

NCPV Hotline – March 2011
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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

Some of the following news items are available as Adobe Acrobat PDFs. [Download Adobe Reader](#).

March 1, 2011

Helios USA Manufacturing Facility in Wisconsin

Helios USA has opened a new manufacturing facility in Wisconsin with an annual capacity of 40 MW, and plans for 120 MW.

Press at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/4upt4vp>

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4b8dw4c>

Helios USA: <http://helios-usa.com/>

TEP Solar Plants in Italy

TEP Solar has agreed to acquire 2 of BP Solar's Italian solar projects worth 2 MW.

Press at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/4ktb9et>

PV-Tech: http://www.pv-tech.org/news/tep_solar_buys_two_bp_solar_solar_plants_in_italy

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

Solar SW PV Project, England

Solar SW is building an over 1 MW PV project in Somerset.

Press at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/46pykl7>

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

JA Solar Production Base

JA Solar is investing over \$2 billion for a 3 GW integrated solar industry production base for solar cells in China's Anhui Province.

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

Related news: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/03/01/idUSL3E7E11JO20110301>

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

JinkoSolar Results

JinkoSolar reported results.

Press at NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/5umm43u>

JinkoSolar: <http://www.jinkosolar.com/>

ReneSola Results

ReneSola reported results.

Press at: <http://www.rttnews.com/Content/BreakingNews.aspx?Node=B1&Id=1564783>

ReneSola: <http://www.renesola.com/>

Hanwha SolarOne Relationship with CNBM International

Hanwha SolarOne has extended its relationship with CNBM International by entering into a framework supply agreement for 50 MW of PV modules.

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

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4w9o4du>

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

ArcelorMittal and OPDE Cooperation

ArcelorMittal Construcción Espana and Group OPDE are cooperating on PV projects.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://tinyurl.com/68jqwj6>

ArcelorMittal: <http://www.arcelormittal.com/>

OPDE: <http://www.opde.net/bin/index.php>

1366 Technologies Investment

1366 Technologies has received new investment from General Electric and VantagePoint Venture Partners as part of a \$28.4 m investment round.

Press at NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/6l2yzu6> and

<http://tinyurl.com/6yfo45t>

1366 Technologies: <http://www.1366tech.com/>

GE: <http://www.ge.com/>

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

VantagePoint Venture Partners: <http://www.vpvp.com/>

Ascent Solar Loan Guarantee Application

Ascent Solar's DOE Loan Guarantee application for its proposed 150 MW FAB3 project has advanced to the due diligence phase of review.

Press at Ascent Solar: <http://investors.ascentsolar.com/releases.cfm>

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

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/473ydney>

Eversol Loan

Eversol Corp. hired First Commercial Bank to arrange a loan of as much as NT\$5 billion to help build a solar wafer plant and boost working capital.

Press at Bloomberg: <http://tinyurl.com/5w8a2qy>

Eversol Corp.: <http://www.eversolcorp.com/>

Key Equipment Finance Financing for Solar Installation, Colorado

Key Equipment Finance has provided financing for the Town of Superior to obtain 2 ground-mounted PV systems to be installed by Bella Energy.

Press at: <http://www.kefonline.com/News/NewsArchives/2011/02282011.asp>

Bella Energy: <http://www.bellaenergy.com/>

Greentech Media Postings

Greentech Media posted several new articles covering the "direction of the vertically integrated", Soliant, new executives, Unirac's share of the North American market, and other topics at the solar channel at:

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

New Solar Appointments

PV-Tech covers new solar appointments at Going Places:

http://www.pv-tech.org/news/list/category/going_places/

Also Hoku: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9LM3GSG0.htm>

Global Solar Energy: <http://tinyurl.com/5tt5qj3>

OPEL Solar Featured

CPV Today talks with the COO at the US headquarters of OPEL Solar at:

<http://tinyurl.com/4u7gkng>

OPEL Solar: <http://www.opelinc.com/>

CPV Today Intelligence Brief

CPV Today's Intelligence Brief is posted at: <http://tinyurl.com/6avvy8t>

HelioSage Solar Array for High School, New Jersey

See coverage of HelioSage's solar array for a New Jersey high school at RenewableEnergyWorld:

<http://tinyurl.com/4o7rg33>

HelioSage: <http://www.heliosage.com/>

FLEXcon Backsheets

FLEXcon announced that its backsheets are being used by Unconquered Sun Solar Technologies as part of a newly certified module.

