 PV Crystalox Solar Plc Preliminary Results

PV Crystalox Solar plc and its subsidiaries announced preliminary results for the year to 31 December. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNACO908.htm> and <http://www.rttnews.com/ArticleView.aspx?id=893941&SMap=1>
<http://www.reuters.com/article/GCA-GreenBusiness/idUSTRE52P1F220090326> or <http://tinyurl.com/cenwv6>
PV Crystalox Solar: <http://www.pvcrystalox.com/>

3-26-09 Sunways Change of Plans

For the time being, Sunways AG will not continue to pursue the acquisition of a polysilicon production line. Sunways also terminated the development cooperation with Solarvalue AG started in late 2007. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUMA288.htm>
PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/dj4rmy>
Sunways: <http://www.sunways.de/>
<http://www.sunways.de/en/>

3-26-09 Willard & Kelsey Solar Group Production, Ohio

Willard & Kelsey Solar Group LLC is featured in the article "Solar energy firm to start production" at the Toledo Blade: <http://tinyurl.com/dyy82t>
Additional press: <http://tinyurl.com/cb3xyr>
<http://tinyurl.com/crddab>
<http://tinyurl.com/c62art>
Willard & Kelsey Solar Group: <http://www.wksolargroup.com/index.php/about>

3-26-09 3S Industries Service & Technology Center

3S Industries AG's new Service & Technology Center was opened in Freiburg and offers a broad spectrum of services such as the pilot assembly and certification of modules and tailored training seminars. Press at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/c8k8t9>
3S Industries AG: <http://tinyurl.com/ca7rm8>
<http://www.3-s.ch/en/3s-homepage/>

3-26-09 Phoenix Solar Results [Anka Leiner]

The Supervisory Board of Phoenix Solar AG has adopted the consolidated financial statements for the financial year 2008. Press at Phoenix Solar: <http://www.phoenixsolar.com/InvestorRelations/>

3-26-09 Oerlikon Group Commentary

Oerlikon Group has provided commentary on its 2008 sales, revenue and overall outlook for 2009. Press at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/cobak9>
Oerlikon: <http://www.oerlikon.com/>

3-26-09 SCHOTT Solar Featured

SCHOTT Solar is featured in the Thin Film Today article "IN-DEPTH: Silicon based thin film technology has the right degree of maturity" at: <http://tinyurl.com/cdr6fd>
SCHOTT Solar: <http://www.us.schott.com/photovoltaic/english/index.html>
Thin Film Solar Summit Europe, 19-20 May, Berlin, Germany: <http://www.thinfilmtoday.com/eu/>
<http://www.thinfilmtoday.com/eu/agenda.shtml>

3-26-09 More on Ascent Solar Technologies Production Facility [Brian Blackman]

Ascent Solar Technologies, which is 35% owned by Hydro, opened a new production facility and headquarters in Colorado on 24 March. Press from Hydro at: <http://tinyurl.com/cpdygj>
Interview with Ashu Misra, Ascent Solar: <http://www.techrockies.com/story/0020699.html>
Ascent Solar: <http://www.ascentsolar.com/index.php>
<http://www.ascentsolar.com/view.php?tg=press&id=83>
<http://www.ascentsolar.com/x.php?page=16>

3-26-09 SataPV Project

Luvata has joined forces with Satakunta University of Applied Science in Finland and others on the Satakunta Photovoltaic "SataPV" project, which is investigating solar-panel manufacture, development of PV knowledge, and ultimately the establishment of a PV facility to support training and testing. More on the project at: <http://tinyurl.com/ct5q2c>

3-26-09 Solaicx Honors

Solaicx was recently awarded the Progressive Manufacturing 100 Award. More on these honors at: <http://www.foxbusiness.com/story/solaicx-wins-progressive-manufacturing-award/> or <http://tinyurl.com/db5uwr>

Solaicx: <http://www.solaicx.com/>

Managing Automation, PM100: <http://tinyurl.com/c2hd8u>
<http://www.managingautomation.com/awards/winners.aspx>

3-26-09 Solectria Renewables Stainless Steel String Combiner Box

Solectria Renewables has released a stainless steel string combiner box.

