

**NCPV Hotline – February 2011**  
**Week of 02/21/11 through 02/28/11**

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**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 22, 2011**

**GCL-Poly Investment in Polysilicon and Wafer Production**

See press on GCL-Poly's investment in polysilicon and wafer production facilities at:

<http://www.gcl-poly.com.hk/eng/press/overview.php>  
pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/4ohjxs8>

**United Solar PV Systems, Nevada**

United Solar has completed 1.05 MW of solar power systems on a total of 21 rooftops across a school district in Nevada.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://tinyurl.com/48u7beq>  
PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4e4jzub>  
United Solar: <http://www.uni-solar.com/>

**OPDE PV Farms, Italy**

OPDE has started construction of 6 new PV farms in the Piedmont region of Italy for a total of 26 MW.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://tinyurl.com/45I7kfs>  
PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4p4dmxx>  
OPDE: <http://www.opde.net/bin/index.php>

**Parabel Solar Park, Germany**

Parabel is planning a 90 MW solar park in Germany.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://tinyurl.com/4frktbg>  
pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/4nsnpm7>  
PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4m3fk3y>  
Parabel: <http://www.parabel-solar.com/>

**SCE 6.7 MW PV System, Porterville**

Southern California Edison is flipping the switch on its 6.7 MW solar system in Porterville.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4cng5x8>  
<http://tinyurl.com/4r4fffk>

### **150 MW Project in New South Wales**

Eight banks are helping finance a 150 MW solar project in New South Wales in a partnership among BP, Fotowatio and Pacific Hydro.

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

### **Q-Cells Results**

Q-Cells announced results. Press at NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/4n7u8m6>

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/456gc7z>

More on Q-Cells: [http://www.pv-tech.org/news/q\\_cells\\_switches\\_major\\_wafer\\_suppliers](http://www.pv-tech.org/news/q_cells_switches_major_wafer_suppliers)

pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/67gpzyr>

Q-Cells: [http://www.q-cells.com/en/company/press/corporate\\_news/index.html](http://www.q-cells.com/en/company/press/corporate_news/index.html)

### **Schmid and Chinese Company Contract**

Schmid Silicon Technology GmbH, Gebr. Schmid GmbH + Co and Xinjiang Puxing Chengda New Energy Technology Co. Ltd. signed a contract for a 3,000 t polysilicon factory and a strategic partnership for an integrated solar cell and module factory.

Press at SolarPlaza: <http://tinyurl.com/48px7m2>

pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/6985ymh>

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4pjq32l>

Schmid: <http://www.schmid-silicon.com/en/home.html>

<http://tinyurl.com/4q6gqwm>

### **Photon Energy a.s. Results**

Photon Energy a.s. announced preliminary results.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://tinyurl.com/4n3qhah>

Photon Energy: <http://www.photonenergy.as/>

### **JA Solar Results**

JA Solar released results.

Press at: <http://www.globenewswire.com/newsroom/news.html?d=214317>

JA Solar: <http://www.jasolar.com/>

### **Trina Solar Results**

Trina Solar reported results.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4p3uc4m>

Trina Solar: <http://www.trinasolar.com/>

### **Oerlikon Order**

According to this press, Oerlikon Solar has secured an order for its KAI equipment from Dong Xu Ltd.

Press at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/4kzfua3>

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4mle9wu>

Oerlikon: <http://www.oerlikon.com/>

### **Global Solar Cells and Market Report**

Coverage of a Global Industry Analysts, Inc. report is on line at: <http://tinyurl.com/4cymd4c>

### **U.S. Manufacturing**

Greentech Media posted "Why the U.S. Needs Manufacturing" at:

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

### **Solar3D Featured**

RenewableEnergyWorld features Solar3D at: <http://tinyurl.com/4n9pkky>

Solar3D: <http://www.solar3d.com/index.php>

### **MiaSole Featured**

Greentech Media features MiaSole at: <http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/read/miasole1/>

MiaSole: <http://www.miasole.com/>

### **Loan Guarantees**

See coverage of loan guarantee battles at Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/5wndtp5>  
Reuters: <http://tinyurl.com/4pv4srd>

### **Calisolar Funding**

Calisolar raised \$8m in funding.  
Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/6dk8agr>  
Calisolar: <http://www.calisolar.com/>

### **Plans for 5 MW Solar Farm, UK**

Plans for a 5 MW solar farm by AEE Renewables have been announced.  
Press at SolarPlaza: <http://tinyurl.com/67yofwf>  
AEE: <http://www.aee-ag.eu/en>

