

## **NCPV Hotline – February 2011** **Week of 02/01/11 through 02/06/11**

### **About the NCPV Hotline**

The National Center for Photovoltaics (NCPV), the National Renewable Energy Laboratory's (NREL's) center for PV research maintains an international communications system called the NCPV Hotline. The Hotline increases knowledge and awareness of PV industry and research happenings. Hotline participants receive important news items via email related to PV activities around the world. The contents have been relatively uncensored, because we depend on the good judgment of the contributors to separate fact from rumor.

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### **Daily News Items**

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#### **February 1, 2011**

##### **SOLON Modules for 4 MWp Project in Italy**

SOLON has delivered adhesive crystalline modules for a 4 MWp rooftop installation in Italy.

Press at NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/4elrmlr>

SOLON: <http://www.solon.com/global/index.html>

##### **Southern Sky Renewable Energy PV Plant, Massachusetts**

Southern Sky Renewable Energy LLC has been granted access to a closed landfill and plans to develop a 5.6 MW PV facility at the site.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://tinyurl.com/4mww3oj>

Bloomberg: <http://tinyurl.com/65j3nlr>

Southern Sky: <http://southernskyrenewable.com/>

##### **Georgia Power Deal with Dalton Utilities, Georgia**

Georgia Power has acquired a series of solar projects totaling 1 MW, co-developed by United Renewable Energy LLC and Mack Creek Energy LLC, and will sell the output from the facility to Dalton Utilities.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://tinyurl.com/4ptju6n>

Georgia Power: <http://www.georgiapower.com/environment/renewable.asp>

United Renewable Energy: <http://www.u-renew.com/>

##### **First Solar Acquisition and Sale of Solar Project in Ontario, Enbridge Acquisitions**

First Solar has completed the acquisition of Helios Energy's 15 MW Amherstburg II Solar Project and will now sell the project to Enbridge Inc.

Press at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/4kzcecv5>

More on Enbridge 20 MW acquisitions:

<http://www.cbc.ca/money/story/2011/02/01/money-enbridge-solar.html>

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

First Solar: <http://www.firstsolar.com/en/index.php>

Helios Energy: <http://www.heliosenergy.ca/>

Enbridge: <http://www.enbridge.com/>

### **Gehrlicher Sale of 1.9 MWp PV System**

Gehrlicher Solar AG has sold a 1.9 MWp solar system to PT Erneuerbare Energien GmbH.

Press at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/4b2y37c>

Gehrlicher Solar: <http://www.gehrlicher.com/en/home/>

PT Erneuerbare Energien: <http://www.pt-energie.de/>

### **Centrotec Expansion into Africa**

Centrotec Sustainable AG subsidiary, Ubbink B.V., has acquired a 60% stake in Solar23 providing access to the African PV market.

Press at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/4lucfac>

Centrotec: <http://www.centrotec.de/en>

<http://www.centrotec.de/en/company/subsidiaries.html>

Solar23: <http://www.solar23.com/>

### **Tempress Systems Orders**

Tempress Systems has secured close to \$32m in orders in January.

Press at NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/5sqvpe7>

Tempress Systems: <http://www.tempress.nl/>

### **AEG Power Solutions for GCL-Poly**

AEG Power Solutions will supply its latest solar modular system to GCL-Poly Energy in a Euro 36m deal.

Press at NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/4stzbwe>

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4etqawl>

AEG Power Solutions: <http://www.aegps.com/en/home/index.html>

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

### **Sanyo Module Qualification for UK FIT**

Sanyo Component Europe's newly developed PV modules qualify for the UK FIT.

Press at NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/4tqwgja>

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/67x3rgd>

Sanyo: <http://tinyurl.com/4tqwgja>

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

### **Power-One Manufacturing in Arizona**

Power-One has opened an inverter manufacturing facility in Phoenix.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://tinyurl.com/4vx9zjn>

More on Power-One at Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/4znwjjw8>

Power-One: <http://www.power-one.com/>

### **DC Power Systems and Solar Depot Integration**

DC Power Systems and Solar Depot announced their integration.

