

NCPV Hotline – February 2011 **Week of 02/07/11 through 02/13/11**

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Daily News Items

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More on SunShot Initiative, PV Funding News

Greentech Media covers the DOE SunShot Initiative and PV funding news at:

<http://tinyurl.com/493npbt>

Also, CNET News: http://news.cnet.com/8301-11128_3-20030710-54.html

Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/6bbxbhg>

The Solar Home & Business Journal: <http://tinyurl.com/4da6qnm>

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4awg2kk>

Energy Matters: <http://tinyurl.com/4ddgusw>

RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/63lage2>

Forbes: <http://tinyurl.com/4r955vn>

NREL: <http://www.nrel.gov/news/press/2011/936.html>

pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/46e39aq>

Bloomberg: <http://tinyurl.com/4rlme5b>

Reuters: <http://tinyurl.com/4fzsgk3>

Louroux PV Plant in India

Louroux Bio Energies Ltd. will build a 25 MW PV project in Gujarat, India, under the Gujarat State Solar Policy 2009. Press at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/4a5btpk>

Louroux: <http://www.louroux.in/>

Carmanah Technologies Contracts

Carmanah Technologies has been awarded 4 contracts by Northland Power to design, supply and install 2 500 kW, a 250 kW and a 10 kW PV rooftop system in Canada.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://tinyurl.com/6fmxpt7>

Carmanah: <http://www.carmanah.com/>

Northland Power: <http://www.northlandpower.ca/Home.aspx>

Solar Carport for Mercedes Benz in Germany

A 132.3 kW solar carport for Mercedes Benz by juwi S

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://tinyurl.com/5s6jdyw>

juwi: http://www.juwi.com/solar_energy.html

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

Solar Technologies Demo for Schools, Texas

Houston Advanced Research Center, Pasadena Independent School District and Ignite Solar are celebrating system start-up for a 145 kW project to demonstrate the effective use of solar technologies in a public school environment

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

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

Ignite Solar: <http://ignitesolar.moonfruit.com/>

SolarWorld Results

SolarWorld reported results.

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

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4mcg378>

SolarWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/483dog4>

<http://www.solarworld.de/en/press/news/>

Parity Solar MSC Accreditation

Parity Solar announced MSC accreditation for thin-film modules. More on Parity Solar at:

<http://tinyurl.com/4tx6anw>

Parity Solar: <http://www.paritysolar.eu/>

Evergreen Solar Preliminary Results

Evergreen Solar posted preliminary fourth quarter results at: <http://tinyurl.com/66s7rl9>

Evergreen Solar: <http://evergreensolar.com/en/invest/>

DEGERenergie Results

DEGERenergie reported results.

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

DEGERenergie: <http://www.degerenergie.de/english/company.html>

Kyocera Module Supply Contract

Kyocera Corp. won a contract to supply solar modules for 2 Tohoku Electric Power Co. projects in northern Japan for a total of 3 MW.

Press at Bloomberg: <http://tinyurl.com/4tr6vcr>

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

Solar Project Alternative to Nuclear

Swiss company Megasol Energie AG has offered a nuclear power operator the chance to replace its planned nuclear power plant with an 8.9 MW solar system.

Press at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/4l4syc2>

Nextronex Energy Systems Results

pv magazine covers Nextronex Energy Systems results at: <http://tinyurl.com/45ofcgs>

Nextronex: <http://www.nextronex.com/>

Intertek Expansion

Intertek announced it has expanded its PV/solar testing certification capabilities, adding a PV lab in northern California.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4pr67hz>

Intertek: <http://www.intertek.com/solar/>

Deal Round-up

NewNet posted "Deal round-up: Solar companies shore up supply chain" at: <http://tinyurl.com/49njsky>

Inventux Featured

See "Thin film myth-busting with Inventux" at Thin Film Today: <http://tinyurl.com/4gry6g2>
<http://inventux.de/index.php?id=2&L=1>