Press at: http://www.solarindustrymag.com/e107_plugins/content/content.php?content.2813 or <http://tinyurl.com/cqlhvb>

Solectria Renewables: <http://www.solren.com/>

3-26-09 Photovoltaics World

See new postings at Photovoltaics World, including "Intermolecular making a play for PV applications", at: <http://www.pvworld.com/index.html>

<http://tinyurl.com/ch8mwr>

Intermolecular: <http://www.intermolecular.com/>

3-26-09 More on EPIA PV Market Report

For more on the EPIA's global PV market report, see PV Tech at: <http://tinyurl.com/dxj6vh>

EDN: <http://www.edn.com/article/CA6646864.html>

EETimes: <http://tinyurl.com/ctzpcm>

Solar Industry: <http://tinyurl.com/dcwcrm>

EPIA: <http://www.epia.org/>

3-26-09 CPV Today Newsletter

The latest copy of the CPV Today

Newsletter is on line at: http://www.cpvtoday.com/newsletters/cpvtoday_newsletter_733_2009-03-26.html or <http://tinyurl.com/dlrjcg>

3-26-09 Renewable Energy Focus

The March-April issue of Renewable Energy Focus is on line including coverage of Obama's renewables boost, PV manufacture, BIPV hotspots in the EU, and other news.

Information at: <http://www.renewableenergyfocus.com/magazine/information/index.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/akjbam>

Subscription: <http://tinyurl.com/d3kdmf>
<http://www.renewableenergyfocus.com/>

3-26-09 Interstate Renewable Energy Council State & Stakeholder Newsletter [Jane Pulaski]

The latest issue of IREC's State & Stakeholder Newsletter, with coverage of state/local headlines, the interview of the week (Solar America City/San Jose), current and best practices, grants/RFPs, events, and other news is on line at: <http://www.irecusa.org/index.php?id=11>

3-26-09 SEIA PV America Conference [Monique Hanis]

The Solar Energy Industries Association hosts PV America, a new conference and trade show, 8-10 June in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The event features keynote remarks from R. James Woolsey, solar advocate and former CIA director, and Rhone Resch, SEIA president and CEO. More than 4,000 industry attendees and 200 exhibitors are expected. The conference coincides with IEEE's PVSC show at the same location. Information and registration at: <http://www.pvamericaexpo.com>

SEIA: http://www.seia.org/cs/meetings_and_events
<http://www.seia.org/>

IEEE PVSC: <http://www.34pvsc.org/>

3-26-09 Nominations for Solar America Board for Codes and Standards Advisory Committee Members [Larry Sherwood]

The Solar America Board for Codes and Standards seeks nominations for its Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee provides critical recommendations to the Solar ABCs Steering Committee on all solar codes and standards issues, elects one member to the Steering Committee, and provides valuable support to the Solar ABCs Working Panels. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/ceokuz>
Solar ABCs: <http://www.solarabcs.org/>

3-26-09 Renewable Energy Finance Forum

The 6th Renewable Energy Finance Forum Wall Street is set for 23-24 June in New York City. Information at: <http://www.reffwallstreet.com/>
ACORE: <http://www.acore.org/front>

3-26-09 Solar Power Plant, Conference & Expo, Jordan

The European Commission and the National Energy Research Centre are exploring a pilot project in central Jordan to construct the Kingdom's first small-scale solar power plant. The initiative is one of a series of efforts to support renewable energy applications in the Kingdom, which will be highlighted in the upcoming Euro-Jordanian Renewable Energy Conference. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/d59k25>
Euro-Jordanian Renewable Energy Conference & Expo, 1-2 April, Amman, Jordan: <http://www.ejrec.org/>

3-26-09 Renewable Energy in California

See the story "California's Renewable Energy Law Lives" by Tam Hunt, Community Environmental Council, at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/ctq2mr>
<http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/author?id=32>

3-26-09 Green Jobs

See the story "Local Green Jobs Rise as SF Solar and Energy Efficiency Programs Expand" by San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom at: <http://tinyurl.com/dgqrijh>

3-26-09 California New Solar Homes Partnership Guidebook Staff Workshop

The California Energy Commission notice of the staff workshop April 10 on proposed changes to the New Solar Homes Partnership Guidebook is posted at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/renewables/06-NSHP-1/notices/index.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/chmjfy>

3-26-09 Materials Markets for Thin-film Silicon PV

For press on NanoMarkets new report "Materials Markets for Thin-Film Silicon Photovoltaics" visit: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/New-NanoMarkets-Report-prnews-14750699.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/ckldvl>

3-26-09 Australia Solar PV Market Analysis

Research and Markets has announced the addition of GlobalData's report "Australia Solar Photovoltaic Market Analysis and Forecasts to 2013" to its offering.

Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Research-and-Markets-bw-14747883.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/csp8hs>

Research and Markets: http://www.researchandmarkets.com/research/17fcc5/australia_solar_ph or <http://tinyurl.com/cnoa5c>

3-26-09 CSP Today Articles

There are several new postings at CSP Today, including coverage of more than 6 GW of utility-scale CSP plants in the pipeline in the US, at: <http://social.csptoday.com/node>

3-27-09 Suntech Pluto Technology

Suntech Power Holdings Co., Ltd. announced that it is routinely utilizing the Pluto technology to produce PV cells with conversion efficiencies of approximately 19% on mono-crystalline PV cells and 17% on multi-crystalline PV cells. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/news/NewsASPT45.htm> and <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Suntechs-Breakthrough-Pluto-prnews-14764033.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/crsu76>
Suntech Power: <http://www.suntech-power.com/>

3-27-09 Yingli Green Energy Potential New Credit Facilities

Yingli Green Energy Holding Company Limited announced that Baoding Yingli Group Company Limited, an affiliate of the Company, has entered into a strategic cooperation agreement with Hebei Branch of Bank of China. More at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Yingli-Green-Energy-Announces-prnews-14763359.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/cygqrs>
Yingli: <http://www.yinglisolar.com/enmain/user/index.asp>

3-27-09 Toshiba and Sharp Talks, Solar Power Business

According to this press, Toshiba Corp and Sharp Corp said they are considering working together in the solar power business.

Press at: <http://in.reuters.com/article/rbssTechMediaTelecomNews/idINT36863920090327> or <http://tinyurl.com/cq6j4b>
<http://tinyurl.com/cjp7uh>
<http://tinyurl.com/cabtyf>

3-27-09 E-Ton Private Placement

E-Ton Solar Tech completed a private placement, and is planning another, according to press at DigiTimes: <http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20090327PD201.html>
E-Ton: http://www.e-tonsolar.com/news_detail.asp?le=english&fid=11&pid=93

3-27-09 Webel-SL Second Factory, India

Webel-SL Energy Systems Ltd. said it is investing around 1.8 billion rupees to build a second factory in eastern India to manufacture PV cells.
Press at: http://online.wsj.com/article/SB123814696763455793.html?mod=googlenews_wsj or <http://tinyurl.com/c68uz4>
<http://www.webelsolar.com/index1.htm>

3-27-09 SolarWorld Expansion, Report

SolarWorld AG said it plans to spend about 300 million Euros in 2009 as it expands production capacity in Germany and the U.S.

Press at Bloomberg: <http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601072&sid=asmJ52bWWb0U> or <http://tinyurl.com/cn9dj2>

Additional press: http://www.bizjournals.com/portland/stories/2009/03/23/daily44.html?ana=from_rss or <http://tinyurl.com/c3zzyb>
<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Solarworld-4Q-net-profit-apf-14757250.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/c4xhzz>
SolarWorld: <http://www.solarworld.de/Press.30.0.html?&L=1>

3-27-09 Intinergy Solar Inc. Featured

Intinergy Solar Inc. is featured in the article "IN-DEPTH: Intinergy Solar gears up for public venture capital financing" at CPV Today: <http://tinyurl.com/ccb4bs>
Intinergy Solar Inc.: <http://www.intinergy.com/>

3-27-09 Solar Tracking Systems

See the story "IN-DEPTH: Justifying the expenditure related to complex tracking systems" at CPV Today: <http://tinyurl.com/d28gx7>

3-27-09 Sunrise Solar International Solar Project Portfolio

Sunrise Solar Corp. announced a progress update on its international solar project portfolio.

Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Sunrise-Solar-Provides-Update-bw-14764275.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/cjs6nm>

Sunrise Solar: <http://www.sunrisesolarcorp.com/>

3-27-09 Singulus Technologies Report

Singulus Technologies met its own forecast for the business year 2008. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/c92vrt>

Singulus: <http://www.singulus.de/en>

3-27-09 Turnkey Manufacturing

See "Turnkey manufacturing finally adjusting to solar industry needs" by Paula Mints, Navigant

Consulting, at Photovoltaics World: <http://tinyurl.com/cvxnnl>

3-27-09 Puget Sound Utility Solar Express Program, Washington

Snohomish County Public Utility District launched its Solar Express program, which offers cash incentives and educational support to help consumers and businesses with installation of PV and solar hot water systems. Residential customers may also be eligible for low-interest loans to finance their systems.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAGO386.htm>

