

**NCPV Hotline – March 2011**  
**Week of 03/28/11 through 03/31/11**

**About the NCPV Hotline**

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

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**Daily News Items**

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

**March 28, 2011**

**TEP Rooftop Program, Arizona**

Tucson Electric Power has chosen SunPower's T5 Roof Tile for its new Bright Roofs program.

Press at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4dm6br9>

TEP Bright Roofs Program: <http://tinyurl.com/4bo579x>

TEP: <http://www.tucsonelectric.com/>

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

**Solar Project, Ohio**

See coverage of the solar installation at the Cincinnati Zoo at: <http://tinyurl.com/46faakr>

**Solar Farm, Maryland**

A 2.2 MW solar energy farm is going online at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4mz3bbn>

<http://tinyurl.com/4qjk869>

**Solar Nation PV System in New Jersey**

Solar Nation installed an 876 kW PV system on the Sunham Home Fashions Distribution Center in New Providence. Press at NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/497h2sp>

Solar Nation: <http://www.solarnation.com/>

**Here Enterprises Solar Strategy**

Here Enterprises is pursuing opportunities in the solar energy market.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/5wjj8y8>

<http://windhere.com/index.html>

**Solar Plant in Turkey**

See "US-Dutch firm to build Europe's biggest solar plant in Turkey" covering GiraSolar at:

<http://tinyurl.com/4ts93pg>

GiraSolar: <http://www.girasolar.nl/>

### **NextGen Solar Featured**

Greentech Media posted "NextGen: Solar Startup Dreams, Solar Market Reality" at:  
<http://tinyurl.com/5v8kvxt>  
NextGen Solar: <http://www.nextgen-solar.com/>

### **PHOTON Power AG**

See information on PHOTON Power AG, including the Tender response at:  
[http://www.photon.info/photon\\_pp\\_start\\_en.photon](http://www.photon.info/photon_pp_start_en.photon)

### **Intelligent PV**

See "On the cusp of intelligent PV" featuring UK company TwentyNinety at pv magazine:  
<http://tinyurl.com/6l72nna>  
Twenty Ninety: <http://www.twentyninety.com/>

### **Draker Labs Monitoring for Ray Angelini Services**

Draker Labs has been selected by Ray Angelini Services to monitor 11 PV projects.  
Press at: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/g/a/2011/03/28/prweb5199594.DTL>  
Draker Labs: <http://www.drakerlabs.com/>  
Ray Angelini Services: <http://www.raiservices.com/>

### **Tera-Barrier Films Featured**

See information on Tera-Barrier Films at: <http://tinyurl.com/4mtwhd7>  
<http://www.printedelectronicsworld.com/>  
Tera-Barrier Films: <http://www.tera-barrier.com/>

### **Solar Market in 2011**

DigiTimes covers the IHS iSuppli research on the solar market at:  
<http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20110328PR203.html>

### **EPIA Study**

NewNet covers the study "PV Competing in the Energy Sector" at: <http://tinyurl.com/4f8dbkl>

### **Petra Solar COO**

Petra Solar has appointed Dan Brdar as COO.  
Press at NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/4b3olbz>  
Petra Solar: <http://www.petrasolar.com/>

### **Solar America Board for Codes and Standards Newsletter**

The March issue of Solar ABC's Newsletter is on line at:  
<http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs029/1101870375436/archive/1104930264847.html>

### **Apollo Solar Energy Technology Featured**

PV-Tech Blogs posted "Apollo Solar recognizes US\$390 million revenues for turnkey a-Si equipment in 2010" at: <http://tinyurl.com/648lxt0>  
Apollo: <http://www.apollosolar.com.hk/en/>

### **More on Solar in the UK**

SolarPlaza covers solar in the UK at: <http://tinyurl.com/5sl5h5b>

### **PV in Germany**

Global Solar Technology covers PV in Germany at: <http://tinyurl.com/4cccyb8>

### **Solar in Australia**

See "Australia: Sunshine Coast to get 10 MW solar farm" at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/62ntfkt>

### **Kupper Parker Communications Merger with Principal Solar**

Kupper Parker Communications completed its merger with Principal Solar.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/6ctupj3>

Principal Solar: <http://www.principalsolar.com/home.html>

See the online library dedicated to solar energy at: <http://www.definitivesolarlibrary.com/whitepapers.html>

### **Photovoltaics World**

The March issue of Photovoltaics World is on line at: <http://www.electroiq.com/index/photovoltaics.html>

See also news features at the Website.