Cleantech Movers and Shakers

See "RoseRyan names Northern California's top 25 movers & shakers in cleantech" at:
<http://www.roseryan.com/news-and-intelligence/news-release-2.03.11.php>

Greentech VC

Greentech Media posted "Billion Dollar January: Greentech VC Part 1" at: <http://tinyurl.com/4bksr95>

FITs

Greentech Media covers the Italian FIT and FIT planning and regulatory diligence in the press at:
<http://tinyurl.com/46hetld>

Coverage of UK FIT at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/4snfdb>

PV-Tech: http://international.pv-tech.org/news/u.k._government_to_launch_fit_review

Ontario FIT: <http://tinyurl.com/4m9o4oh>

Mercom Solar Market Intelligence Report

The Mercom Capital solar market intelligence report is available free via sign up at:
http://www.mercomcapital.com/market_intelligence.php

Forecast of Wind and Solar

ICIS Heren offers subscribers access to a daily forecast of wind and solar power from spotrenewables, a service from EuroWind GmbH.

Press at Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/4t2h63b>

ICIS Heren: <http://www.icis.com/heren/>

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

Heckert Solar Module Warranty

See coverage of the product warranty for Heckert Solar modules at: <http://tinyurl.com/4hektmu>

Photowatt Developments

See coverage of Photowatt developments at Photovoltaics World:

<http://www.electroiq.com/index/display/pv-wire-news-display/1353362353.html>

Photowatt: <http://www.photowatt.com/en/>

Solar in Ontario

See "Ontario's Solar Economy Suffers Temporary Setback" at CleanTechies:

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

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

Desertec

Solar Novus Today posted "Desertec: Between EU expectations and turmoil in North Africa" at:

<http://tinyurl.com/49s35bc>

Positive Views of Solar

In a survey of more than 1,000 adults in the U.S., Pike Research concluded that consumer support for solar and wind energy is extremely high.

Press at Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/4d5f4he>

<http://tinyurl.com/4gm6d74>

Pike Research: <http://www.pikeresearch.com/>

Financial Opportunities, DOE Solar Energy Technologies Program

Financial opportunities with the DOE Solar Energy Technologies Program are posted at:
http://www1.eere.energy.gov/solar/financial_opportunities.html

IPVEA PV Production Forum 2011

The International PV Equipment Association announced it is seeking speakers for the PV Production Forum 2011 at the 26th PVSEC in Hamburg, Germany, 5-9 September.

Press at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/4qhl4dj>
<http://www.ipvea.org/>

Solar Summit

Greentech Media's 2011 Solar Summit is set for 14-15 March in Palm Springs, California. Information at:
<http://tinyurl.com/47tdk8n>

In related solar news...

Arizona Corporation Commission Approval of Crossroads Solar Energy Project

SolarReserve announced it has received its final Certificates of Environmental Compatibility from the Arizona Corporation Commission for its 150 MW Crossroads Solar Energy Project.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4zbrqf3>

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

Crossroads Solar Energy Project: <http://www.crossroadssolar.com/>

CSP Today Postings

CSP Today posted "CSP project finance: Time to throw caution to the wind?", "North African uprisings put CSP investors on alert", and the weekly intelligence brief at: <http://tinyurl.com/4bq3rwy>

<http://tinyurl.com/4khj7fm>

<http://tinyurl.com/677ttt>

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solarhybrid Projects

solarhybrid has signed a strategic partnership with an Italian developer for a series of projects totaling around 30 MW by the end of 2011.

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

solarhybrid: <http://www.solarhybrid.ag/>

SCHOTT Solar Modules to India

SCHOTT Solar will deliver 200,000 SCHOTT ASI modules to Premier Solar India.

