

**NCPV Hotline – Month 2011**  
**Week of 06/27/11 through 06/30/11**  
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**June 27, 2011**

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SCHOTT Solar PV and Kastle Solar & Wind's 600 kW of PV for schools in Ohio

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/industry-news/schott-solar-and-kastle-solar-wind-complete-two-solar-systems>  
<http://www.schottsolar.com/us/>  
<http://www.kastle-group.com/>

Schletter mounting systems for SOLON's 15 MW California Central Valley project

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/industry-news/schletter-mounting-systems-selected-15-mw-project>  
<http://www.schletter.de/1-1-Home.html>  
<http://www.solon.com/us/>

Invention speeding solar cell quality tests

[http://www.nrel.gov/features/20110623\\_flashqe.html](http://www.nrel.gov/features/20110623_flashqe.html)

University of Toronto's new solar cell technology based on colloidal quantum dots

<http://www.newenergyworldnetwork.com/renewable-energy-news/by-technology/solar/toronto-researchers-pioneer-solar-technology.html>

China Sunergy 1 GW expansion

[http://www.pv-magazine.com/news/details/beitrag/sunergy-announces-1gw-expansion\\_100003447/](http://www.pv-magazine.com/news/details/beitrag/sunergy-announces-1gw-expansion_100003447/)  
[http://www.solarnovus.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=3079:china-sunergy-to-invest-rmb18-billion-in-solar-production-project&catid=37:business-news&Itemid=241](http://www.solarnovus.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=3079:china-sunergy-to-invest-rmb18-billion-in-solar-production-project&catid=37:business-news&Itemid=241) or  
<http://tinyurl.com/3o37zjn>  
[http://www.pv-tech.org/news/china\\_sunergy\\_to\\_invest\\_us277\\_million\\_in\\_1gw\\_cell\\_manufacturing\\_expansion](http://www.pv-tech.org/news/china_sunergy_to_invest_us277_million_in_1gw_cell_manufacturing_expansion)  
<http://www.chinasunergy.com/>

Kyocera Solar, NJ Solar Power, and Solar Power Partners 1.16 MW system at The Masonic Home of New Jersey

[http://www.marketwatch.com/story/kyocera-brings-modern-solar-energy-solution-to-an-historic-new-jersey-property-2011-06-27?reflink=MW\\_news\\_stmp](http://www.marketwatch.com/story/kyocera-brings-modern-solar-energy-solution-to-an-historic-new-jersey-property-2011-06-27?reflink=MW_news_stmp) or

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

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

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

Solarcentury's grid-connected 748 kW array at Oxfordshire business park, UK

[http://www.pv-tech.org/news/solarcentury\\_connects\\_uks\\_largest\\_solar\\_system\\_to\\_national\\_grid](http://www.pv-tech.org/news/solarcentury_connects_uks_largest_solar_system_to_national_grid)

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

More UK solar news at <http://www.solarpowerportal.co.uk/>

Yash Birla investment in solar market, India

<http://www.newenergyworldnetwork.com/renewable-energy-news/by-technology/solar/indian-conglomerate-yash-birla-enters-solar-market-in-1-2bn-investment.html> or

<http://tinyurl.com/3hksyl7>

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

New solar postings at Greentech Media

<http://www.greentechmedia.com/channel/solar/>

SolarPV.TV interviews

<http://solarpv.tv/interviews.html>

Executive changes at Hanwha SolarOne

<http://www.pv->

[tech.org/news/major\\_executive\\_changes\\_at\\_hanwha\\_solarone\\_as\\_ceo\\_and\\_cfo\\_step\\_down](http://www.pv-tech.org/news/major_executive_changes_at_hanwha_solarone_as_ceo_and_cfo_step_down)

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/hanwha-solarone-bolsters-management-team-with-new-appointments-124584133.html>

<http://www.hanwha-solarone.com/en>

STR Holdings' guidance

<http://www.newenergyworldnetwork.com/renewable-energy-news/by-technology/solar/str-lowers-guidance-due-to-european-fit-uncertainty.html>

