

NCPV Hotline – August 2011
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<http://www.gestampsolar.com/>

SunPower and Akuo Solar 24 MW module supply agreement

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<http://us.sunpowercorp.com/>

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Etrion's 10 MW Helios ITA-3, Italian PV portfolio at 60 MW

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

Global Solar Energy's 35 MW flexible thin film module manufacturing plant in Germany

http://www.pv-magazine.com/news/details/beitrag/global-solar-energy-opens-thin-film-plant-in-germany_100004013/

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

Deutsche Bank financing of 2 PV parks in Italy and Spain

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10 MW Greenough River Solar Farm in Western Australia

<http://www.seaus.com.au/content/view/425/145/>

Tata BP Solar 1 MW plant in eastern India

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-08-29/tata-bp-completes-solar-photovoltaic-plant-in-eastern-india.html>

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Karnataka Renewable Energy Development RFP for 80 MW of projects

<http://www.business-standard.com/india/news/state-formajor-pushsolar-power/447309/>

China's targets for roof-mounted solar

<http://af.reuters.com/article/commoditiesNews/idAFL4E7JT09X20110829>

LDK Solar results

<http://www.pv->

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<http://investor.ldksolar.com/phoenix.zhtml?c=196973&p=irol-IRhome>

Solar in California

<http://www.renewablesbiz.com/article/11/08/solar-power-california-still-hot-topic>

Aerial imaging for solar contractors

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New postings at CleanTechies

<http://blog.cleantechies.com/category/solar-power/>

Entech Solar IEC testing

<http://www.entsolar.com/press-releases-details.php?id=176>

Hemlock Semiconductor president and CEO

http://www.hscpoly.com/content/hsc_comp/tometich_named_president.aspx?wt.svl=HSC_HOME_NEWS_BUTTON2

Solar for world's power

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-08-29/solar-may-produce-most-of-world-s-power-by-2060-iea-says.html>

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Renewable energy in Japan

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Germany's solar energy plan in Greece

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Germany Trade & Invest downloads and media

<http://www.gtai.com/homepage/industries/pv-industry/downloads-media/>

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U.S. solar energy trade assessment

<http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/read/us-solar-industry-was-net-global-exporter-in-2010/>

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/08/29/business/us-posted-a-trade-surplus-in-solar-technologies-study-finds.html>

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EPIA at EU PVSEC

8th European PV Industry Summit

<http://www.epia.org/events/photovoltaic-conferences-events-sponsorship/8th-european-pv-industry-summit-at-the-26th-eu-pvsec.html> or

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

Investors Day, EPIA Consultants <http://www.epia.org/events/photovoltaic-conferences-events-sponsorship/investors-day-at-the-26th-eu-pvsec.html>

<http://www.photovoltaic-conference.com/>

California 33% renewables portfolio standard regulations for publicly owned electric utilities concept paper

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/portfolio/documents/#09012011>

Green M&A deals

<http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/article/2011/08/recent-surge-in-green-m-a-deals>

Envision Solar's SolarGrove(TM) deployment

<http://www.electroiq.com/photovoltaics/2011/08/1486755747/envision-solar-announces-commencement-of-a-solar-grove-deployment-for-a-major-us-government-entity.html> or

<http://tinyurl.com/44rz4zo>

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Solar car race in Australia

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<http://www.nexteraenergy.com/index.shtml>

CENTROTEC interest in Industrial Solar

<http://www.centrotec.de/en/news-press/ad-hoc-announcementspress-releases/article/290/6.html?cHash=cf7d021630>

Solar thermal in Turkey

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CSP Today weekly intelligence brief

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Alex Solar investment in 8 MW solar park in Potsdam Friedrich Park

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

Promoenergy solar contract, UK

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More on solar in the UK <http://www.solarpowerportal.co.uk/>

MS Solar Solutions and Main Street Power “Solar for All” residential PV program

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

Real Goods Solar PowerSavings Plan

http://www.solarnovus.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=3406:real-goods-powersavings-plan-makes-solar-affordable-for-everyone&catid=37:business-news&Itemid=241 or

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

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

Avancis CIS modules eligible for higher Italian feed-in rate

<http://www.pv->

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Organic solar cells for BIPV

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<http://www.electroiq.com/articles/pvw/2011/08/konarka-and-construction-materials-partners-fab-organic-bipv-products.html>

Solar industry consolidation

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-08-29/solar-purge-drives-weakest-into-bankruptcy-buyouts-with-more-deals-coming.html>

SVTC Technologies president

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Gunther Portfolio blog and twitter updates

<http://guntherportfolio.com/>

Solar module manufacturers football sponsorships

http://www.pv-tech.org/editors_blog/solar_module_manufacturers_score_football_sponsorships

FPL solar rebate program

http://www.solarnovus.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=3405:fpl-reopens-applications-for-2011-solar-rebates-at-830am-30-august&catid=37:business-news&Itemid=241 or

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<http://www.udel.edu/photovoltaics/>

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Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System

<http://www.vegasinc.com/news/2011/aug/29/solar-project-near-primm-benefiting-southern-nevad/>

<http://www.8newsnow.com/story/15355274/solar-plant-brings-jobs-to-nevada>

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First Solar, Verve Energy and GE Energy Financial Services 10 MW AC project in Australia

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<http://www.verveenergy.com.au/>

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

Farm Power 305 kW PV system, UK

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More on solar in the UK <http://www.solarpowerportal.co.uk/>

SunEdison and GE Capital Real Estate Ontario solar rooftop systems

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

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Renewable Social Benefit Funds and Xzerta Energy Group Sol Haven Fund

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

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Enphase Energy featured

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Solaria manufacturing

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Mainstream Energy CEO and president

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Germany's market drivers

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More on US solar exports

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