Press at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/4qfqs1q>

PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/6b9kkt9>

SCHOTT: http://www.us.schott.com/english/news/press_releases.html

Solis Partners PV System for P&R Fasteners, New Jersey

Solis Partners has been awarded a turnkey contract by P&R Fasteners for a 254.8 kW rooftop PV system in New Jersey. The project will use Solyndra panels.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://tinyurl.com/4sds6z7>

Solis Partners: <http://www.solispartners.com/>

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

Parity Solar and China National Building Materials JV

Parity Solar and China National Building Materials have formed a JV. More at: <http://tinyurl.com/4ddk7js>

Parity Solar: <http://www.paritysolar.com/>

Sybac Solar PV System in Florida

Sybac Solar LLC is building a 2 MW array in Florida.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://tinyurl.com/4n3gtuv>

Sybac Solar: <http://www.sybacsolar.com/>

Suntech Module Supply to Enerpoint

Suntech said it would supply 115 MW of PV panels to Enerpoint.

Press at Reuters: <http://af.reuters.com/article/energyOilNews/idAFLDE7170U720110208>

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

Enerpoint: <http://www.enerpoint.net/>

Tianwei SolarFilms and Sunvalley Solar Partnership

Sunvalley Solar signed an MOU with Tianwei SolarFilms to establish a partnership in the U.S.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4au3a2d>

NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/4qrq6xf>

Sunvalley Solar: <http://www.sunvalleysolarinc.com/>

Tianwei SolarFilms: <http://www.btw-solarfilms.com/>

Suniva Next-generation Solar Cell Production and Efficiency

Suniva announced its next generation ARTisun(TM) Select series solar cells are in production. These cells are achieving conversion efficiencies of more than 19%.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/45sf4b5>

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

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

Suniva: <http://www.suniva.com/>

EPIR Solar Cell Efficiency

EPIR Technologies has fabricated CdTe solar cells on commercial glass, which recently demonstrated a maximum efficiency rate of 15.2%. Press at Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/4e69dm4>

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/6gyf3m9>

EPIR Technologies: <http://www.epir.com/>

More on S.A.G. Solarstrom Sale of 2 Project Companies

S.A.G. Solarstrom has concluded the sale of 2 project companies in Apulia, Italy.

Press at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/4qjj5n8>

S.A.G. Solarstrom: <http://www.solarstromag.net/en/>

Neo Solar Power Results

Neo Solar Power reported results. Press at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4ntcnev>

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

Veeco Results

Veeco Instruments reported results. Press at NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/4ol3enf>

Veeco: <http://www.veeco.com/>

SPIRE Master UL Listing for PV Module Design

SPIRE Corporation received the master listing from UL for its PV module design.

Press at Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/69r6ath>

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/5ujf195>

SPIRE: <http://phx.corporate-ir.net/phoenix.zhtml?c=76421&p=irol-news&nyo=0>

SCHOTT Solar PV + Test

SCHOTT Solar covers its results in the PV + Test at: <http://tinyurl.com/4pctbnw>

PV + Test: <http://www.solarpraxis.de/en/>

http://www.pvtest.de/index_en.html

Sharp Solar PV + Test

pv magazine covers Sharp solar modules PV + Test results at: <http://tinyurl.com/4efe7f3>

IBC Solar in the UK Market

IBC Solar is targeting the UK market. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4rs24ta>

IBC Solar: <http://www.abc-solar.com/>

CIGS Efficiency Enhancement

Scientists at Leibniz Institute for New Materials have developed a glass-like barrier layer said to increase efficiency of metal-based CIGS thin-film solar cells.

Press at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4tqsre8>

Thin-film Manufacturing

RenewableEnergyWorld posted "Why Less is More: How Thin-film Manufacturing is Finding Momentum" at: <http://tinyurl.com/4vrykvm>

SolarTech Report

See "Second SolarTech collaborative report focuses on photovoltaics production" at:

<http://tinyurl.com/4z9juuq>

SolarTech: <http://www.solartech.org/>

EuPD Research and British PV Association Agreement

EuPD Research and the British Photovoltaic Association have reached agreement for their close cooperation in the global PV industry.