Public Utility District: <http://www.snopud.com/?p=4084>

3-27-09 New Solar Incentives in China

The Chinese government said it would provide new incentives for PV projects. Stories at

RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/cgcp85>

Reuters: <http://uk.reuters.com/article/oilRpt/idUKPEK446820090327>

Forbes: <http://www.forbes.com/2009/03/26/solar-china-subsidy-markets-equity-trina.html> or

<http://tinyurl.com/d3rkjs>

PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/df3wno>

3-27-09 Taiwan and China Solar Standards

See the story "Taiwan and China agree on solar standards amid collaborative move" at

PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/d9p7xo>

3-27-09 PV Market Contraction

The global PV market is set to contract for the first time in 2009, according to IMS Research. Press at

DigiTimes: <http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20090327PR201.html>

PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/cgoyoy>

IMS Research: <http://www.imsresearch.com/index.php>

3-27-09 Feed-in Tariffs in North America Web Conference

AltaTerra Research Network's Web Conference, "FITs and Starts?: What You Need to Know Now about Feed-in Tariffs in North America", is set for 23 April.

Information and registration at: http://www.altaterra.net/events/event_details.asp?id=55665

3-27-09 DOE / SEPA Regional Utility Workshops [Thomas Kimbis]

As part of its Utility Technical Outreach award with the DOE Solar Program, SEPA is hosting its first in a series of regional workshops on "Solar Options for Low Cost Utilities" on 13-14 April in Solar America City

Knoxville, Tennessee. Information and registration at: <http://www.solarelectricpower.org/?page=miscinfo>

<http://www.solarelectricpower.org/index.php?page=sepaevents>

Knoxville, TN: <http://www.solaramericacities.energy.gov/Cities.aspx?City=Knoxville> or

<http://tinyurl.com/dcdx35>

The second workshop is tentatively scheduled for 30 June in New York City.

3-27-09 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program

See information on the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program at: <http://www.eecbg.energy.gov/>
Recovery.gov: <http://www.recovery.gov/?q=node/284>

3-27-09 German American Energy Conference

The 1st German American Energy Conference will be held from 30 March to 2 April in Berlin to discuss the prospects of expanding the transatlantic sustainable energy partnership.
Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/1st-German-American-Energy-prnews-14764798.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/c5n8r3>

3-27-09 CSP Plant in Florida

Lauren Engineers & Constructors has signed on with Florida Power & Light Company as the engineering, procurement and construction contractor for a 75-MW CSP plant located near Indiantown, Florida. The project, called Martin Next Generation Solar Energy Center, will be located on 500 acres of land adjacent to FPL's Martin Plant. Story at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/ctmqj2>
Lauren Engineers & Constructors: <http://www.laurenec.com/>

3-30-09 aleo solar Figures for 2008

aleo solar AG published its 2008 annual report, confirming the preliminary figures announced earlier.
Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/ckonjs>
aleo solar: <http://www.aleo-solar.de/aleo-solar-download-the-sun.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/c7f4ae>

3-30-09 Roth & Rau Report

Roth & Rau published its figures for the fiscal year 2008. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/dxas29>
<http://tinyurl.com/dhyggv>

3-30-09 Conergy Postponing Financial Statement

Conergy AG is postponing the announcement of its end of year financial statement due to ongoing negotiations. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cdjz9n>

3-30-09 Prism Solar Technologies Manufacturing Facility, New York [Jessica Barry]

Prism Solar Technologies, Inc. announced the acquisition of a new manufacturing site in upstate New York. The facility will ultimately produce 60 MW of solar modules for domestic markets, and 1000 MW of HPC film for sale to other solar module manufacturers. Press at: <http://www.prismsolar.com/news.html>
<http://tinyurl.com/cjw3q2>

3-30-09 REC ASA Production at Polysilicon Plant, Moses Lake, Washington

Renewable Energy Corp. ASA said its plant in Moses Lake, Washington has started production. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAMA162.htm>
Bloomberg: <http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601130&sid=aCiCHinwAhvc> or <http://tinyurl.com/c3yqaa>
REC ASA Press: <http://tinyurl.com/d938bz>

3-30-09 China National Building Material Group Solar Base Groundbreaking

China National Building Material Group broke ground on a solar base in Bangbu, Anhui province. The company started construction of an amorphous TCO glass production line and a 112-MW amorphous cell production line. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/crcj6z>
CNBM: <http://www.cnbm.com.cn/english/index.asp>