Press at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/6zzvxzd> and

<http://tinyurl.com/4vl3ahz>

DC Power Systems / Solar Depot: <http://www.dcpower-systems.com/>

### **Solyndra Featured**

Solyndra is featured in the press at: [http://www.mercurynews.com/business/ci\\_17221170?ncllick\\_check=1](http://www.mercurynews.com/business/ci_17221170?ncllick_check=1)

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

### **Ascent Solar Reseller Agreement**

Ascent Solar Technologies announced that Polymeur Sun will act as an authorized reseller of Ascent's CIGS modules for BIPV and portable power solutions in Singapore and Malaysia.

Press at: <http://investors.ascentsolar.com/index.cfm>

Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/47jodcp>

Polymeur Sun: <http://www.polymeur.com/>

### **Enfinity Inverters and PV Roof Systems**

Enfinity presented its own range of 7 inverters and is also introducing another 3 aesthetically integrated PV systems.

Press at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/6xsdgqf>

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

### **PV for School District, Colorado**

Construction is underway on a 31 site, approximately 3.1 MW REgeneration Finance solar project for Douglas County School District in Colorado.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4alw6bk>

REgeneration Finance: <http://www.regenerationfinance.net/>

### **Solar Windows**

New Energy Technologies announced a first-generation 12" x 12" working prototype of its SolarWindow(TM).

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/6gcn8cr>

New Energy Technologies: <http://www.newenergytechnologiesinc.com/>

### **Encapsulants**

See "Encapsulants: Lowering total system costs with polyolefin" at Solar Novus Today:

<http://tinyurl.com/4jo86qh>

### **Microinverters**

See "Enhphase Microinverters Join Siemens' Distribution Family" at Greentech Media:

<http://tinyurl.com/6qban9t>

### **Financing for Residential Solar**

Citi announced a new fund to finance \$40 million in residential solar projects in 2011 for SolarCity.

Press at Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/4m2d7j5>

Venture Beat: <http://tinyurl.com/6gh8kt8>

<http://tinyurl.com/4djan4v>

Citi: <http://www.citi.com/domain/home.htm>

SolarCity: <http://www.solarcity.com/>

### **CPV Today Intelligence Brief**

CPV Today's latest intelligence brief is posted at: <http://tinyurl.com/6y59r8g>

### **GCube Expansion**

GCube Underwriting Limited announced it has grown its solar property coverage from \$300m to \$500m for any single solar project or phase.

Press at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/45herw5>

GCube: <http://www.gcube-insurance.com/>

### **ARRA Results in Solar**

See coverage of ARRA results in solar at:

[http://solarindustrymag.com/e107\\_plugins/content/content.php?content.7181](http://solarindustrymag.com/e107_plugins/content/content.php?content.7181)

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

### **Project Financing in Southeast Europe**

See "EE & RES Project Financing in South East Europe" at RenewableEnergyWorld:

<http://tinyurl.com/5vefrwc>

7th Southeast European Exhibition on Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, 13-15 April, Sofia:

<http://tinyurl.com/4mgc52b>

### **Solar and Wind in Europe**

See coverage of solar and wind in Europe in PV-Tech's blog at: <http://tinyurl.com/4edr9w5>

### **Vote Solar Blog, Webinars**

The Vote Solar Initiative posted “SCE adds 250 MW of PV, below the cost of a combined cycle gas turbine” at: <http://tinyurl.com/4pepgwa>  
<http://votesolar.org/press/press-releases/>  
See ‘Get Some Sun’ Webinars at: <http://votesolar.org/resources/get-some-sun-solar-webinars/>

### **FIT in Louisiana**

See “Louisiana PUC orders limited FIT” at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/4syo5bv>  
RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/4593urg>

### **Solar in Spain**

The Solar HBJ covers solar in Spain at: <http://tinyurl.com/4twuede>

### **Startup America Initiative**

See information on Startup America at: <http://tinyurl.com/4dlh7fr>  
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/startup-america-fact-sheet>  
<http://www.startupamericapartnership.org/>  
<http://www.startupamericapartnership.org/news>

### **IREC Report**

The latest issue of The IREC Report is on line at: <http://tinyurl.com/4hh3mva>

### **Clean Edge Views and News**

Clean Edge posts “Views” at their Website at: <http://www.cleandedge.com/views/>  
Clean Edge newsletter: [http://www.cleandedge.com/e-letter/2011.02.01\\_CleanWatch.html](http://www.cleandedge.com/e-letter/2011.02.01_CleanWatch.html)

### **Printed Electronics / Photovoltaics Europe 2011**

Printed Electronics / Photovoltaics Europe 2011 is set for 5-6 April in Dusseldorf, Germany. Information at: <http://www.idtechex.com/printed-electronics-europe-11/>

In related solar news...