Press at: <http://www.eupd-research.com/en/presse/pressemitteilungen/>

pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/4a5duvb>

PV in 2011, Future FITs

RenewableEnergyWorld posted "In 2011: Diversification in PV Tech, Equipment Sophistication, CPV Gains" at: <http://tinyurl.com/4qsmcrh>

See also "What we really need in future feed-in tariffs" at Photovoltaics World: <http://tinyurl.com/4tz6oda>

SEMI and Linx PV Materials Report

SEMI and Linx-AEI Consulting announced a new report about growth opportunities in the PV materials market. Press at Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/4ojluzk>

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4e9ruqq>

SEMI: <http://www.semi.org/en/index.htm>

Renewable Energy in India, Spain and Portugal

RenewableEnergyWorld posted "India's Renewable Future: Challenges and Prospects" at

<http://tinyurl.com/642qyhg> and "Spain and Portugal Lead the Way on Renewable Energy Transformation"

at <http://tinyurl.com/4w9a9kk>

Solar and Renewable Energy Markets

See coverage of solar and other renewables markets in

Japan: <http://tinyurl.com/6lg46ro>

Asia Pacific: <http://tinyurl.com/5spsd4y>

Australia: <http://tinyurl.com/63rzefl>

PV Market in Europe

See "PV market under threat in Europe: Brussels wades in on retroactive measures" at Thin Film Today:

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

Boulder County PV, Colorado

See "Boulder County towns ramping up municipal-building solar panels" at:

http://www.dailycamera.com/ci_17298002

PV System Development Video Series

Avnet Electronics Marketing America and STMicroelectronics have teamed to create a series of technical videos focusing on the challenges and solutions in PV system development.

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

Big Solar

RenewableEnergyWorld posted the blog "Why Big Solar is not Better Solar" at: <http://tinyurl.com/6ckazeo>

Solar Terawatt-hours Conference

See press on PHOTON's Solar Terawatt-hours Conference, 15-17 February in San Francisco, California, at: <http://tinyurl.com/6fmj8gz>

In related solar news...

Flextronics Services for eSolar

Flextronics is to provide electromechanical design services to eSolar.

Press at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4lxyy67>

Flextronics: <http://www.flextronics.com/>

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

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SDG&E and NRG Solar Deal

San Diego Gas & Electric has entered into a 25-year contract with NRG Solar to buy 26 MW of solar energy from a proposed facility in San Diego County, California.

Press at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4v8n7al> and

<http://tinyurl.com/4fchqm8>

NRG Solar: <http://www.nrgsolarenergy.com/>

Campbell 9.8 MW Solar System, Ohio

Campbell Soup Company has entered into a PPA and Land Lease Agreement with BNB Napoleon Solar LLC to construct a 9.8 MW PV system in Ohio.

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

SCE and First Solar PPA

Southern California Edison has signed a PPA with First Solar for 250 MW ac of PV-generated electricity.

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

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

Angus Power Project Financing

Angus Power secured project financing from Solar Power Partners of California and JCM Capital of Toronto that will go towards a minimum of 10 MW of commercial-scale rooftop installations throughout Ontario.

Press at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4l86gtk> and

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

Angus Power: <http://www.hhangus.com/anguspower.html>

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

Sharp Modules for Brea Project, California

The City of Brea's 1.8 MW solar power project designed by Chevron Energy Solutions is under construction using Sharp modules.

Press at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4rnjuv2>

Chevron Energy Solutions: <http://www.chevronenergy.com/>

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

juwi Hellas Projects

juwi Hellas S.A. realized projects with a total output of 9.5 MW in Greece in 2010.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4n3n2op>

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

juwi: http://www.juwi.com/about_us/locations_worldwide.html

PetersenDean Solar Project, Puerto Rico

PetersenDean announced it has begun work on a combined SmarterRoof(TM) and solar energy project at the U.S. Coast Guard base in Puerto Rico.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4a5h8o4>

PetersenDean: <http://www.petersendean.com/>

Better Solar Cell

Greentech Media posted "A New Way to a Better Solar Cell" covering work at Caltech at:

<http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/read/a-new-way-to-a-better-solar-cell/>

Solar3D Development Plans

Solar3D announced details of its plan for the development of its solar cell.