Press at Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/4a6rv8u>

FLEXcon: <http://www.flexcon.com/>

Unconquered Sun: <http://www.unconqueredsun.org/>

BioSolar Product UL Certification

BioSolar reported that its BioBacksheet product has received UL materials certification.

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

BioSolar: <http://www.biosolar.com/>

Aide Solar Panel Certification

See coverage of Aide Solar panel certification at: <http://tinyurl.com/4cpqenc>

Aide Solar: <http://www.aidesolar.com/>

Solar Cell Efficiency

Solar Novus Today posted "Research Update: Increasing Solar Cell Efficiency" at:

<http://tinyurl.com/4flv5rd>

Envision Solar Tracking System

Envision Solar International, Inc. has completed the final design and engineering for the first 3 full-scale, fully operational, multi-axis EnvisionTrak(TM) tracking systems.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4w6c3vs>

Envision Solar: <http://envisionsolar.com/>

IREC Report

The Interstate Renewable Energy Council Report is posted at:

<http://irecusa.org/2011/02/the-irec-report-feb-2011/>

DTE Energy RFP

DTE Energy issued an RFP to identify companies to work with DTE Energy on large-scale solar energy installations.

Press and information at: <http://tinyurl.com/4en8ak5>

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4owf4kh>

Distributed Solar and Utilities

RenewableEnergyWorld posted "Will Distributed Solar Drive Utilities to Bankruptcy?" at:

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

PVEL Testing Laboratory

See "PV Evolution Labs Launches State-of-the Art Independent Solar Testing Facilities" at:

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

PVEL: <http://www.pvel.com/>

PVT Solar Name Change

PVT Solar is now EchoFirst Inc.

More at: <http://tinyurl.com/4qnpna5>

Echo: <http://www.pvtsolar.com/>

PV America

PV America is set for 3-5 April in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Information at:

<http://www.pvamericaexpo.com/PVA11/Public/Enter.aspx>

PV Fab Managers Forum

The PV Fab Managers Forum is set for 20-22 March in Berlin, Germany. Information at:

<http://www.semi.org/en/P040664>

Printed Electronics and Photovoltaics Europe 2011

Printed Electronics Europe and Photovoltaics Europe 2011 are set for 5-6 April in Dusseldorf, Germany.

Information at: <http://www.idtechex.com/printed-electronics-europe-11/>

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Scatec Solar PV Project in Italy

Scatec Solar has completed a 4 MW PV plant in Italy.

Press at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/4kqkz5>

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

Belectric and Solar Frontier Module Deal

Belectric has signed a 3-year contract to sell and install Solar Frontier's CIS modules.

Press at NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/49ggsq7>

pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/4fylvz3>

Belectric: <http://www.belectric.com/en/home/>

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

Trina Solar Agreement with Zep Solar

Trina Solar signed a licensing, sales and marketing agreement with Zep Solar.

Press at Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/4z6auc4>

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

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

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

RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/47qc3n9>

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

Zep Solar: <http://www.zepsolar.com/>

BrightRoof Solar Featured

BrightRoof Solar has been formed to focus on financing, developing, owning and operating rooftop solar projects in Ontario.

Press at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4l6z8ha> and

<http://tinyurl.com/4vez9sc>

BrightRoof Solar: <http://www.carbonfreetechnology.com/content/brightroof-solar-lp>

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

Solaria Energia Modules for PV Projects in Greece

Solaria Energia y Medio Ambiente SA has signed a strategic agreement to supply 12.5 MW of modules for various projects developed with Positive Energy in Greece.

Press at: http://solarindustrymag.com/e107_plugins/content/content.php?content.7380

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

Positive Energy: <http://www.positiveenergy.gr/>

BTU International Results

BTU International reported results.

Press at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4rmrwqa> and <http://tinyurl.com/482724p>

TU International: <http://www.btu.com/>

Day4 Energy Module MCS Certification

Day4 Energy received MCS status enabling it to begin selling Day4 60MC-I modules in the UK.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/47blfxq>

Day4 Energy: <http://www.day4energy.co.uk/>

Q-Cells Office in the UK

Q-Cells will be opening an office in London.

Press at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/4fsto97>

Q-Cells: <http://www.q-cells.com/en/company/index.html>

Solar Investment Group Italian Solar Funds

Solar Investment Group launched its third solar asset fund and a second solar development fund to take advantage of Italy's FIT. Press at NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/4qz8q2x>

Solar Investment Group: <http://www.solarinvestmentgroup.it/>

More on DayStar Technologies

See more on DayStar Technologies developments at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/46qr2sn>

DayStar Technologies: <http://www.daystartech.com/>

Advanced Energy Order from Centrotherm

Advanced Energy Industries, Inc. announced a \$20 million follow-on order from Centrotherm Photovoltaics AG.