### **JinkoSolar Modules for Payom Solar**

JinkoSolar will supply 35 MW of solar modules to Payom Solar.  
Press at NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/4gjzrmq>  
PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/5unxjym>  
Jinko Solar: <http://www.jinkosolar.com/>  
Payom Solar: <http://www.payom-solar.de/>

### **Canadian Solar Modules for Italian Solar Lab**

Baraclit will use more than 11,000 modules from Canadian Solar in its new outdoor solar laboratory.  
Press at Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/474n8nv>  
Baraclit: <http://www.baraclit.it/>  
Canadian Solar: <http://www.Canadiansolar.com/>

### **6 MW PV Facility in Thailand**

CH Karnchang Public Co Ltd secured a contract from Nakhon Ratchasima Solar Co Ltd to build a 6 MW PV facility in Thailand.  
Press at: <http://www.electroiq.com/index/display/pv-wire-news-display/1363507030.html>

### **Airport PV, Indiana**

The Indianapolis International Airport is seeking a developer for a 10 MW ground-mounted solar array.  
Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4kcm4jj>  
<http://tinyurl.com/4ch4ea7>

### **SunWork Featured**

Greentech Media features SunWork at: <http://tinyurl.com/4r25f4b>  
SunWork: <http://www.sunwork.org/>

### **Solyndra Application**

Solyndra announced a new application for agricultural greenhouse and shade structures.  
Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4ezv84l>  
Solyndra: <http://www.solyndra.com/>

### **PetersenDean Solar Roof**

PetersenDean has completed a massive SmarterRoof(TM) project in Las Vegas, Nevada.  
Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4hc8kqd>  
PetersenDean: [http://www.petersendean.com/about/news/news\\_events.html](http://www.petersendean.com/about/news/news_events.html)

### **Solar Power, Inc. PV for Twentieth Century Fox**

Solar Power, Inc. completed a 160 kW PV System for Twentieth Century Fox in California.  
Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4bvdtbody>  
Solar Power, Inc.: <http://www.solarpowerinc.net/>

### **Versar PV for Courthouse**

Versar completed a 115 kW DC PV roof system at a courthouse in Virginia.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4m7szsp>

Versar: <http://www.versar.com/>

### **Thin Film Today Postings**

Thin Film Today posted press on Advances in PV Research, Solar PV Investment, an Executive Viewpoint with the CEO of 8minutenergy and the COO at Masdar PV, and the intelligence report at:

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

### **PV Marketplace**

See “Asian electronics giants crashing PV party” at Photovoltaics World: <http://tinyurl.com/45fuyev>

### **Semilab Acquisition of Tordivel Solar Assets**

Tordivel Solar has sold the rights for instruments and software related to wafer inspection to Semilab Co Ltd. Press at: [http://www.tordivelsolar.com/pm\\_2011.htm](http://www.tordivelsolar.com/pm_2011.htm)

<http://www.semilab.hu/news/tordivel-solar-latest-addition-semilab-portfolio>

Semilab: <http://www.semilab.hu/>

Tordivel Solar: <http://www.tordivelsolar.com/press.htm>

### **Switching to Solar**

For information on the book “Switching to Solar: What We Can Learn from Germany’s Success in Harnessing Clean Energy” see: <http://tinyurl.com/6j3x6nb>

<http://tinyurl.com/4s84t7k>

See also “The Unsung Hero of Germany’s Solar Miracle” at: <http://tinyurl.com/4sf99ap>

### **Solar Financing**

RenewableEnergyWorld posted “Parsing the Different Ways to Finance Solar Ownership” at:

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

More solar coverage at RenewableEnergyWorld:

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

### **More on Ignite Solar for Texas Schools**

See more on the Pasadena ISD and HARC solar energy ribbon cutting ceremony and projects at:

<http://tinyurl.com/6xp4a47> <http://tinyurl.com/4lo36yt>

<http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/video?id=7960718>

HARC: <http://www.harc.edu/>

### **Coverage of SNEC 2011**

PV-Tech covers the SNEC International Photovoltaic Power Generation Conference & Exhibition at:

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

Manz Automation: <http://tinyurl.com/4eq8tul>

ENN Solar: <http://tinyurl.com/4ctxo2>

Applied Materials: <http://tinyurl.com/4ujsoo3>

AUO: <http://www.auosolar.com/?sn=635&lang=en-US&c=43&n=1109>

GT Solar: <http://tinyurl.com/4j69j83>

pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/479vs3z>

### **Optimizing Solar Installations Webinar**

See information on the Webinar “Optimizing Solar Installations – Tools and Strategies” on 23 February at:

[http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/progress\\_alerts.cfm/pa\\_id=487](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/progress_alerts.cfm/pa_id=487)

### **AltaTerra Research Network Events**

See new postings in the AltaTerra Research Network’s list of events at:

[http://www.altaterra.net/events/event\\_list.asp](http://www.altaterra.net/events/event_list.asp)

### **Reportlinker PV Reports**

Reportlinker.com added several new PV reports to its catalog.  
Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/46v6mp6>

### **ASDReports, Solar Energy**

For information on ASDReports, see:  
<http://www.asdreports.com/shopdisplayproducts.asp?id=136&cat=Solar+Energy>

### **Solar in Australia**

The Australian Capital Territory parliament approved legislation to extend a FIT to support installation of medium-sized solar power plants.

Press at Bloomberg: <http://tinyurl.com/5vtq26y>  
PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4rk3mj5>

### **Motech in PV Cycle**

Motech Industries has become a member of PV Cycle.

Press at PV-Tech: [http://www.pv-tech.org/news/motech\\_becomes\\_a\\_member\\_of\\_pv\\_cycle](http://www.pv-tech.org/news/motech_becomes_a_member_of_pv_cycle)  
Motech: <http://www.motech.com.tw/default.aspx>  
PV Cycle: <http://www.pvcycle.org/>

### **PV Safety Issues**

PV safety issues are highlighted in the press at pv magazine at: <http://tinyurl.com/67ymmuc>

### **Intersolar Award**

See information on the Intersolar Award at Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/4hzego7>  
Intersolar: <http://www.intersolar.de/>

### **Solar Maid Featured**

CleanTechies features Solar Maid at: <http://tinyurl.com/45hkle>  
Solar Maid: <http://www.solarmaid.org/>

In related solar news...

### **Solar Thermal Test Labs**

The University of New Haven in Connecticut and North Carolina State University are developing solar thermal test labs.

Press at: [http://solarindustrymag.com/e107\\_plugins/content/content.php?content.7323](http://solarindustrymag.com/e107_plugins/content/content.php?content.7323)

### **Energy Performance, India vs. Spain**

RenewableEnergyWorld reports on comparison of energy performance in India and Spain at:  
<http://tinyurl.com/4w334ly>

CSP Today: <http://tinyurl.com/48abnzq>

### **CSP Today Intelligence Report**

CSP Today posted its weekly intelligence report at: <http://tinyurl.com/462rr4u>

### **ZenithSolar Agreement with Chinese Government**

ZenithSolar signed an MOU with the Chinese government for cooperation in the development of CHP solar stations.

More at: <http://tinyurl.com/4z16mja>  
ZenithSolar: <http://www.zenithsolar.com/>

## **Feburary 23, 2011**

### **Knouse Foods PV**

Knouse Foods activated a solar project in Pennsylvania that uses over 14,000 solar panels.  
Press at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4czpqno>

### **More on Baraclit's SolarLAB2, Italy**

See more on Baraclit's 2.5 MW solar installation at its SolarLAB2 at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4lrr3f3>  
Baraclit: <http://www.baraclit.it/>

### **PV Park in Bulgaria**

Elmib Bulgaria is investing Eur 30 m in a 15 MW PV park in Eastern Bulgaria.  
Press at: [http://www.novinite.com/view\\_news.php?id=125545](http://www.novinite.com/view_news.php?id=125545)

### **Fraunhofer Institute Silicon Solar Cells**

A team of researchers at the Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems ISE has reached new peak efficiencies for large-area easy to fabricate silicon solar cells.  
Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/63hdwvu>

### **TechPrecision Order**

TechPrecision has received an order worth \$1.2 million for its mono-crystalline chambers.  
Press at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4r6sj2e>  
TechPrecision: <http://www.techprecision.com/Press%20Releases>

### **Gestamp Renewables in Arizona**

Gestamp Renewables is building a factory in Surprise, Arizona to support the development of large-scale solar energy projects in the U.S.  
Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4ohkafa>  
NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/4b6gx8n>  
Gestamp Renewables: <http://www.gestampren.com/>