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

<http://tinyurl.com/4q96z54>

Solar3D: <http://www.Solar3D.com/>

Yingli and Borrego Solar Agreement

Yingli Green Energy Americas has signed a 20 MW PV module supply agreement with Borrego Solar Systems. Press at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/4sh4rea>

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

Greentech Media: <http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/read/yingli-borrego/>

Yingli: <http://www.yinglisolar.com/>

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

Amtech Systems Results

Amtech reported results at: <http://www.amtechsystems.com/pressreleases/Q1.11.html>

REC Results, Outlook

REC reported results and an outlook.

Press at Bloomberg: <http://tinyurl.com/4mh8o6n>

REC: <http://www.recgroup.com/en/media/>

Energy Conversion Devices Results

Energy Conversion Devices reported results at: <http://investor.shareholder.com/ovonics/releases.cfm>

Evergreen Solar Results

Evergreen Solar announced updated, unaudited preliminary results for the fourth quarter at:

<http://evergreensolar.com/en/invest/>

IBC Solar Expansion

IBC Solar is to expand its operations in Europe and Asia.

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

IBC Solar: <http://www.abc-solar.com/>

DayStar Funding

DayStar Technologies announced it has entered into a \$5 million securities purchase agreement with Socius CG II, Ltd. Press at Photovoltaics World:

<http://www.electroiq.com/index/display/pv-wire-news-display/1355156475.html>

DayStar: <http://www.daystartech.com/news.cfm>

Solar Lease Program

Solar Universe announced the availability of BriteLease(TM) backed by Suntech.
Press at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/4zp6qk5>
Solar Universe: <http://www.solaruniverse.com/>

Magnolia Solar IP

See "Magnolia Solar Patent Filings Detail New Thin-Film Technologies" as Solar Novus Today:
<http://tinyurl.com/4fv4lr2>
Magnolia Solar: <http://www.MagnoliaSolar.com/>

Sharp Featured, PV Installer Survey

ClearSky Advisors features Sharp and a PV Installer Survey in the press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4unto6k>

CPV Report

Photovoltaics World covers the "Concentrated Photovoltaics Industry Report" at: <http://tinyurl.com/4z8cjsf>

Solar in Arizona

See "Arizona Solar Power Society Seeks to Build \$825 Million Portfolio of Solar Finance, Solar Lease and SREC Incentive Programs to Fund Residential and Commercial Solar Installations" at
RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/4f4pum4>

Solar Cheaper than Gas?

RenewableEnergyWorld posted "Solar PV Becoming Cheaper than Gas in California?" at:
<http://tinyurl.com/4hncenb>

Bankability

RenewableEnergyWorld posted "Navigating the Road to Bankability for Solar Project Financing" at:
<http://tinyurl.com/49t2atl>

Environmental Security Technology Certification Program Solicitation

See information on the ESTCP "Installation Energy Solicitation" at:
<http://www.serdp.org/Funding-Opportunities/ESTCP-Solicitations/Installation-Energy-Solicitation>

UK FIT

SolarPlaza covers the UK FIT at:
<http://www.solarplaza.com/news/uk-feed-in-tariff-review-bad-news-for-pv>
More UK solar news at: <http://www.solarpowerportal.co.uk/>

Solar in India

Solar Novus Today posted "India's Readiness as Solar Energy Leader" at: <http://tinyurl.com/5w5bmys>

India Solar Rules

See "India Solar Rules Burn U.S." at: <http://tinyurl.com/5taekh9>

REFF-LAC

The Renewable Energy Finance Forum – Latin America and the Caribbean is set for 22-23 February in Miami, Florida. Information at: <http://www.refflac.com/>

In related solar news...