### **Siemens Solar Thermal Testing Facility, Portugal**

Siemens is to build a solar thermal testing facility in Portugal with German partners.  
Press at NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/6yomhoa>  
Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/49g9p45>  
Siemens: <http://www.siemens.com/entry/cc/en/>

### **CSP Market Hot**

See “Concentrated Solar Power Market is Hot, Hot, Hot” covering a Lux Research report, at Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/4t4xjmq> and <http://tinyurl.com/46olm4n>

## **February 2, 2011**

### **SCE Solar Systems, California**

Southern California Edison has interconnected 7 new distributed generation plants with a combined capacity of 12.5 MW ac.  
Press at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4du4mo7>  
PV-Tech Blogs: <http://tinyurl.com/6jgngom>  
[http://www.sbsun.com/news/ci\\_17263556](http://www.sbsun.com/news/ci_17263556)  
[http://www.contracostatimes.com/california/ci\\_17265783?nclick\\_check=1](http://www.contracostatimes.com/california/ci_17265783?nclick_check=1)  
<http://tinyurl.com/45nptf3>  
Related: <http://tinyurl.com/4zxxhej>

### **Intel's REC Purchases and Solar Installations**

See coverage of Intel's increased REC purchases and solar electric installations at:  
<http://tinyurl.com/4fyhcg7>

### **Solar Projects in Florida**

In Florida, 55 PV projects totaling about 2.7 MW dc of production capacity have been selected to participate in Gainesville Regional Utilities' solar FIT program for 2011. Press at The Solar Home & Business Journal: <http://tinyurl.com/4ue2m9n>

### **MEMC Results**

MEMC reported results. Press at: <http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wireStory?id=12817605>  
MEMC: <http://www.memc.com/index.php?view=investors&c=106680&p=irol-news>

### **ATS Results**

ATS reported results at: <http://www.atsautomation.com/profile/news/pr2011.asp>

### **JA Solar Module Supply**

JA Solar Holdings Co., Ltd. announced it signed a 400 MW module supply agreement with a European customer. Press at: <http://www.globenewswire.com/newsroom/news.html?d=212275>  
PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/46mruey>  
pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/45kee3c>  
JA Solar: <http://www.jasolar.com/>

### **Meyer Burger Order**

Meyer Burger group member MB Wafertec has concluded a contract of over CHF 45 million with a new customer in Asia.  
Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/6dmhwgu>  
Meyer Burger: <http://www.meyerburger.com/en/>

### **PV System at North Carolina Airport Maintenance Facility**

National Renewable Energy Corporation completed a 306 kW dc solar power system on the roof of the Charlotte-Douglas International Airport Maintenance Facility.  
Press at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/4vaqe4f>  
NARENCO: <http://www.narenc.com/>

### **3S Modultec Production Line for Lithuanian Firm**

3S Modultec increased its presence in the Eastern European market by selling one of its integrated production lines to Lithuanian firm MG AB Precizika.  
Press at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4rcwp7t>  
3S Modultec: <http://www.3-s.ch/en/>

### **Wise Power Systems Expansion Market**

Wise Power Systems is looking to Kenya as a possible expansion market.  
Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4hqnf9a>  
Wise Power Systems: <http://wisepowersystems.com/>

### **Nanodomes and Plasmonics**

Photovoltaics World posted "Stanford sees solar future in nanodomes and plasmonics" at:  
<http://tinyurl.com/6aqz4dr>

### **PV News**

The latest issue of PVNews with coverage of China's solar economy, words from Wall Street, revisions to the German FIT, CSP and PV comparisons, North American news, European news, Asian news, the utility-scale project pipeline, large-scale project announcements, a FIT tracker, CSP in 2011, and other news is available [by subscription] at: <http://www.gtmresearch.com/report/pv-news>