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

Advanced Energy: <http://www.advanced-energy.com/>

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

LADWP and SolarWorld 11.6 MW PV System, California

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power has joined with SolarWorld to develop an 11.6 MW DC solar system. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4n53yqm>

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

SunWize Partnership with SunRun

SunWize Systems has partnered with SunRun for home solar power in California.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4ng3krn>

SunWize: <http://sunwize.com/systems/local-offices.php>

SunRun: <http://www.sunrunhome.com/>

HyperSolar Featured

HyperSolar is featured in the press at: <http://tinyurl.com/6zyyllg>

HyperSolar: <http://www.hypersolar.com/>

Solar in Nevada

A Master Service Agreement with GA-SNC Solar allows the company to begin negotiating with Nevada state agencies and the Department of Energy on contracts to install solar power projects.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4p32e22>

Applied Materials Featured

PV-Tech covers Applied Materials in the Blog at: <http://tinyurl.com/6jfsoc>

Applied Materials: <http://www.appliedmaterials.com/>

Photovoltaics World

The March 2011 issue of Photovoltaics World is on line at:

<http://www.electroiq.com/index/photovoltaics.html>

See also current articles and industry news.

Cleantech Conference Blog Post

Gunther Portfolio posted "Calisolar emphasizes Solar Silicon at Jefferies Clean Technology Conference" at: <http://tinyurl.com/4np4j36>

Green Tech Class of 2001

Greentech Media posted "The Green Tech Class of 2001: How Have They Fared?" at:

<http://tinyurl.com/4oyb39w>

Italian PV Market Debate

pv magazine covers the Italian PV market debate at: <http://tinyurl.com/4gh76nb>

PV-Tech: http://www.pv-tech.org/news/no_cap_expected_in_italy

PV in France

PV-Tech covers PV in France at: <http://tinyurl.com/4s2jqar>

PV LEGAL News

See the latest news from PV LEGAL at: <http://www.pvlegal.eu/>

SolarNexus Business Management Software

SolarNexus has enhanced its web-based solar business management software.

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

SolarNexus: <http://www.solarnexus.com/>

Solar Panel Waste Management

CPV Today posted "Solar panel waste management: big business yet to be tapped?" at:

<http://tinyurl.com/469vrzi>

U.S. PV Market Perspective

RenewableEnergyWorld posted "The U.S. PV Market: A Tale of David vs. Goliath?" at:

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

PV Expo and Ecobuild

pv magazine covers the PV Expo in Tokyo, Japan at: <http://tinyurl.com/4mb5jsr>

Also, Ecobuild in London at: <http://tinyurl.com/4cy2v8g>

SEMA Conference

See information on the SEMA Conference, 24-26 May in San Jose, California at:

<http://www.solar-ema.org/calendar.html>

In related solar news...

Solar for Oil

Greentech Media posted "Solar for Oil" at: <http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/read/solar-for-oil/>

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CNPV Module Contract with Sun'R SAS

CNPV Solar Power SA entered into a long-term partnership agreement with Sun'R SAS.

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

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

Sun'R: <http://www.sunr.fr/>

CBD Energy Contracts in Italy

CBD Energy won 2 contracts to set up 40 MW of solar farms in Italy.

Press at Bloomberg: <http://tinyurl.com/47csxbm>

CBD Energy: <http://www.cbdenergy.com.au/>

Q-Cells Module Efficiency

Q-Cells has developed a polycrystalline module with an efficiency rating of 17.84% and output of 268 Watts. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4jxmhy>

XsunX Agreement with Telecoms Technology

XsunX reached an agreement with Taiwan-based Telecoms Technology that will see its CIGS technology penetrate Asia markets.

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

Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/4n7zww2>

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

XsunX: <http://www.xsunx.com/>

5N Plus Acquiring MCP Group

5N Plus will buy virtually all of the outstanding shares of MCP Group.

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

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

centrotherm photovoltaics Module Line for Kioto

Austria's Kioto Photovoltaics bought a turnkey module line for its new 50 MW manufacturing system from centrotherm photovoltaics.