<http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20110623006405/en/STR-Holdings-Updated-Guidance-Quarter-2011>

<http://www.strholdings.com/en-us/Pages/default.aspx>

PHOTON Consulting's "The True Cost of Solar Power 2011: The Pressure's On"

<http://www.photonconsulting.com/thepressureson/>

PsomasFMG and GCL Solar scholarship fund for California high school district

[http://www.pv-magazine.com/news/details/beitrag/solar-scholarships-deepen-pv-links-in-central-california\\_100003445/](http://www.pv-magazine.com/news/details/beitrag/solar-scholarships-deepen-pv-links-in-central-california_100003445/)

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/psomasfmg-and-gcl-solar-establish-solar-scholarship-fund-for-antelope-valley-union-high-school-district-students-124428698.html> or

<http://tinyurl.com/4xvw8tp> <http://www.psomasfmg.com/> <http://www.gcl-silicon.com/index.aspx>

GE's Ecomagination: Powering Your Home Challenge investment

[http://www.pv-magazine.com/news/details/beitrag/home-energy-software--communications--efficiency-and-solar-start-ups-get-investment-from-ge\\_100003434/](http://www.pv-magazine.com/news/details/beitrag/home-energy-software--communications--efficiency-and-solar-start-ups-get-investment-from-ge_100003434/) or

<http://tinyurl.com/443drex>

<http://challenge.ecomagination.com/home?randomtokenforcache=1309187146453KJdgV>

Renewables grid integration and other recent RenewableEnergyWorld postings

<http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/article/2011/06/renewable-integration-solving-the-volatility-of-a-smart-grid>

<http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/home/solar-energy>

In related solar news...

Ivanpah featured

<http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/partner/first-conferences/news/article/2011/06/ivanpah-design-integration-of-the-worlds-largest-solar-thermal-plant> or

<http://tinyurl.com/3hhz2tb>

New postings at CSP Today including compressed air energy storage, loan guarantees, an interview with eSolar, and the weekly intelligence brief

<http://social.csptoday.com/>

## June 28, 2011

See coverage of:

Foresight Group and Vei Capital co-investment partnership in solar, projects in Italy

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/industry-news/foresight-and-vei-capital-finance-italian-projects>

<http://www.newenergyworldnetwork.com/renewable-energy-news/by-technology/solar/foresight-vei-capital-partner-to-invest-in-solar-assets.html> or

<http://tinyurl.com/69jqbyp> <http://www.foresightgroup.eu/>

GSA's Denver Federal Center 7 MW solar project installed by E Light Wind and Solar with SolarWorld panels, additional plants

[http://www.pv-magazine.com/news/details/beitrag/7-mw-us-government-installation-nears-completion\\_100003454/](http://www.pv-magazine.com/news/details/beitrag/7-mw-us-government-installation-nears-completion_100003454/)

<http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20110627006729/en/Denver-Federal-Center-Solar-Work-Exceed-Original>

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

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

Community finalists for National Solar Power's 400 MW solar project

<http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20110628006304/en/National-Solar-Power-Announces-Finalists-Competing-World's>

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

juwi solar selection of Solar Frontier to supply 3.8 MW of solar modules for a project in the northeast U.S.

<http://www.solar-frontier.com/news/129>

<http://www.pv->

[tech.org/news/solar-frontier-to-supply-juwi-solar-with-3.8mw-of-cis-solar-modules-for-new](http://www.pv-tech.org/news/solar-frontier-to-supply-juwi-solar-with-3.8mw-of-cis-solar-modules-for-new)

<http://www.juwisolar.com>

<http://www.solar-frontier.com/>

Solaria Energia y Medio Ambiente 10 MW module agreement with Enrisol for Italian market

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/industry-news/solaria-energ%C3%AD-receives-10mw-order>