### **Creating Viable Companies**

See “The art, luck and risks involved in turning a new process into a viable U.S. company” with coverage of 1366 Technologies at: <http://tinyurl.com/46h7h5g>

### **More on Progress Energy’s Solar Program**

See coverage of Progress Energy’s enhanced SunSense(R) program at: <http://progress-energy.com/aboutus/news/article.asp?id=25523>

### **SolarPV.TV Interviews**

SolarPV.TV posted additional interviews at: <http://solarpv.tv/interviews.html>

### **EPIA, Greenpeace Solar Generation Report**

NewNet posted “Solar photovoltaics on brink of economic breakthrough” at: <http://tinyurl.com/6dac2l8>

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/49kluos>

pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/4f8ateo>

EPIA: <http://www.epia.org/>

Greenpeace: <http://www.greenpeace.org/international/en/>  
<http://tinyurl.com/4eswncn>

### **PV in Germany**

pv magazine covers PV in Germany at: <http://tinyurl.com/4pmfj9a>

### **DRECP Meeting, California**

The Stakeholder Committee of the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan will meet 16 February in Ontario, California. Information at: <http://www.drecp.org/meetings/index.html>

### **RESCO Experts Symposium, California**

A symposium on results from the California Renewable Energy Secure Communities is set for 22-23 February at UC Davis.

Information at: <http://cal-ires.ucdavis.edu/events/2011-resco-symposium/>

### **The Solar Future, Belgium**

“The Solar Future: Belgium” is set for 23 March in Brussels. Information at: [http://www.thesolarfuture.com/?mc\\_cid=e558d4a2d5&mc\\_eid=4e1f7d3977](http://www.thesolarfuture.com/?mc_cid=e558d4a2d5&mc_eid=4e1f7d3977)

### **PV Supply Chain**

Research and Markets added the report “Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Supply Chain – Global Market Size and Company Analysis of Polysilicon, Wafers, PV Cells and Solar PV Modules to 2015” to its offering.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4hze35b>

### **US Venture Capital**

US VC investment in cleantech companies increased by 8%, led by the Energy/Electricity Generation segment.

More at Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/5szk5hb>

### **Renewable Energy in the EU**

EU Energy Commissioner Gunther Ottinger presented the EU communication on the progress of renewable energy in the EU.

Press at Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/4enmdj9>

### **Excellence in Renewable Energy Award Finalists**

Editors of the Renewable Energy World network of publications are recognizing companies, people and projects in the clean energy industry. See finalists from readers’ nominations at:

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

In related solar news...

### **Concentrating Solar Thermal Power 2011**

Concentrating Solar Thermal Power 2011 is set for 23-25 February in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Press at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/4qv4zqr>

Information at: <http://www.cstpower-conference.com/home.aspx>

### **February 3, 2011**

#### **Mesquite Solar Project, Arizona**

Suntech Power Holdings and Zachry Holdings, Inc. have been selected by Sempra Generation to design and construct the Mesquite Solar 1 project in Arizona. The electricity will be sold to PG&E under a 150 MW ac 20-year PPA pending CPUC approval.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4hvl4ut>

Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/4ohq9qu>

<http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20110203-706862.html>

pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/4z2b3fj>

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

Zachry: <http://www.zhi.com/>

Sempra Generation: <http://www.semprageneration.com/>

[http://www.semprageneration.com/mesquite\\_solar.htm](http://www.semprageneration.com/mesquite_solar.htm)

#### **REC Systems 24.2 MW Plant in Italy**

REC Systems is constructing a 24.2 MW solar power plant in the Lazio region of Italy in collaboration with ABB. Press at NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/4n6rp9a>

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/6gvzw8p>

pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/63yap9z>

REC Systems: <http://www.recgroup.com/en/products/systems/>

ABB: <http://www.abb.com/>

#### **Anova Energy Solutions Fund**

Anova Energy Solutions has launched a renewable energy private equity partnership fund with a target of \$10m. Anova will use the capital to further its development of commercial and industrial PV systems.