Press at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/63vo5q>

Kioto: <http://www.kioto.com/>

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

Western Wind Solar PPA, Puerto Rico

According to this press, Western Wind Energy Corp. signed a 30 MW PV PPA with Puerto Rico Electric Power. Press at: http://solarindustrymag.com/e107_plugins/content/content.php?content.7405

<http://www.electroiq.com/index/display/pv-wire-news-display/1370280723.html>

Western Wind Energy: <http://www.westernwindenergy.com/s/Home.asp>

Amtech Orders

Amtech reported solar orders. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/6bcekun>

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

Class of 2002

Greentech Media posted "The Class of 2002: The Sequel" on how green companies have fared in their first several years of business at:

<http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/read/the-class-of-2002-the-sequel/>

Cutting Solar Costs

Greentech Media posted "Dropping Solar Costs by \$0.50 Per Watt With Smart Permits" featuring a report from SunRun at: <http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/read/sunrun/>

SunRun: <http://www.sunrunhome.com/>

PV Inverter Reliability

Solar Novus Today posted "PV Inverter Reliability, Part 3" at: <http://tinyurl.com/6z7pyl6>

Grid Parity

NewNet posted "Solar industry to reach parity in 2012, analysts predict" at: <http://tinyurl.com/4p9p64b>

Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/4d3ytzq>

Module Supply

See “Growing Fears of PV Module Oversupply in 2011” at RenewableEnergyWorld:
<http://tinyurl.com/4c87dpf>

Flexible CIGS

See “Flexible CIGS PV: a new show coming soon to a rooftop near you” at Photovoltaics World:
<http://tinyurl.com/62nrxyt>

PPG PV Glass Grant

PPG Industries received a \$3.1 million grant from the U.S. DOE to develop materials, coating designs and manufacturing processes to commercialize a new glass for CdTe.
Press at Photovoltaics World: <http://tinyurl.com/4nrdq9e>

PV News

The latest issue of PVNews is available [by subscription] including a new PV supply sales agreement tracker, an analysis of vertical integration in the past year, a bill of materials cost outlook report excerpt, North American-European-Asian news digests, the utility-scale project pipeline and large-scale project announcements, and European and North American FIT trackers. Information at:
<http://www.gtmresearch.com/report/pv-news>

More on Solar in Italy

Reuters covers solar in Italy at: <http://af.reuters.com/article/energyOilNews/idAFLDE72210520110303>
Also, pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/4e9gbn7>
EuPD: <http://www.eupd-research.com/en/presse/pressemitteilungen/>

UK Solar and Renewable Energy Associations Join Forces

The UK’s Solar Trade Association and Renewable Energy Association will join forces.
Press at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/4bvnzuv>
Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/4ak58ra>

Israeli PV

pv magazine covers Israeli PV at: <http://tinyurl.com/4gtg8vc>

PV Tax Measures, India

pv magazine covers new PV tax measures in India at: <http://tinyurl.com/4zfv5ud>

Solar in China

According to this press at DigiTimes, China’s 5 largest state-owned power companies have plans to set up their own solar farms. Press at: <http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20110301PD205.html>

Solar in the UK

See coverage of the Save our Solar campaign in the UK at: <http://tinyurl.com/46k35rj>
More on solar in the UK at: <http://www.solarpowerportal.co.uk/>

Solar in Saudi Arabia

VentureBeat posted “How solar and oil can coexist in Saudi Arabia” at:
<http://venturebeat.com/2011/03/02/saudi-arabia-solar-oil/>

New Solar Appointments

PV-Tech covers new solar appointments at “Going Places” at:
http://www.pv-tech.org/news/list/category/going_places

Update on Desertec

SolarPlaza provides an update on Desertec at: <http://tinyurl.com/4ez5jwo>

Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Indices

Coverage of Ernst & Young's latest global Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Indices is posted at: <http://tinyurl.com/6fq7h85>
pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/47kxyjy>

CLEAN LA, California

See coverage of support for the CLEAN LA solar program at: <http://tinyurl.com/4d649e2>

Equipment Auction

PV-Tech posted information on an upcoming equipment auction at: http://www.pv-tech.org/news/sixtrons_equipment_to_go_under_the_hammer

PV and Thermal

See "Get More Energy from the Sun by Combining PV with Thermal" at CleanTechies: <http://tinyurl.com/4rwdosk>

Solar Summit

Greentech Media covers the fourth annual Solar Summit set for 14-15 March in Indian Wells, California at: <http://tinyurl.com/4qya3zm>
<http://tinyurl.com/4h8o8f8>
<http://www.greentechmedia.com/events/live/greentech-medias-2011-solar-summit/>

Solar Terawatt-hours Conference Series Europe

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

Renewable Energy RFPs

See updates to The Green Power Network Renewable Energy RFPs at: <http://apps3.eere.energy.gov/greenpower/financial/>

In related solar news...