3-30-09 Everbrite Solar Thin-film PV Module Plant

Everbrite Solar has chosen Kingston, Ontario, as the site for its new amorphous/microcrystalline-silicon thin-film PV manufacturing facility. Press at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/c6rfyh>
Everbrite Solar: <http://everbritesolar.com/>

3-30-09 Sol3g System Efficiency Evaluation

Sol3g reported its first efficiency evaluation of its HCPV systems using triple junction cells installed at the Flix solar plant. Results have been achieved for some S4000 systems, whose efficiency in field operative conditions nearly matches the modules efficiency measured in the laboratory, reaching 22.84%. More in the press at: http://www.sol3g.com/downloads/pdf/sol3g_press_note_efficiency_flix_eng.pdf or

<http://tinyurl.com/cravth>

Sol3g: <http://www.sol3g.com/>

3-30-09 Jersey Central Power & Light Solar Energy Plan, New Jersey

Jersey Central Power & Light's proposal to help increase the pace of solar energy project development in the state has been approved by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. The JCP&L program will establish long-term agreements to purchase and sell Solar Renewable Energy Certificates to provide a stable basis for financing solar generation projects in the company's service area. JCP&L expects the plan to support the phase-in of about 42 MW of solar generating capacity over the next 3 years. Press at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/csm7w>

JCP&L: https://www.firstenergycorp.com/JCP_L/index.html

3-30-09 Entech Solar Change in Strategic Direction

Entech Solar announced that it has suspended its manufacturing operations for its current generation of concentrating solar systems to enable the company to focus all of its resources on the rapid development and commercialization of its next generation products. More at: <http://tinyurl.com/c7yhcd>

<http://tinyurl.com/dftagb>

Entech Solar: <http://www.entechsolar.com/>

3-30-09 Bharat Electronics JV with BHEL

Bharat Electronics Ltd said it has signed an agreement with Bharat Heavy Electricals to jointly set up a company for the PV cell business.

Press at: <http://in.reuters.com/article/businessNews/idINIndia-38783320090330> or <http://tinyurl.com/d2lral>

Bharat Electronics: <http://www.bel-india.com/>

Bharat Heavy Electricals:

<http://www.bhel.com/home.php>

3-30-09 New President and CEO of REC ASA

Ole Enger is the new President and CEO of REC ASA.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/news/newsEU0741.htm>

REC ASA: <http://tinyurl.com/ctydr>

3-30-09 CPV in Spain

See the story "Spain sets the benchmark for the concentrated photovoltaic industry worldwide (CPV)" at

CVP Today: <http://tinyurl.com/c9npbe>

3-30-09 Jetion UL Certification

Jetion Holdings Limited announced that its Chinese subsidiary, Jiangyin Jetion Science and Technology Co. Ltd., has been awarded UL certification in the US and Canada. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/devd6h>

Jetion: http://www.jetion.com.cn/htm/en/investors/press_n_rns.html

3-30-09 Dow Corning Proposal for Solar Research Center

According to this press, Dow Corning Corp. has presented a draft proposal to the Michigan Economic Development Corp. to make a business case for a facility called the American Solar Power Innovation and Research Enterprise, ASPIRE. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/dcqrqm>

3-30-09 Sustainable Energy Technologies Prototyping and Testing

Sustainable Energy Technologies Ltd. announced that it has completed production prototyping and internal CE certification testing for its second generation Sunergy(TM) inverter, and it has submitted two product platforms to the Canadian Standards Agency for North American UL 1741 certification.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/dk6t5l>

Sustainable Energy Technologies: <http://www.sustainableenergy.com/>

3-30-09 The Linde Group Contract for Gas Supply to Masdar PV Plant

The Linde Group has been awarded a long-term contract to supply all the gases for next-generation thin-film PV module production at Masdar's manufacturing site in Erfurt, Germany.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/ccmmec>

The Linde Group: <http://www.linde.com/international/web/linde/like35lindecom.nsf/docbyalias/homepage>

or <http://tinyurl.com/y9mzl9>

3-30-09 DuPont Research Presentation

DuPont Microcircuit Materials, part of DuPont Electronic Technologies, will be presenting new research findings on "Advanced Screen Printable Thin Film Photovoltaic Front-Side Silver Conductor Compositions" at the IDTechEx Photovoltaics Beyond Conventional Silicon Europe Conference and Exhibition. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/c9kxqr>

DuPont Microcircuit Materials: http://www2.dupont.com/MCM/en_US/

Photovoltaics Beyond Conventional Silicon Europe 09, 7-8 April, Dresden Germany:

<http://www.idtechex.com/photovoltaicseurope09/en/>

3-30-09 Solar America Cities Meeting

The U.S. Department of Energy announced the commencement of the 2nd Annual Solar America Cities Meeting, which is being held in San Antonio, Texas, one of DOE's 25 Solar America Cities. Press at

EERE News: http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/progress_alerts.cfm/pa_id=155

Solar America Cities: <http://www.solaramericacities.energy.gov/>

3-30-09 APS Renewables RFP

Arizona Public Service announced a Request for Proposal for energy generated from small renewable projects. Press at: http://www.aps.com/main/news/releases/release_515.html

<http://www.aps.com/aps/rfp/default.html>

3-30-09 RFP for PV Systems, Portland, Oregon The City of Portland, Oregon is seeking a contractor to develop the concept, interim and final design/engineering, specifications, financing, construction, materials, installation, operation, and maintenance of a turnkey, hosted PV system at numerous City sites over the course of a multi-year Solar Master City Agreement. Information at: <http://tinyurl.com/c6m5l>

3-30-09 White House Nomination for DOE-EERE and Science Posts

President Obama is nominating Cathy Zoi, CEO of the Alliance for Climate Protection, as Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy at the Department of Energy.

Press at: <http://uk.reuters.com/article/environmentNews/idUKTRE52Q6MW20090327> or

<http://tinyurl.com/dgmjdb>

Alliance for Climate Protection, Zoi: <http://www.climateprotect.org/about/staff>

White House Press: <http://tinyurl.com/ccje2>

DOE Press: <http://www.energy.gov/news2009/7153.htm>

The White House is also nominating BP Chief Scientist Steven Koonin to be Under Secretary of Science.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cygb3b>

White House Press: <http://tinyurl.com/c4kdrq>

DOE Press: <http://www.energy.gov/news2009/7080.htm>

3-30-09 Municipal Solar Finance

See the story "Recovery and Reinvestment Act Boosts Municipal Solar Finance" by Cisco DeVries, Renewable Funding LLC, at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/dn44nr>

Renewable Funding: <http://www.renewfund.com/>

3-30-09 RPS in the US

See the story "A U.S. Federal Renewable Portfolio Standard: Potentials and Pitfalls" by Jeff Postelwait, Power Engineering, at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/cofc7o>

3-30-09 Dye-sensitized Solar Cell Conference

The 3rd International Conference on the Industrialisation of DSC is set for 22-24 April in Nara Japan. Information and registration at: <http://www.dsc-ic.com/>

3-30-09 Solar Training Event

The American Solar Energy Society and Conergy are offering the 2009 SOLAR SUCCESS!(TM) Training Event on 11-14 May in Buffalo, New York.

Information at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/day7fg>

<http://tinyurl.com/c3j4vp>

<http://www.solar-success.org/>

http://www.conergy.us/PortalData/3/Resources/events/SS09_Schedule.pdf or <http://tinyurl.com/cbqdo8>

ASES: <http://www.ases.org/>

Conergy: <http://www.conergy.us/desktopdefault.aspx>

3-30-09 U.S. Solar Power Market Report

Research and Markets announced the addition of "U.S. Solar Power Market Report – 3rd Edition" to its offering. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/c7kdaw>

Research and Markets: http://www.researchandmarkets.com/research/e0e5af/u_s_solar_power_m or <http://tinyurl.com/dfsh5g>

3-31-09 iTi Solar Digital Inkjet System for Solarcoating Machinery GmbH

iTi Solar announced it has been selected by Solarcoating Machinery GmbH to provide the first digital inkjet system for its integrated roll-to-roll solar cell manufacturing production line.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cxp77b>

PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/db27wt>

iTi Solar: <http://www.itisolar.com/>

Solarcoating Machinery GmbH: <http://www.solarcoating.de/>

3-31-09 China Solar Photovoltaic SA Plans

According to this press, China Solar Photovoltaic SA plans another share offering this year to fund expansion. Press at Reuters: <http://www.reuters.com/article/GCA-GreenBusiness/idUSTRE52U11620090331> or <http://tinyurl.com/dl6vmy>

CNPV Power: <http://en.cnpv-power.com/>

3-31-09 centrotherm photovoltaics Report

centrotherm photovoltaics reported on results and expectations.