Press at NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/4c6y4jq>

Anova Energy Solutions: <http://www.anovaes.com/>

#### **aleo solar Module Supply**

aleo solar has equipped a 3 MW rooftop PV system in Cuneo, Italy with modules.

Press at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4gssyrx> and

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

aleo solar: <http://www.aleo-solar.de/en/home>

#### **Scatec**

Greentech Media covers Scatec Solar North America at:

<http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/read/solar-developer-profile-scatec/>

Scatec Solar: <http://www.scatecsolar.com/index.php>

#### **Amtech Systems Stake in Chinese Company**

Amtech Systems has entered an agreement to acquire a controlling stake in a China-based ion implant technology company.

Press at NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/47lz6oo> \

Amtech Systems: <http://www.amtechsystems.com/>

<http://www.amtechsystems.com/pressreleases/02.01.11-2.html>

### **SunPower System for Princeton University**

Key Equipment Finance is providing financing for a 5.3 MW SunPower PV system for the Facilities Department at Princeton University. Press at:

<http://investors.sunpowercorp.com/releasedetail.cfm?ReleaseID=546952>

<http://tinyurl.com/4zb9n8v>

### **Gehrlicher Solar Sale of 1.9 MW System**

Gehrlicher Solar has sold its 1.9 MW PV system at the Audi manufacturing facility in Baden-Wurtemberg to PT Energiefonds Neckarsulm. Press at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/5s2yqmk>

Gehrlicher Solar: <http://www.gehrlicher.com/en/home/>

### **juwi Offices in South Africa and Chile**

juwi has opened offices in South Africa and Chile. Press at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4tdlyhj>

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

### **Ascent Solar Distribution Agreement**

Ascent Solar Technologies announced that SW Solarwatt will act as a distributor of Ascent's CIGS modules for BIPV applications in Greece and Cyprus.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/6gsx6vh>

Ascent Solar: <http://www.ascentsolar.com/>

Solarwatt: <http://www.solarwatt.com.cy/>

### **Astra Energia PV Plants, Italy**

Astra Energia S.p.A. has begun construction of 4 MW of ground-mounted systems in Roseto Degli Abruzzi, which are due for completion in April 2011.

Press at: <http://www.astraenergia.com/news.aspx#19>

### **HelioPower PV System for Vineyard, California**

HelioPower started construction of a 516 kW dc solar power system for Giumarra Vineyards Corporation in Bakersfield, California.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/45ek7sq>

HelioPower: <http://www.heliopower.com/>

### **SunDurance 3.25 MW Plant in New Jersey**

SunDurance Energy won a contract to design and build a 3.25 MW PV system at United Stationers in New Jersey. KDC Solar will own the project.

Press at Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/68rnpvf>

SunDurance Energy: <http://www.SunDuranceEnergy.com/>

KDC Solar: <http://www.kdcsolar.com/>

### **Solar Farm in Tennessee**

The 5 MW solar farm in Haywood County has received environmental approval.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/48xvto8>

### **Enel Green Power Results**

NewNet covers Enel Green Power results at: <http://tinyurl.com/4ukxygy>

Enel Green Power: <http://www.enelgreenpower.com/en-GB/>

### **LDK Solar Funds**

LDK Solar raised \$164.2 million from a follow-on public offering.

Press at Bloomberg: <http://tinyurl.com/4juo96c>

LDK Solar: <http://www.ldksolar.com/Company%20news.html>

### **Singulus Technologies Results**

PV-Tech covers Singulus Technologies results at:

[http://international.pv-tech.org/news/singulus\\_technologies\\_orders\\_up\\_56](http://international.pv-tech.org/news/singulus_technologies_orders_up_56)

Singulus Technologies: <http://www.singulus.de/en/>

### **GT Solar Results**

GT Solar reported results for the third quarter at:

<http://www.gtsolar.com/index.php?m=newsfeed&h=english>

### **More on MEMC Results, SunEdison**

See more on MEMC results and SunEdison at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4am4spb>

MEMC: <http://www.memc.com/index.php?view=investors&c=106680&p=irol-news>

### **SCHOTT Solar Module Tests**

See coverage of SCHOTT Solar's module test results at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/47gnyu>

SCHOTT Solar: <http://www.schottsolar.com/global/>

### **First Solar Contracts with 5N Plus**

First Solar signed new supply and recycling contracts with 5N plus.