### **DRI Energy PV for Food Bank**

DRI Energy completed a 320 kW PV system for Second Harvest Food Bank in San Jose, California.  
Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/45h386p>  
DRI: <http://www.dricompanies.com/>

### **Unirac Solution**

Unirac was selected to supply a custom racking solution for the recently completed 600 kW solar array on the Minneapolis Convention Center.  
Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4vv5qw3>  
Unirac: <http://www.unirac.com/>

### **Conergy AG Results**

Conergy AG reported preliminary results.  
Press at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/4qswen5>  
PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/49vhuds>  
Conergy: <http://www.conergy.de/en/desktopdefault.aspx>

### **Sulfurcell Seeking Strategic Partner**

Sulfurcell is seeking a strategic partner.  
Press at Bloomberg: <http://tinyurl.com/4tspxpI>  
Sulfurcell: <http://www.sulfurcell.com/>

### **Tioga Energy Solar Projects, New Jersey**

Tioga Energy completed 19 solar installations totaling 3.1 MW on schools and government facilities in the Morris Model pilot program in New Jersey.  
Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4letnva>  
Tioga Energy: <http://www.tiogaenergy.com/>

### **PV Reliability**

RenewableEnergyWorld posted "Finding the Key to CIGS PV Reliability" at: <http://tinyurl.com/4qck6ck>

### **Sungevity Featured**

Greentech Media covers Sungevity in its “Mixed Greens”

press at: <http://tinyurl.com/5tgoe2w>

[http://www.mercurynews.com/business/ci\\_17460703?nclick\\_check=1](http://www.mercurynews.com/business/ci_17460703?nclick_check=1)

Sungevity: <http://www.sungevity.com/>

### **More on Solyndra’s New Roof, Google to DC Power**

See coverage of Solyndra’s new roof application and “Google Going to DC Power?” in Mixed Greens at

Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/67cgc5a>

### **European Solar Growth**

See “European solar growth outstrips other technologies in 2010” at NewNet:

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

pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/4lruds9>

### **Renewables in Taiwan**

RenewableEnergyWorld covers renewables in Taiwan at: <http://tinyurl.com/5udl5dd>

### **Uncertainty in UK FIT**

See coverage of uncertainty in the UK FIT at NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/45fkczq>

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

### **NextEnergy Capital Commitment to UK PV Industry**

NextEnergy Capital has reiterated its commitment to the development of a UK PV industry.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4te9ywb>

Next Energy Capital: <http://www.nextenergycapital.com/>

### **FIT in Japan**

Reuters covers Japan’s FIT from 2012 at:

<http://www.reuters.com/assets/print?aid=USTRE71H23J20110218>

### **PV Perspective**

Photovoltaics World posted “Solar PV’s zeitgeist: A plea for pugilism” at:

<http://tinyurl.com/67t53f3>

### **Standards in Solar Inspection**

See “Machine Vision: Setting standards in solar inspection” at Solar Novus Today:

<http://tinyurl.com/4u6dqz3>

### **More SNEC Coverage**

SNEC news is covered at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/4ej2roa>

Also, Linde: <http://tinyurl.com/48arbfj>

See “Innovative Solar Products” at Solar Novus Today:

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

And others...

### **Solar in TR50**

Technology Review announced the 2011 TR50 list of the world’s most innovative technology companies.

See solar companies at: <http://tinyurl.com/4rd2c37>

<http://www.technologyreview.com/tr50/>

### **EERE Network News**

The latest issue of EERE Network News is on line at:

<http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/enn.cfm>

**February 24, 2011**

**Solon Plant for PG&E, California**

Solon is to build a 15 MW solar plant for PG&E.

Press at NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/4q2vbsu>

pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/4gydf2h>

PV-Tech: [http://www.pv-tech.org/news/solon\\_to\\_build\\_15mw\\_power\\_plant\\_in\\_california](http://www.pv-tech.org/news/solon_to_build_15mw_power_plant_in_california)

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

**PsomasFMG PPA with Orange County, California**

PsomasFMG signed a PPA valued at approximately \$20 million with Orange County. PsomasFMG will design, engineer, build, operate and maintain a solar power system ranging up to 4 MW to be installed at approximately 7 sites.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4vn3lxz>

NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/6f582kc>

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/6h53b7j>

PsomasFMG: <http://www.psomasfmq.com/>

**PV Rooftop, New Jersey**

Solar Rainbow Services and Carlisle Energy Services have formed a JV to install a 2.3 MW solar rooftop on a New Jersey distribution center and warehouse.