CSP in India

CSP Today posted "Financing India's CSP mission: Part II" at: <http://social.csptoday.com/industry-insight/financing-india's-csp-mission-part-ii>

Solar Millennium Results

Solar Millennium reported results.
Press at NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/5v5gr8o>
Solar Millennium: http://www.solarmillennium.de/index_lang2.html

Solar Mirror Film

See "3M Solar Mirror Film enhances Abengoa's solar thermal installation" at: <http://tinyurl.com/4hlujpw>
3M: <http://www.3M.com/>

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Solyndra Panels for New Jersey Facility

Public Service Electric and Gas Company's central division headquarters rooftop has a newly installed 0.9 MW solar system deployed by Solis Partners with panels supplied by Solyndra.
Press at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4rxf9hc>
Solyndra: <http://www.solyndra.com/>
Solis Partners: <http://www.solispartners.com/>

RF Micro Devices Featured

PV-Tech covers RF Micro Devices' progress on CPV cells at: <http://tinyurl.com/49mqbdv>

Technology Update from MSGI

Photovoltaics World features a technology update from MSGI Technology Solutions on PV cells with nanotube pillars on metal substrates at: <http://tinyurl.com/65byfex>

Sic Processing Contracts

SiC Processing closed on 3 contract negotiations.

Press at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4mg6xv5>

SiC Processing: <http://www.sic-processing.com/>

REC Peak Energy Series Modules MCS Certificate

The REC Peak Energy Series Module was awarded the UK MCS certificate.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4sb8m38>

Motech Modules FSEC Approval

Motech Americas' modules attained FSEC approval.

Press at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/4bao32u>

Motech: <http://www.motech-americas.com/>

Canadian Solar Featured

Greentech Media features Canadian Solar at: <http://tinyurl.com/6eklzpc>

Canadian Solar: <http://www.canadiansolar.com/>

Enphase Expansion

Enphase Energy opened offices in France and Italy.

Press at Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/4d43nfm>

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4auqr8b>

NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/49bnogt>

Enphase Energy: <http://www.enphaseenergy.com/>

Piraeus Equity Partners and Positive Energy Partnership

Piraeus Equity Partners and Positive Energy have entered into a strategic partnership aimed at implementing an investment program for installation of PV systems on industrial rooftops.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://tinyurl.com/65v7teo>

Positive Energy: <http://positiveenergy.gr/>

Solar in Czech Republic

See "Czech solar tax to be reviewed by Supreme Court" at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/47blowh>

Also, PV-Tech Blog at: <http://tinyurl.com/6994stv>

Chinese Bid for African Business

See "Chinese solar producers bid for African business" at Business Week:

<http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9LNR26G0.htm>

U.S. Solar Growth

See "U.S. solar growth hinges on big cash infusions" at Reuters: <http://tinyurl.com/4te7zko>

Loan Guarantees Perspective

Greentech Media posted "Invest in America's Clean Energy Future: Keep DOE Loan Guarantees" at:

<http://tinyurl.com/4a6u2n9>

Solar Tender in India

India may issue a tender for 296 MW of solar capacity. Press at Bloomberg: <http://tinyurl.com/4zzlqta>

More on PV in Italy

See more on PV in Italy at: <http://tinyurl.com/4etvt54>

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4vfruh0>

http://solarindustrymag.com/e107_plugins/content/content.php?content.7410

French PV Capacity

See “Total French PV capacity over 1 GW”. Press at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/5s8r3lo>

PV Cost Reductions, PV vs. CSP Myths

RenewableEnergyWorld posted “Finding PV’s Next Big Cost Reductions” at: <http://tinyurl.com/4unzxmj>

Also, “Busting 4 Myths About Solar PV vs. Concentrating Solar Power” at: <http://tinyurl.com/5rwmpkh>

AltaTerra Research Events

The AltaTerra Research Network event “On-Site Solar Power Policies and Incentives: Where’s the Money?” is set for 17 March. Information at: http://www.altaterra.net/events/event_details.asp?id=148186
http://www.altaterra.net/events/event_list.asp

DRECP Meeting

The agenda for the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan Stakeholder Committee Meeting in Sacramento, California on 9 March is available at: <http://www.drecp.org/meetings/>

In related solar news...

SkyFuel Plant in China

SkyFuel has signed an agreement for the construction of a 50 MWe CSP plant in China.

Press at Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/4aqn2jw>

SkyFuel: <http://www.skyfuel.com/>

Tessera Solar Projects

CSP Today posted “What happened to Tessera Solar’s projects” at:

<http://social.csptoday.com/industry-insight/what-happened-tessera-solars-projects>