Press at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/6fadpx3>

First Solar: <http://www.firstsolar.com/en/index.php>

5N Plus: <http://www.5nplus.com/index.php/en/>

### **MKS Order**

MKS Instruments received a follow-on order for products that will be used in the production of thin film solar cells in China.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4vvorwj>

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4aupbcc>

MKS: <http://www.mksinst.com/>

### **Sun Innovations Featured**

See "Solar cells printed by Sun Innovations" at Photovoltaics World: <http://tinyurl.com/6e6ndes>

Sun Innovations: <http://www.sun-nsk.ru/en/>

### **NovoPolymers Expansion**

NovoPolymers' shareholders Gimv and Capricorn Cleantech Fund have committed an additional Euro 4.2m in the company's second financing round.

Press at NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/4c5ghlt>

NovoPolymers: <http://www.novopolymers.com/>

### **Effect of Solar on Utility Distribution System**

Georgia Power and the Electric Power Research Institute are conducting a study to evaluate how PV may affect utility distribution systems.

Press at Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/6frouv3>

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/6fpcw86>

Georgia Power: [http://www.georgiapower.com/news/iframe\\_pressroom.asp](http://www.georgiapower.com/news/iframe_pressroom.asp)

### **Richard Swanson Honors**

Richard Swanson has been selected as the recipient of the 2011 Karl Boer Solar Energy Medal of Merit.

Press at <http://www.udel.edu/udaily/2011/feb/swanson-boer-award-020211.html>

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4nwnhpc>

SunPower: <http://us.sunpowercorp.com/about/our-team/>

### **Solar Appointments**

PV-Tech posts news on solar appointments at Going Places:

[http://international.pv-tech.org/news/list/category/going\\_places](http://international.pv-tech.org/news/list/category/going_places)

### **PV-Tech Blogs**

PV-Tech has several new posts at its Blog site at: <http://international.pv-tech.org/blogs/list/>

### **CleanTechies Postings**

CleanTechies has a number of new postings at: <http://blog.cleantechies.com/category/solar-power/>

### **CSP vs PV**

Photovoltaics World covers a Lux Research report, "Solar Thermal Update: The Renaissance of Concentrating Power" at: <http://tinyurl.com/4w5ggjc>

### **More on Solar Generation Report**

See more on the EPIA / Greenpeace report, Solar Generation 6, at Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/4le9ufb> <http://www.epia.org/solargeneration>

### **The Energy Report**

See coverage of The Energy Report, a new vision of a world run entirely on renewable energy by 2050 at WWF: <http://www.panda.org/>  
<http://tinyurl.com/5uxjlo5>

### **CPV Report**

The Concentrated Photovoltaics Industry Report 2010 is available at CPV Today. Information at: <http://tinyurl.com/6cofmm3>  
Press: <http://tinyurl.com/6hmako5>

### **Ontario FIT Program**

ClearSky Advisors posted "Ontario's FIT Program: The Impact of REA Delays" at: <http://www.clearskyadvisors.com/583/ontarios-fit-program-the-impact-of-rea-delays>  
ClearSky Advisors: <http://www.clearskyadvisors.com/>  
More Ontario solar news at: <http://ontariosolarnews.com/>

### **New Jersey Solar**

Greentech Media covers New Jersey solar at: <http://tinyurl.com/4mdesj4>

### **China's Solar Economy**

Greentech Media posted "China's Self-Sustaining Solar Economy" at: <http://tinyurl.com/4elegpx>

### **UK FIT**

pv magazine covers the UK FIT at: <http://tinyurl.com/6bcsdmc>  
More on solar in the UK at: <http://www.solarpowerportal.co.uk/>

### **FIT in Germany**

PV-Tech covers the German FIT at: [http://international.pv-tech.org/news/german\\_ministry\\_agrees\\_on\\_fit\\_cuts](http://international.pv-tech.org/news/german_ministry_agrees_on_fit_cuts)  
See also Bloomberg at: <http://tinyurl.com/5valnwe>