Press at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/4fq22tm>

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

Solar Rainbow: <http://solarrainbow.com/index.asp>

Carlisle Energy Services: <http://www.carlisleenergy.com/>

**Chauri Acquiring 2 Companies**

Shanghai Chauri Solar Energy Science and Technology plans to fully acquire Luoyang Saiyang Silicon and Shanghai Weixue Solar Energy Technology.

Press at: <http://www.capitalvue.com/home/CE-news/inset/@10063/post/1309591>

Chauri Solar: <http://www.chaorisolar.com/english/aboutus.aspx>

**GSR Ventures Investment in C3Nano**

GSR Ventures invested \$3.2m in C3Nano. Press at NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/4rwh5lq>

GSR Ventures: <http://www.gsrventures.cn/en/index.html>

C3Nano: <http://www.c3nano.com/>

**HelioVolt Featured**

Greentech Media features HelioVolt at: <http://tinyurl.com/4h8aqjg>

HelioVolt: <http://www.heliovolta.net/>

**PV Materials**

See "PV Materials Roundup: New GTM Research Report Highlights Recent Vendor Trends" at:

<http://tinyurl.com/4mb2euh>

**Varian Semiconductor Featured**

See "Varian Brings Ion Implantation to China's Solar Firms" at Greentech Media:

<http://tinyurl.com/5r5xyka>

Varian: <http://www.vsea.com/>

**Solar Electronics**

Greentech Media posted "The Golden Age of Solar Electronics" at: <http://tinyurl.com/6ycql2x>

**Satcon Technology Results**

Satcon Technology reported results.

Press at NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/4ttkug4>

Satcon: <http://www.satcon.com/en>

### **Bosch and aleo solar**

The Bosch Group is looking to completely take over aleo solar AG.

Press at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/4nr7w6y>

Bosch Group: <http://www.bosch.com/content/language2/html/index.htm>

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

### **PV at UNEP Headquarters**

Energiebau Solarstromsysteme GmbH installed a 515 kWp system on the roof of the UNEP headquarters in Nairobi.

Press at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/6ykw7v3>

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4tp2n5c>

### **CIGS PV Market Report**

NannoMarkets has added the report “CIGS Photovoltaics Market Opportunities 2011” to its portfolio.

Press at Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/4t9khqr>

NanoMarkets: <http://tinyurl.com/48fra7>

### **REC Solar Leadership**

See “REC Solar Concludes 2010 as California’s Largest Residential Solar Installer” at:

<http://tinyurl.com/4fvub36>

Related story: <http://tinyurl.com/4npsgem>

REC Solar: <http://www.recsolar.com/>

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

See more on Xcel’s solar program changes at:

[http://www.dailycamera.com/boulder-county-news/ci\\_17467924](http://www.dailycamera.com/boulder-county-news/ci_17467924)

### **Solar Energy Greenness**

See “Solar Energy Faces Tests on Greenness” at The New York Times: <http://tinyurl.com/4mkp3bf>

### **SolarPV.TV Interviews**

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

### **Solar Market in France**

PV-Tech covers the French solar energy market at: <http://tinyurl.com/4oxy76q>

Bloomberg: <http://tinyurl.com/6egg97x>

### **PV in Italy**

SolarPlaza covers PV in Italy at: <http://tinyurl.com/4euytuo>

### **California FIT**

The Bay area’s Local Clean Energy Alliance published “Community Power – Decentralized Renewable Energy in California”.

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

### **Renewables in Spain**

Greentech Media posted “Spain’s Renewable Energy Odyssey” at: <http://tinyurl.com/4hup6lt>

### **Phono Solar and CED GreenTech Agreement**

Phono Solar and CED GreenTech signed a distribution agreement for 2011.

Press at Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/6dm8jn9>

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4k7q7u6>

Phono Solar: <http://www.phonosolarusa.com/>

CED GreenTech: <http://www.cedgreentech.com/>

### **PV Inverter Reliability**

Solar Novus Today posted "PV Inverter Reliability, Part 2" at: <http://tinyurl.com/65vtd88>

### **More SNEC Coverage**

pv magazine covers SNEC at: <http://tinyurl.com/4q5pcyr>

### **Silicon PV Conference**

For information on "Silicon PV" set for 17-20 April in Freiburg, Germany, see: <http://siliconpv.com/cms/>  
Press: <http://tinyurl.com/4z9zoz9>

### **GW Solar Institute Annual Symposium**

See information on the GW Solar Institute Annual Symposium on 26 April at:

<http://solar.gwu.edu/>

<http://gwsolar.eventbrite.com/>

### **Solar Decathlon**

The Departments of Energy and Interior announced the location for the Solar Decathlon 2011.