<http://www.solariaenergia.com/EN-index/solaria-energia.html>

<http://www.enrisol.com/en>

Eclipsall Energy new manufacturing facility in Toronto <http://www.pv->

[tech.org/news/eclipsall\\_energy\\_opens\\_new\\_manufacturing\\_facility\\_in\\_toronto](http://www.pv-tech.org/news/eclipsall_energy_opens_new_manufacturing_facility_in_toronto)

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

Astrum Solar equity investment from Constellation Energy

<http://www.newenergyworldnetwork.com/renewable-energy-news/by-technology/solar/astrum-solar-secures-capital-raise-from-constellation-energy.html> or

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

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

<http://www.constellation.com/Pages/default.aspx>

Meyer Burger 82% stake in Roth & Rau

<http://www.newenergyworldnetwork.com/renewable-energy-news/by-technology/solar/meyer-burger-takes-control-of-roth-and-rau.html>

[http://www.pv-magazine.com/news/details/beitrag/meyer-burger-successful-in-rr-public-takeover-bid\\_100003453/](http://www.pv-magazine.com/news/details/beitrag/meyer-burger-successful-in-rr-public-takeover-bid_100003453/)

<http://www.meyerbuerger.ch/en/>

<http://www.roth->

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Day4 Energy's manufacturing partner GSS expanded product line

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/day4-energys-licensed-manufacturing-partner-gebaude-solarsysteme-gmbh-gss-of-germany-expands-product-line-124639543.html> or

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<http://www.day4energy.com/>

Enphase featured

<http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/read/is-enphase-a-worthy-ipo-candidate/>

<http://enphase.com/>

Draker Labs equity funding

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/g/a/2011/06/28/prweb8599563.DTL>

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

Showa Shell Sikiyu loan to invest in solar cells <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-06-28/showa-shell-to-get-10-billion-yen-loan-to-invest-in-solar-cells.html>

<http://www.showa-shell.co.jp/english/index.html>

GTM Research Solar PV Balance of System report

<http://www.greentechmedia.com/research/report/solar-pv-bos-2011>

Solar reinvention, Spain

<http://news.pv-insider.com/concentrated-pv/solar-reinvention-spain-be-home-world%E2%80%99s-fifth-largest-polysilicon-factory>

CPV intelligence brief

<http://news.pv-insider.com/concentrated-pv/cpv-intelligence-brief-14-28-june-2011>

Thin film intelligence brief

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PV Crystalox outlook

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<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/06/28/pvcrytaloxsolar-idUSL3E7HS0PX20110628>

<http://www.pvcrytalox.com/index.html>

Consolidation in the solar industry and "negative surprises"

[http://www.pv-magazine.com/news/details/beitrag/consolidation-and-negative-solar-surprises\\_100003456/](http://www.pv-magazine.com/news/details/beitrag/consolidation-and-negative-solar-surprises_100003456/)

Global PV demand shifts

[http://www.pv-magazine.com/news/details/beitrag/global-pv-demand-shifting-due-to-regulatory-changes\\_100003448/](http://www.pv-magazine.com/news/details/beitrag/global-pv-demand-shifting-due-to-regulatory-changes_100003448/)

U.S. PV policy moving forward

<http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/article/2011/06/photovoltaic-nation-u-s-policy-moving-forward>

IEEE PVSC at 50, Sidebar

[http://www.pv-tech.org/chip\\_shots\\_blog/ieee\\_pvsc\\_at\\_50\\_sidebar\\_emerald\\_citys\\_event\\_center\\_gets\\_the\\_solar\\_rooftop\\_t](http://www.pv-tech.org/chip_shots_blog/ieee_pvsc_at_50_sidebar_emerald_citys_event_center_gets_the_solar_rooftop_t)

Crystalline module efficiency

<http://www.solarplaza.com/article/top-10-crystalline-module-efficiency-mono-crystal>

In related solar news...