### **Solar in France**

Bloomberg covers solar in France at: <http://tinyurl.com/4u8kw55>

### **PV Fab Database 2011**

Yole Developpement released its new PV Fab Database 2011. Information at: <http://www.i-micronews.com/reports/PV-Fab-Database-2010/128/>

### **PV Fab Managers Forum**

The keynotes for the PV Fab Managers Forum, 20-22 March in Berlin, were announced.  
Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/5vsqu9h>  
Event: <http://www.pvgroup.org/Events/p042976>

### **Solar Electric Utility Conference**

See press on PHOTON's 5th Solar Electric Utility Conference in San Francisco, California on 17 February at: <http://tinyurl.com/4guhq29>  
[http://www.photon-expo.com/en/pts\\_2011\\_usa/seuc\\_2011\\_program.htm](http://www.photon-expo.com/en/pts_2011_usa/seuc_2011_program.htm)

### **DOE Energy Innovation Portal**

See information on DOE's Energy Innovation Portal at: <http://energy.gov/news/10044.htm>  
<http://techportal.eere.energy.gov/>

### **The Green Power Network E-mail Updates, Renewable Energy RFPs**

Access to The Green Power Network E-mail updates is available by sign up at:

<http://apps3.eere.energy.gov/greenpower/resources/index.shtml>

Renewable Energy RFPs are listed at: <http://apps3.eere.energy.gov/greenpower/financial/>

### **Solar Perspective**

RenewableEnergyWorld posted the Blog "It's Still Just 1971 for Solar" at: <http://tinyurl.com/4qyyfh8>

See also "Solar's Hit the Big Time!..." at: <http://tinyurl.com/5s54h49>

And, "Solar for Schools..." at: <http://tinyurl.com/6f9g8sm>

In related solar news...

### **CSP in India, USA, Spain**

CSP Today posted "India's Phase 1 CSP projects 'will be built'" at:

<http://social.csptoday.com/qa/india's-phase-1-csp-projects-'will-be-built'>

Also "USA and Spain Crucial for the Developments of the CSP Industry" at:

<http://social.csptoday.com/pr/usa-and-spain-crucial-developments-csp-industry>

## **February 4, 2011**

### **Solar Energy Conference Call, Funding News Releases, SunShot Initiative**

An announcement was made that today DOE Secretary Steven Chu and Richard Swanson, President Emeritus of SunPower, would host a media conference call to announce new funding for solar technology and manufacturing projects. Secretary Chu would also release details about the Department's SunShot initiative.

The press releases can be found at: <http://www.energy.gov/news/10048.htm>

<http://investors.sunpowercorp.com/releasedetail.cfm?ReleaseID=547722>

[http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/progress\\_alerts.cfm/pa\\_id=475](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/progress_alerts.cfm/pa_id=475)

<http://tinyurl.com/6ldj5fp>

<http://www.eere.energy.gov/sunshot/>

[http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/news\\_detail.cfm/news\\_id=16700](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/news_detail.cfm/news_id=16700)

[http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/news\\_detail.cfm/news\\_id=16699](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/news_detail.cfm/news_id=16699)

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

### **GWS Technologies Wind and Solar Project in Arizona**

GWS Technologies has begun the design and engineering of a 1,500 acre commercial wind and solar farm in northeast Arizona.

Press at NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/4jnynx2>

GWS Technologies: <http://www.greenwindsolar.com/>

### **Martifer Solar PV in Czech Republic**

Martifer Solar has installed 2.88 MW on a rooftop in Prague.

Press at: <http://www.martifersolar.com/en/solar-photovoltaic-energy/press/rooftopPrague-en>

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/46ldauk>

### **Emcore Results**

Emcore reported results. Press at: [http://www.emcore.com/news\\_events](http://www.emcore.com/news_events)

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4rsajqx>

### **Wells Fargo Financing of GCL-Poly Projects, California**

Wells Fargo and GCL-Poly announced tax equity financing is complete for PV projects with a capacity of 6 MW at the University of San Diego and 5 high schools.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4vcfdp4>

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

### **Sumitomo Corp Stake in Solar Farms, Italy**

Sumitomo Corp will buy an 85% stake in a German solar power firm's Italian subsidiaries. Sumitomo will acquire ownership of 10 solar farms in southern Italy with a combined capacity of 9,700 kW.