Press at: [http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/progress\\_alerts.cfm/pa\\_id=489](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/progress_alerts.cfm/pa_id=489)

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

In related solar news...

### **Abengoa Results**

Abengoa reported results.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/64fg63z>

Abengoa: <http://www.abengoa.com/corp/web/en/index3.html>

### **Solargenix Stake in Acciona**

Solargenix Energy has sold its 45% ownership stake in Acciona Solar Power, Inc. to ACCIONA Energy.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/6k4aoco>

Solargenix Energy: <http://www.solargenix.com/>

Acciona: <http://www.acciona.com/>

### **CSP Yield Optimization**

For information on the "CSP Yield Optimisation Conference & Expo Europe", May 2011 in Seville, Spain,

see: <http://www.csptoday.com/optimisationeurope/>

## **February 25, 2011**

### **ET Solar 2.9 MW PV Plant, Germany**

ET Solar Group completed a 2.9 MW PV plant for Wattner in Germany.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4ar8yyh>

ET Solar: <http://www.etsolar.com/>

### **Scheuten Solar in UK Market**

Scheuten Solar has entered the UK market.

Press at NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/47ulr83>

pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/4q2984f>

Scheuten Solar: <http://www.scheutensolar.com/>

### **Hanwha SolarOne Results**

Hanwha SolarOne announced preliminary results.

Press at: <http://investors.solarfun-power.com/releasedetail.cfm?ReleaseID=552294>

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/6ccld7t>

NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/66d5wbr>

### **First Solar Results**

First Solar announced results.

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

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/5rhn7ky>

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

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

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

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

### **Applied Materials Results**

Applied Materials reported results.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/472qs7q>

<http://tinyurl.com/4ff3luc>

ore on Applied Materials: <http://tinyurl.com/4so3qfx>

### **Thinner Silicon Wafers**

Greentech Media posted "SiGen and a Crop of Startups Target Thinner Silicon Wafers" at:

<http://tinyurl.com/4c4atkl>

SiGen: <http://www.sigen.net/>

### **Manz Automation Production Facility**

Manz Automation is holding a groundbreaking ceremony for its new Suzhou production facility.

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

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

### **Johnson Controls PV for Housing Authority, Florida**

Johnson Controls announced construction of a 330 kW PV system for the Tampa Housing Authority.

Press at: <http://www.johnsoncontrols.com/publish/us/en/news.html>

### **More on Bosch and aleo solar**

See more on Bosch and aleo solar at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/6c5wt2e>

### **CIGS Market Report**

pv magazine covers the NanoMarkets' CIGS market report at: <http://tinyurl.com/49cen42>

### **Mounting Strategies**

pv magazine posted "Mounting systems: strategies and competitive landscapes" at:

<http://tinyurl.com/68zounn>

### **German FIT**

pv magazine covers the German PV FIT at: <http://tinyurl.com/4l6kft5>

### **UK FIT**

NewNet covers the UK FIT at: <http://tinyurl.com/4sxe2um>

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

### **OPA New Solar Projects**

The Ontario Power Authority has approved 35 solar projects.

Press at: [http://www.aer-online.com/e107\\_plugins/content/content.php?content.7364](http://www.aer-online.com/e107_plugins/content/content.php?content.7364)

More Ontario solar news: <http://ontariosolarnews.com/>

### **Solar Frontier Module Agreement with Balticsolar**

Solar Frontier signed a long-term agreement with Balticsolar GmbH.

Press at: [http://solarindustrymag.com/e107\\_plugins/content/content.php?content.7360](http://solarindustrymag.com/e107_plugins/content/content.php?content.7360)

Solar Frontier: <http://www.solar-frontier.com/MainMenu/News/19>

Balticsolar: <http://www.balticsolar.de/>

### **More on Solar3D**

See more on Solar3D's mass scale manufacturing design at Photovoltaics World:  
<http://www.electroiq.com/index/display/semi-wire-news-display/1365582122.html>  
Solar3D: <http://www.solar3d.com/>

### **Ownership and Leasing**

RenewableEnergyWorld posted "As an Investment, Can Ownership Compete with Leasing?" at:  
<http://tinyurl.com/4mg58cy>