Press at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/dzgmru>

centrotherm photovoltaics: <http://tinyurl.com/cptk26>

<http://www.centrotherm-pv.com/en/home/home.html>

3-31-09 Infrastructure Completed for Silicon Border

The high-technology science park in Baja California, Mexico, Silicon Border, has finished the infrastructure needed for the beginning of its manufacturing development meant for green technology companies. Press at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/cxchvm>

Silicon Border: <http://www.siliconborder.com/>

3-31-09 PV Systems at Arizona State University

Arizona State University dedicated 5 new solar installations, which collectively add to 1.88 MW, receiving financial incentives through APS' Renewable Energy Incentive Program.

Story at: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1448.htm>

PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/ctejuwk>

APS: http://www.aps.com/main/green/choice/choice_2.html

3-31-09 PV System, Massachusetts

The MathWorks(TM) announced the installation of a 139.08-kW PV system installed by Alteris Renewables and partially funded through the Commonwealth Solar rebate program.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1450.htm>

Alteris Renewables: <http://www.alterisinc.com/index.php>

Commonwealth Solar: <http://www.masstech.org/SOLAR/>

Renewable Energy Trust: <http://www.masstech.org/renewableenergy/index.html>

The MathWorks(TM): <http://www.mathworks.com/>

3-31-09 Solyndra System Operational in Livermore, California

Solyndra Inc. announced the completion and full operation of a 132-kWp system by SPG Solar, Inc. on the rooftop of Cinema West's Livermore Cinemas in Livermore, California.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cf9ky5>

Solyndra: <http://www.solyndra.com/>

SPG Solar: <http://www.spgsolar.com/>

3-31-09 Akeena Solar Supplier Relationship with MS Solar Solutions

Akeena Solar will be the exclusive solar panel supplier for two years to MS Solar Solutions Corp, a subsidiary of Morgan Stanley's Commodities group, for projects resulting from MSSS' efforts to outfit low-income households nationwide with Akeena's proprietary Andalay AC solar panels. MSSS will also have the option to purchase Andalay AC panels for their sales to large tract homebuilders.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNACO910.htm>

Akeena: <http://www.akeena.com/cm/Home.html>

3-31-09 ICP Solar Technologies Business Update

ICP Solar Technologies Inc. provided its business update. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cpcq3g>

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

3-31-09 SMA Solar Technology Results

SMA Solar Technology reported results. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cl325j>

<http://tinyurl.com/d8u3w8>

SMA: <http://www.sma.de/en.html>

3-31-09 Hoku and Solarfun Polysilicon Supply Contract Amendment

Hoku Materials, Inc. and Solarfun Power Hong Kong Limited announced that they have amended their polysilicon supply contract. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/db33xw>

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

Solarfun: <http://www.solarfun.com.cn/>

3-31-09 aleo solar in Greece

aleo solar has decided to establish a sales office in Athens, Greece.

Press at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/c842me>

aleo: <http://www.aleo-solar.de/en/aleo-solar-download-the-sun.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/yv25yp>

3-31-09 Castaic Lake Water Agency RFP for Solar Feasibility

The Castaic Lake Water Agency is requesting proposals for producing a feasibility study for the generation of solar power at its Devil's Den property located in Kings and Kern Counties, California.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1449.htm>

CLWA: <http://www.clwa.org/about/about.cfm>

3-31-09 PV Tracking Applications

See the story "PV Tracking Applications Gather Momentum" at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/cosq6u>

3-31-09 Validating CPV Potential

According to this press, ISFOC believes that the way to prove the reliability, productivity and cost capabilities of CPV is through smaller scale demonstration projects. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/d2brrr>
ISFOC: <http://www.isfoc.es/>

3-31-09 Solar America City San Antonio, Texas

Mayor Hardberger announced that the city of San Antonio has been designated as a U.S. DOE Solar America City. The announcement is formally being made at the DOE's second annual Solar America Cities meeting being hosted in San Antonio 31 March through 2 April. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cpfuhr>
Solar America Cities: <http://www.solaramericacities.energy.gov/>

3-31-09 GE Solar Developments

See developments at GE Solar at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/d4xcp8>

3-31-09 Team California Solar Decathlon House

Team California has begun construction on their 2009 Solar Decathlon house. On 3 April, the team will present their plans to the public. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cg587e>
Solar Decathlon: <http://www.solardecathlon.org/>

3-31-09 Solar R&D Funds for University of Oregon and Oregon State University

The University of Oregon and Oregon State University are receiving \$1.34 million for solar energy R&D as part of ongoing efforts to develop Oregon as a national center for solar energy manufacturing. Press at: <http://www.registerguard.com/csp/cms/sites/web/business/10843305-41/story.csp> or <http://tinyurl.com/d5zm4w>