MENA CSP

See "MENA Assessment of the Local Manufacturing Potential For Concentrated Solar Power Projects" at:
<http://awi.worldbank.org/content/awi/en/home/research/kcb1.html>
<http://tinyurl.com/4ttgpo9>

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SkyPower Project on Canadian First Nation Land

SkyPower Limited signed an agreement with Fort Williams First Nation for the development of a 10 MW solar park in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Press at Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/4kv2aar>

SkyPower: <http://www.skypower.com/>

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

Centrotherm Photovoltaics Panel Factory, Algeria

Algeria awarded a contract to Centrotherm Photovoltaics AG for the construction of a solar panel factory.

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

Centrotherm Photovoltaics: <http://www.centrotherm-pv.com/en/>

Fluitemecnik Module Supply Agreement with Rios Renovables

Fluitemecnik signed a 60 MW supply agreement with Rios Renovables.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://tinyurl.com/46k6qgg>

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/64hme36>

Fluitemecnik: <http://www.fluitemecnik.com/index.php?id=118>

Rios Renovables: <http://www.riosrenovables.com/index.php?lang=english>

Hawaiian Electric PPA with IC Sunshine

Hawaiian Electric and IC Sunshine, a subsidiary of Axio Power Holdings, established a PPA for IC Sunshine to sell electric power to the utility over 20 years from a 5 MW solar farm on Oahu.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://tinyurl.com/6ywfpk5>

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/6ctr4fb>

Axio Power: <http://www.axiopower.com/news/>

Solar Silicon from Kazakhstan

Kun Renewables LLP expects to begin exporting purified silicon used in solar cells from a new plant next year. Press at Bloomberg: <http://tinyurl.com/6evlzqk>

http://www.lancasterholding.com/2007/09/13/kun_energy.html

Varian Semiconductor Solar Cell Development

PV-Tech covers Varian Semiconductor's solar cell development at: <http://tinyurl.com/4z7wrnp>

Photovoltaics World: <http://tinyurl.com/4k2aty6>

Varian Semiconductor: <http://tinyurl.com/4qjqkx9>

Lanco in Solar Business

See "Lanco's foray into Solar Business" at: <http://tinyurl.com/4rkmrkg>

Evergreen Solar Press

Evergreen Solar has posted additional press at: <http://evergreensolar.com/en/invest/>

Kruger Energy and Helios Energy JV

Kruger Energy and Helios Energy have formed a JV to develop large-scale rooftop solar energy systems in North America. Press at: <http://www.heliosenergy.ca/whyhelios/kruger>

Kruger Energy: <http://www.krugerenergy.com/>

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

BP Solar and MetLife Solar Farm

BP Solar and MetLife have agreed to joint ownership of the Long Island Solar Farm, a 32 MW project under construction at Brookhaven National Laboratory in New York.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://tinyurl.com/6yzconk>

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

Bisol Project in Slovenia

Bisol has completed a 1 MW PV rooftop system in Slovenia.

Press at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/6kkn2r6>

Bisol: <http://www.bisol.com/en/>

8.5 MW PV Farm in Bari, Italy

Alerion Energie Rinnovabili Srl obtained regulatory consent for the construction and management of an 8.5 MW PV farm in the province of Bari. Press at Photovoltaics World:

<http://www.electroiq.com/index/display/pv-wire-news-display/1356263985.html>

Enel Green Power Plant Expansion

Enel Green Power will start work on doubling the Serre Persano plant in Campania to 6.6 MW. Press at Photovoltaics World: <http://www.electroiq.com/index/display/pv-wire-news-display/1356263976.html>

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

Solyndra Modules in Two Projects

See “Texas and Georgia rooftop solar installations incorporate Solyndra modules” at PV-Tech:

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

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

California State University Bakersfield and SunEdison Solar Canopy

CSU Bakersfield and SunEdison are celebrating the activation of a 1.2 MW solar canopy.

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

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

Ricoh Electronics PV System, California

Ricoh Electronics in Tustin completed a 350 kW rooftop system developed by SPG Solar Inc.