SolarReserve JV with Preneal to execute a 50 MW solar thermal project in Spain

<http://www.newenergyworldnetwork.com/renewable-energy-news/by-technology/solar/solarreserve-preneal-solar-thermal-project-selected-by-spanish-government.html> or

<http://tinyurl.com/3czt45g>

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

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Deutsche Bank, with EST-Energie & Solar Technik GmbH and Sanyo, start of operations at 7.56 MW project in Italy

[http://finchannel.com/news\\_flash/Banks/89797\\_Deutsche\\_Bank\\_facilitates\\_the\\_construction\\_of\\_a\\_large\\_photovoltaic\\_power\\_plant\\_in\\_southern\\_Italy/](http://finchannel.com/news_flash/Banks/89797_Deutsche_Bank_facilitates_the_construction_of_a_large_photovoltaic_power_plant_in_southern_Italy/)

[http://www.db.com/medien/en/content/press\\_releases\\_2011\\_3674.htm](http://www.db.com/medien/en/content/press_releases_2011_3674.htm)

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The town of Athol, Massachusetts and Smart Energy Capital, together with BlueWave Capital, development of an approximately 3 MW PV project, PPA signed

<http://www.bluewave-capital.com/news.html>

Tianwei New Energy 20 MW module supply to CGN solar project in China

[http://www.pv-tech.org/news/tianwei\\_new\\_energy\\_wins\\_module\\_supply\\_contract\\_for\\_cgns\\_qinghai\\_plant](http://www.pv-tech.org/news/tianwei_new_energy_wins_module_supply_contract_for_cgns_qinghai_plant)

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

<http://www.cgnpc.com.cn/n2881959/n3673953/n3674035/n3674285/3741349.html>

GCL-Poly subsidiary and Meyer Burger CHF160m contract

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<http://www.gcl-poly.com.hk/eng/index.php>

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Solarig Group results

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

First Solar's 230 MW AV Solar Ranch One

<http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/read/is-the-worlds-biggest-pv-project-about-to-get-stopped-cold/>

<http://www.firstsolar.com/communities/antelopevalley/>

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<http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20110628006442/en/System-Complete-IKEA-Powers-Solar-West-Sacramento>

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City of Roseville, California request for offer for renewables

<http://www.newenergyworldnetwork.com/renewable-energy-news/by-technology/solar/californian-city-looks-to-buy-renewable-power.html>

<http://www.roseville.ca.us/rfps/offers.asp>

QSolar 2.5 MW order for solar project in Oregon

<http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/qsolar-awarded-25-mw-residential-solar-project-provide-power-800-homes-southern-oregon-cnsx-qs-1532789.htm> or

<http://tinyurl.com/4x93ksy>

<http://www.qsolar.net/>

Credit Agricole credit line with Fonroche Energy enabling Fonroche to build 20 MW of PV greenhouses, also Eurazeo investment

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<http://tinyurl.com/3z3dlx7>

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Q-Cells in American market with CIGS PV panels

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<http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20110629005400/en/Q-Cells-Introduces-Breakthrough-Q.SMART-Thin-Film-Modules>

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<http://northamerica.q-cells.com/en/>

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

<http://irecusa.org/2011/06/solar-markets-in-the-u-s-big-booming-and-oh-so-bright/>

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<http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/read/all-solar-politics-is-local/>

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<http://guntherportfolio.com/>

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<http://www.photon-magazine.com/>  
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<http://www.pvmarketresearch.com/>

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[http://www.smdailyjournal.com/article\\_preview.php?id=161950&title=Solar%20tax%20incentive%20bill%20signed](http://www.smdailyjournal.com/article_preview.php?id=161950&title=Solar%20tax%20incentive%20bill%20signed)

Key Enabling Technologies report to European Commission  
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<http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/enn.cfm>

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<http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20110629005984/en/Renewable-Energy-Finance-Forum-York-Financial-Experts>

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<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/06/30/firstsolar-loans-idUSN1E75T0A220110630>  
<http://www.firstsolar.com/en/index.php>

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