Press at Reuters: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/02/03/sumitomo-idINSGE7120BU20110203>

Bloomberg: <http://tinyurl.com/63q3qbt>

Sumitomo Corp: <http://www.sumitomocorp.co.jp/english/>

### **MONTEA Solar Project, Belgium**

See "MONTEA starts solar energy project" at:

[http://www.worldenergymedia.com/News25443\\_Details.htm](http://www.worldenergymedia.com/News25443_Details.htm)

MONTEA: <http://www.montea.com/index.php?chapterId=23&language=en>

### **DRI Energy PV System, California**

DRI Energy and Kinsbursky Brothers commissioned a 306 kW dc system in Anaheim.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4qp4lf9>

DRI: <http://www.dricompanies.com/>

### **Sovello Module Tests**

See "Sovello Rated 'Good' in PV + Test" at: <http://tinyurl.com/4d4hyan>

[http://www.pvtest.de/index\\_en.html](http://www.pvtest.de/index_en.html)

### **PV Glass**

PV-Tech posted "Corning touts R&D efforts to bring photovoltaics glass to market" at:

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

Corning: [http://www.corning.com/r\\_d/emerging\\_technologies/photovoltaics.aspx](http://www.corning.com/r_d/emerging_technologies/photovoltaics.aspx)

### **Sunways in France**

See "Sunways AG strengthens presence in the French photovoltaics market" at:

<http://www.sunways.eu/en/company/press/>

### **IBC Solar Expansion**

IBC Solar is expanding in Europe and Asia.

Press at: <http://www.abc-solar.de/en/pressdetail+M57f51a4438a.html#>

### **Solar Park in Greece**

Greece's utility PPC is seeking a partner to help finance a 200 MW solar plant.

Press at Reuters: <http://af.reuters.com/article/energyOilNews/idAFLDE71317520110204>

NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/4gmr9xq>

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pv magazine covers the UK FIT at: <http://tinyurl.com/62ro6lz>

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### **Italian FIT**

PV-Tech covers the Italian FIT at: <http://tinyurl.com/6xecmnr>

NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/6kn9w4a>

### **Renewables in India**

RenewableEnergyWorld covers renewables in India at: <http://tinyurl.com/4p5h7pl>

### **ACORE Leadership News**

See coverage of ACORE's Michael Eckhart's move in the press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4hlqjhw>  
pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/6ycvmyv>

### **ARPA-E Projects**

See "Six ARPA-E Projects Illustrate Investors Excited About Clean Energy Innovation" with coverage of solar projects at: <http://www.energy.gov/news/10045.htm>  
The New York Times: <http://www.nytimes.com/2011/02/03/business/energy-environment/03energy.html>  
Solar HBJ: <http://tinyurl.com/4dkr8t3>  
ARPA-E Innovation Summit, 28 Feb – 2 March, Washington DC:  
<http://www.ct-si.org/events/EnergyInnovation/>

### **Fire Safety**

See "Fire Safety with Solar Power Systems" at Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/49wr6yp>

### **PV Conference and Exhibition Preview 2011**

Gunther Portfolio posted "Photovoltaic Conference and Exhibition Preview 2011" at:  
<http://tinyurl.com/6ygyttm>

### **Solar Power Finance & Investment Summit**

The Solar Power Finance and Investment Summit is set for 21-24 March in San Diego, California.  
Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/5u3e3ju>  
Information: <http://www.infocastinc.com/index.php/conference/solar11>

### **Thin Film Summit**

The 3rd Thin Film Solar Summit Europe is set for 3-4 March in Berlin, Germany.  
Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4wa7yd5>  
Information at: <http://www.thinfilmtoday.com/europe/>

### **Solar Terawatt-hours Conference Series**

See information on PHOTON's "Solar Terawatt-hours Conference Series USA 2011" at:  
<http://www.photon-expo.com/en/>

### **SEMA Meeting**

The Solar Engineering & Manufacturing Association announced a meeting on 3 March in Milpitas, California, which will address China's manufacturing model impacts.  
Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4va8xh2>  
PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4p5umjv>  
SEMA: <http://www.solar-ema.org/>