Press at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/4o2qrvm>

SPG Solar: <http://tinyurl.com/4o2qrvm>

HelioVolt Featured

PV-Tech’s Blog features HelioVolt at: <http://tinyurl.com/6bt99y7>

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

Greentech Media PV Report

Information on Greentech Media’s report “PV Bill of Materials Outlook: 2010-2015” is on line at:

<http://www.gtmresearch.com/report/pv-bill-of-materials-outlook-2010-2015>

Press: <http://tinyurl.com/4r7l6mh>

Greentech Media Postings

Greentech Media has a number of new postings at the solar channel at:

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

Solar Server Interview with Conrad Burke

Solar Server interviews Conrad Burke, President and CEO of Innovalight, at: <http://tinyurl.com/6gqo5ed>

Innovalight: http://www.innovalight.com/company_management.htm

PV in 2011

See “2011: All the Makings of an ‘Interesting’ Year in Solar PV” at RenewableEnergyWorld:

<http://tinyurl.com/64hsham>

Solar Panel Mounting Systems

Solar Novus Today posted “Choosing a Solar Panel Mounting System” at: <http://tinyurl.com/4ashj9h>

Upsolar CSTB Certification

Upsolar in partnership with Soleos Solar and Oxysoleil obtained CSTB certification.
Press at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/6h4xdq6> <http://tinyurl.com/48l5mdv>
Upsolar: <http://www.upsolar.com/>

Spanish Pre-registry

Photovoltaics World posted "First call for 2011 adds 115 MW PV projects to Spanish pre-registry" at:
<http://tinyurl.com/4ahrzp3>

CleanTechies Postings

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

Community Solar

DOE released the second edition of "Solar Powering Your Community: A Guide for Local Governments".
Press at: http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/progress_alerts.cfm/pa_id=480

SOLARIS Newsletter

EPIA's SOLARIS Newsletter, public edition, is on line at:
<http://www.epia.org/publications/solaris-newsletter/editorial.html>

Renewable Energy in Australia

See information on Renewable Energy in Australia at: <http://tinyurl.com/4tqkj8u>

California New Solar Homes Partnership

The presentation for the February 8 Staff Workshop on Upcoming Changes to the New Solar Homes Partnership Guidebook is on line at:
<http://www.energy.ca.gov/renewables/06-NSHP-1/documents/#020811>

Solar Positions

See new solar appointments at PV-Tech's Going Places at:
http://international.pv-tech.org/news/list/category/going_places

In related solar news...

CSP Summit India

The 2nd CSP Today Concentrated Solar Thermal Power Summit India is set for 12-13 April in New Delhi.
Information at: <http://www.csptoday.com/india/>

TUV Rheinland PTL Keymark Accreditation

TUV Rheinland PTL, LLC received Keymark accreditation by DIN CERTCO to perform solar thermal collector testing and performance verification.

Press at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/4q5x39p>

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Samba Energy and Martifer Solar Systems for Hertz

Samba Energy announced a 2.3 MW program with The Hertz Corporation. This initial program includes solar systems at 15 Hertz facilities across the U.S. Samba Energy is providing its enterprise software platform – Samba SunSpotter – for investment analysis as well as project management of installation, which is being completed by Martifer Solar USA.

More in the press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4u4oryu>

Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/industry-news/samba-energy-supports-hertz-solar-program>

Samba Energy: <http://www.sambaenergy.com/>

Martifer Solar USA: <http://www.martifersolarusa.com/>

Volthaus and EGing Module Supply Agreement

Volthaus GmbH has entered into a 20 MWp module supply contract with EGing Photovoltaic Technology. Press at Solarbuzz:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/industry-news/volthaus-and-eging-sign-module-supply-agreement>

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4ss333j>

Volthaus: <http://www.volthaus.com/>

EGing: <http://www.egingpv.com/English/index.aspx>

AUO Crystal Corp Solar Wafer Plant

AUO Crystal Corp is to establish a solar wafer plant in Taiwan with initial capacity of 300 MW.