3-31-09 Wind and Solar Energy Resource Information

3TIER(R) announced that its FirstLook(R) Prospecting tool has more than 25,000 registered users who regularly access the Web site for wind and solar energy resource information. Press at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/cs4xpp>
FirstLook(R): <http://firstlook.3tier.com/>

3-31-09 Clean Energy Stimulus

See "Getting Serious About Clean-Energy Stimulus" by Ron Pernick, Clean Edge, covering where do we go from here, and what it will take to keep clean energy on its growth track, at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/c3a5ck>
Clean Energy Trends 2009: <http://www.cleandedge.com/reports/reports-trends2009.php>
Ron Pernick: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/author?id=13>
<http://www.cleandedge.com/>

3-31-09 Japanese Stimulus Package

The Japanese government is set to map out its third fiscal stimulus package, including expanding the scheme of electric power companies buying electricity generated by solar panels at individual houses and other buildings and setting up solar power generators in about 37,000 schools. Press at: <http://www.reuters.com/article/usDollarRpt/idUST10983220090330?sp=true> or <http://tinyurl.com/cmghwh>

3-31-09 Solar in Israel

Israel's Aora Solar Energy Company is ready to begin producing cleantech energy at its power station at Kibbutz Samar in the Arava Valley. Press at: <http://cleantechbrief.com/node/362>
<http://greenprophet.com/2009/03/30/7915/aora-solar-energy/>
Aora Solar Energy: <http://www.aora-solar.com/len/apage/39940.php>

3-31-09 Green Cross International Report

Former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, founder of Green Cross International, is promoting solar as the "best hope" of delivering electricity to the poor and helping the environment.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/chkcyw>

Green Cross International press and report: <http://tinyurl.com/ddoe2s>

3-31-09 More on Solar Plant in Jordan

The European Commission is planning to fund a 5-MW solar plant in Jordan that will double as a renewable-energy research facility. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/dm9ltx>

3-31-09 CPV Summit

The Castilla la Mancha Government's Vice President and Economy Advisor will inaugurate the second edition of CPV Today's Concentrated Photovoltaic Summit to be held in Toledo, Spain. Press at CPV Today: <http://tinyurl.com/d9vr3b>

2nd Concentrated Photovoltaic Summit, 28-29 April: <http://www.cpvtoday.com/eu09/>

3-31-09 Solar Carport

See coverage of Romag's solar carport at Wired: <http://blog.wired.com/cars/2009/03/solar-carport-g.html>

Romag: <http://tinyurl.com/dfc62z>

Previous press: http://www.romag.co.uk/files/romag_launches_pv_initiatives.pdf
<http://californiasolarinstallation.com/archives/3441>

3-31-09 Solar-ready Systems [Paul Savage]

Nextek Power Systems, Inc. announced the acquisition of RCH Fanworks as part of their strategy to deliver key elements customers need to build renewable-ready DC-powered networks using DC-devices and matched Direct Coupling(R) power supplies.

Press from Nextek: <http://tinyurl.com/d2z3ga>

Nextek Power Systems: <http://www.nextekpower.com/>

3-31-09 Japan PV Market, Report

Research and Markets announced the addition of GlobalData's report, "Japan Solar Photovoltaic Market Analysis and Forecasts to 2013", to its offering.

Press at: <http://www.mbtmag.com/articleXml/LN948912673.html>

Research and Markets: http://www.researchandmarkets.com/research/d907fd/japan_solar_photov or
<http://tinyurl.com/c9s6rc>

3-31-09 IPIC Stake in MAN Ferrostaal

Abu Dhabi's International Petroleum Investment Company has become the new majority owner of MAN Ferrostaal. Press at CSP Today: <http://social.csptoday.com/content/ipic-finalises-70-stake-man-ferrostaal> or <http://tinyurl.com/ck5mkf>

IPIC: <http://www.ipic.ae/>

MAN: <http://www.manferrostaal.com/Homepage.21.0.html>

3-31-09 BrightSource Energy Plans

See "BrightSource still has solar plans for Mormon Mesa" at:

<http://www.thespectrum.com/article/20090331/DVTONLINE01/90330029> or <http://tinyurl.com/c9eo2y>

BrightSource Energy: <http://www.brightsourceenergy.com/>

3-31-09 CSP Storage

See "IN-DEPTH: Addressing the loopholes in the current approach towards CSP storage" at CSP Today:

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