### **SREC Price Determinants**

RenewableEnergyWorld covers SREC price determinants in 2011 at: <http://tinyurl.com/5tz349x>

### **More on Xcel Energy Solar Rebates**

See more on Xcel's solar rebate activity at:  
<http://www.kdvr.com/news/sns-ap-co-xgr--xcelenergy-solarincentives,0,734130.story>

### **Sky Solar China Set Up**

Sky Solar Holdings, Ltd. announced the formal establishment of Sky Solar New Energy Investment.  
Press at Photovoltaics World:  
<http://www.electroiq.com/index/display/pv-wire-news-display/1366509161.html>

### **DRECP Stakeholder Meeting**

The Stakeholder Committee of the California Renewable Energy Conservation Plan will meet on 9 March.  
Information at: <http://www.drecp.org/meetings/index.html>

### **Renewable Energy Focus Magazine**

Subscription information for Renewable Energy Focus, The Magazine is on line at:  
<http://www.renewableenergyfocus.com/the-magazine/>

In related solar news...

### **ARC Renewable Featured**

CSP Today features ARC Renewable in the interview at:  
<http://social.csptoday.com/qa/arc-renewable-bridges-gap-australias-micro-csp-market>

### **U.S. CSP Project Update**

CSP Today posted a US CSP project update at:  
<http://social.csptoday.com/industry-insight/us-csp-project-update-tough-year-ahead>

### **GlassPoint Featured**

See "GlassPoint Solar harnesses sun to produce oil" at:  
<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/02/24/BUE21HS6RV.DTL>  
LA Times: <http://tinyurl.com/4m6lav6> and  
<http://tinyurl.com/4c2us2m>  
GlassPoint Solar: <http://www.glasspoint.com/>

### **ACCIONA 15% Stake in Termosolar to Mitsubishi**

ACCIONA sold a 15% stake in ACCIONA Termosolar S.L. to Mitsubishi.  
Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/6xwyeey>  
<http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20110224-723551.html>  
<http://af.reuters.com/article/energyOilNews/idAFTOE71O02O20110225>  
Mitsubishi: <http://www.mitsubishicorp.com/jp/en/pr/>

### **New Materials**

See "Solar Heating and Cooling Needs New Materials" at RenewableEnergyWorld:  
<http://tinyurl.com/4erk6tw>

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**SunEdison Solar Projects, Ontario**

SunEdison has been awarded 31 MW ac of PV projects by the Ontario Power Authority.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://tinyurl.com/4f36f8y>

PV-Tech: [http://www.pv-tech.org/news/sunedison\\_awarded\\_31mw\\_of\\_ontario\\_solar\\_projects](http://www.pv-tech.org/news/sunedison_awarded_31mw_of_ontario_solar_projects)

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

**SkyPower Projects, Ontario**

SkyPower and subsidiaries were awarded 13 new power purchase contracts under Ontario's FIT totaling 148.3 MW. Press at: <http://www.skypower.com/>

**CNPV Solar Module Supply Agreement with JIT Solaire**

CNPV Solar Power SA entered into a module supply agreement with JIT Solaire.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://tinyurl.com/4m7ouuv>

PV-Tech: [http://www.pv-tech.org/news/cnpv\\_enter\\_module\\_supply\\_agreement\\_with\\_jit\\_solaire](http://www.pv-tech.org/news/cnpv_enter_module_supply_agreement_with_jit_solaire)

CNPV Power: <http://www.cnpv-power.com/>

JIT Solaire: <http://www.jit-solaire.com/>

**Roth & Rau Results**

Roth & Rau reported preliminary results.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://tinyurl.com/4stcw92>

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/45m7sg2>

Roth & Rau: <http://tinyurl.com/49v5bvp>

**More on Applied Materials Results**

See more on Applied Materials results at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4dssg4n>

Applied Materials: <http://tinyurl.com/4ch55ho>

**GT Solar Order**

GT Solar received a \$41.6 million order.

Press at Forbes: <http://tinyurl.com/46d4jas> and

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

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

GT Solar: <http://www.gtsolar.com/>

**County Approval of California Valley Solar Ranch**

The San Luis Obispo Planning Commission approved SunPower's California Valley Solar Ranch.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/6a8mx3j>

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

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

**Polysilicon Plant, Saudi Arabia**

Saudi-based Polysilicon Technology Co. has signed a \$380 million deal with South Korean companies to build a polysilicon plant in the Kingdom.