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

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

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4ozb7uq>

Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/46wto8h>

AUO: <http://www.auo.com/?sn=101&lang=en-US>

PVN PV Plant on Landfill, California

PVNavigator has entered into an agreement with the County of San Bernardino to build a 2 MW PV plant on a closed landfill.

Press at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/6erd9mt>

Project Navigator: <http://www.projectnavigator.com/>

Four Rivers Expansion into Solar

Four Rivers BioEnergy is to expand into solar through a JV partnership with Noble Solar Industries.

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

<http://tinyurl.com/47gmal8>

Four Rivers: <http://www.riv4ers.com/index.html>

Noble Solar: <http://www.noblesolarindustries.com/>

Suniva Featured

See "Suniva to invest \$15 million in Norcross solar cell plant" at:

<http://www.bizjournals.com/atlanta/print-edition/2011/02/11/suniva.html>

Suniva: <http://www.suniva.com/>

Green Energy Technology Results

Green Energy Technology reported results.

Press at DigiTimes: <http://www.digitimes.com/print/a20110208PD204.html>

Green Energy Technology: <http://www.getinc.com.tw/en/Default.htm>

Hoku Results

Hoku reported results. Press at Reuters:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/02/10/us-hoku-idUSTRE71986G20110210>

<http://tinyurl.com/4r7kcms>

Hoku: <http://hoku.client.shareholder.com/ReleaseDetail.cfm?ReleaseID=549361>

Solar EnerTech Results

Solar EnerTech reported unaudited results.

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

Solar EnerTech: <http://www.solare-power.com/en/index/>

UK FIT

PV-Tech covers the UK FIT at:

http://international.pv-tech.org/news/backlash_to_u.k._feed_in_tariff_review_begins

RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/4kjas7w>

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

PV Installation Figures for Italy

See coverage of Italy's PV installation figures at PV-Tech:

http://international.pv-tech.org/news/italys_gse_updates_pv_installation_figures

Solar in France

Bloomberg covers solar in France at: <http://tinyurl.com/4eozk9v>

EPIA "Your Sun Your Energy" Initiative

EPIA has launched a new initiative called "Your Sun Your Energy".

Press at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4uyp7qr>

Your Sun Your Energy: <http://www.yoursunyourenergy.com/>

State RPSs

Greentech Media covers state renewable programs under attack at: <http://tinyurl.com/63dyc5g>

SunEdison Headquarters

According to this press, SunEdison is moving its headquarters from Maryland to Belmont, California.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4kl9fsn>

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

Premier Power President and COO

Premier Power Renewable Energy announced a new President and COO.

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

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

SolarPV.TV

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

PV Inverter Industry

Photovoltaics World covers the PV inverter industry by IMS Research at: <http://tinyurl.com/4oaha7g>

Thin-film CIS Conference

See coverage of PHOTON's Thin Film Conference on 16 February in San Francisco at:

<http://tinyurl.com/659bsch> http://www.photon-expo.com/en/pts_2011_usa/pvtfc_2011_program.htm

CPV-7

CPV-7, International Conference on Concentrating Photovoltaic Systems is set for 4-6 April in Las Vegas, Nevada. Information at: <http://www.cpv-7.org/cms/>

In related solar news...

CSP Today Postings

CSP Today posted "Why glass is feeling the heat in the CSP reflector space" and "India site procurement: Overcoming DNI data availability, permitting and regulatory challenges" at:

<http://social.csptoday.com/industry-insight/why-glass-feeling-heat-csp-reflector-space>

<http://tinyurl.com/4s4jxp8>

CSP 2011 Webinar

For information on Greentech Media's Webinar "Concentrating Solar Power 2011: Technology, Costs and Markets" on 15 February, see:

<http://www.greentechmedia.com/events/webinar/concentrating-solar-power-2011-technology-costs-and-markets/>