Press at: <http://af.reuters.com/article/energyOilNews/idAFLDE71Q0GC20110227>

NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/4md2d8m>

**Polysilicon Expansions**

See "New wave of polysilicon expansions bode well for PV market expansion" at PV-Tech:

<http://tinyurl.com/4psvd5a>

**Siemens Energy PV in Italy**

Siemens Energy received a follow-up order for 8 PV plants for 14 MWp in Italy from Viridis Energia.

Press at Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/4w3rfe>

Siemens Energy: <http://www.energy.siemens.com/entry/energy/hq/en/>

### **Solyndra Credit Facility**

Solyndra closed a new \$75 million credit facility.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/6f6en3h>

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

### **SNEC Wrap**

PV-Tech posted "SNEC wrap, Part I" at: <http://tinyurl.com/64wskdd>

### **SolarPV.TV Interviews**

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

### **US and Masdar Collaboration on PV Coating Technologies**

The US and Masdar are to collaborate on advancing PV coating technologies.

Press at NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/6faqt2s> and

<http://tinyurl.com/4a6ygtz>

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

### **Phoenix Solar North American Leadership Team**

Phoenix Solar announced the formation of its North American leadership team.

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

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

### **Upsolar System Certification for Japanese Market**

Upsolar received J-PEC certification for a system configuration featuring Upsolar modules.

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

PV-Tech: [http://www.pv-tech.org/news/upsolar\\_modules\\_receive\\_j\\_pec\\_certification](http://www.pv-tech.org/news/upsolar_modules_receive_j_pec_certification)

<http://tinyurl.com/45nyqts>

Upsolar: <http://www.upsolar.com/>

### **Innotech PV Modules MCS Certification**

The Innotech Solar Economy Project product range received UK MCS certification.

Press at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/466rkqr>

Innotech Solar: <http://www.innotechsolar.com/>

### **UK Solar Incentives**

Bloomberg covers UK solar incentives at: <http://tinyurl.com/4q3o88b>

### **Italian PV Market**

pv magazine covers the Italian PV market at: <http://tinyurl.com/69ovl9g>

### **French PV Limits**

pv magazine covers French PV limits at: <http://tinyurl.com/4kfscf8>

### **Solar in Ontario**

ClearSky Advisors posted articles on the Ontario PV market <http://tinyurl.com/4cos97w>

Solar in Ontario for 2015 and beyond <http://tinyurl.com/4zfv4pj> and

New solar contracts <http://tinyurl.com/48m9nwz>

More Ontario solar news at: <http://ontariosolarnews.com/>

### **DESERTEC Cooperation with Medgrid**

DESERTEC will cooperate with France's Medgrid group.

Press at Bloomberg: <http://tinyurl.com/68tcbrn>

DESERTEC: <http://www.desertec.org/en>

### **Ideal Power Converters**

Ideal Power Converters unveiled its prototype and pilot test of its PV inverter using its patented current-modulation electronic power converter technology.

Press at: <http://www.idealpowerconverters.com/>

Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/4q48wxa>

ARPA-E Energy Innovation Summit: <http://www.ct-si.org/events/EnergyInnovation/>  
<http://www.ct-si.org/events/EnergyInnovation/showcase/showcasingorganizations.html>

### **Get Some Sun Webinar Series**

See the “Get Some Sun Webinar Series” at The Vote Solar Initiative: <http://tinyurl.com/45noyhq>

### **MENASOL 2011**

See information on MENASOL 2011, 4-5 May in Casablanca, Morocco at:

<http://www.csptoday.com/solar-conference/>

### **RenewableEnergyWorld, CSP Today Postings**

RenewableEnergyWorld covers DNI satellite data and solar contractors in Industry Announcements at:

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

Also CSP Today at: <http://tinyurl.com/4pwcsfw>

### **Photovoltaics World Postings**

Photovoltaics World posted articles on flexible CIGS, PV expansion, PV reliability, bringing PV power to market, and more at: <http://www.electroiq.com/index/photovoltaics.html>

### **Solar Novus Today Newsletter**

To sign up for the Solar Novus Today Solar Flares Newsletter, go to: <http://www.solarnovus.com/>

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### **CSP Today Intelligence Brief**

CSP Today posted its CSP weekly intelligence brief at:

<http://social.csptoday.com/weekly-brief/weekly-intelligence-brief-february-21-28>