### **Solar and Wind Powered Catamaran**

Solar Novus Today covers the Eco-Slim catamaran powered by solar and wind generators manufactured

by Zytech Solar at: <http://tinyurl.com/6hvekco>

<http://tinyurl.com/4uhah2c>

Zytech Solar: <http://www.zytech.es/>

In related solar news...

### **CSP Today Intelligence Brief**

The latest CSP Today weekly intelligence brief is posted at: <http://tinyurl.com/4f7kxpl>

## **March 29, 2011**

### **Solar Frontier CIS Efficiency**

Solar Frontier has achieved 17.2% aperture area efficiency on a CIS PV submodule.

Press at NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/4tttcf6>

pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/6derza4>

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

### **40 MW Solar Power Plant, India**

PLG Power is establishing a 40 MW solar power plant in India. Press at pv magazine:

<http://tinyurl.com/6xwvr4o>

### **PV Park in Greece**

Positive Energy won a contract to design, build and operate Capital Renewables' 4.13 MW PV park in

Greece. Press at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4d422q9>

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

### **Daqo New Energy Expansion**

Daqo New Energy has broken ground on the second phase of its polysilicon facility in Shihezi.

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

Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/4fjpg2b>

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4cw4fts>

Daqo New Energy: <http://www.dqsolar.com/>

### **5.5 MW Solar Farm in Florida**

Lakeland Electric will build a 5.5 MW solar farm to be deployed in alliance with SunEdison at the Lakeland Linder Regional Airport.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/5t4xxtp>

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

### **Q-Cells Results**

Q-Cells reported results. Press at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4t352kt>

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)

### **Conergy Report**

See coverage of Conergy's report at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4otst9y>  
Conergy: <http://www.conergy-group.com/en/Press-releases.aspx>

### **Magnolia Solar Annual Report**

Magnolia Solar filed its annual report.  
Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/6h4t5zd>  
Magnolia Solar: <http://www.MagnoliaSolar.com/>

### **Greentech Media Solar Channel**

Greentech Media's solar channel has several new postings including features on CPV from REhnu, Canadian Solar's expansion plans (with video), and more at:  
<http://www.greentechmedia.com/channel/solar/>

### **Solar Power Project in Rhode Island**

The R.I. Economic Development Corporation awarded a \$200,000 grant to a 10-15 MW solar power project at a former landfill. More at:  
<http://tinyurl.com/46svwnw>

### **TechPrecision Orders**

TechPrecision received orders with a combined value of about \$2 million for equipment to support solar wafer production. Press at Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/49qn8pt>  
TechPrecision: <http://www.techprecision.com/>

### **PV-Tech Videos**

See additional video postings at PV-Tech: <http://www.pv-tech.org/videos/list>

### **CPV Today Postings**

CPV Today posted its intelligence brief and coverage of Skyline Solar at:  
<http://tinyurl.com/4mfzf6c>  
<http://tinyurl.com/4hb7ro2>  
Skyline Solar: <http://www.skyline-solar.com/>

### **New Thin Film Opportunities and Synergies**

See "The quest for new thin film opportunities and synergies" at Thin Film Today:  
<http://tinyurl.com/4d4mwju>

### **Clean Energy Investments**

China extended its lead in renewable energy investments last year, and Germany overtook the U.S.  
Press at SolarPlaza: <http://tinyurl.com/65kcsj2>  
Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/4ck2fkj>  
Pew Charitable Trusts: <http://www.pewtrusts.org/>

### **Solar in Germany**

See "Global solar shares boosted by Germany's first Green win" at pv magazine:  
<http://tinyurl.com/4ngjn9u>

### **Coverage of Solarbuzz Quarterly**

PV-Tech covers the Solarbuzz Quarterly report at: <http://tinyurl.com/4bez8x5>  
Solarbuzz Quarterly: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/our-research/reports/solarbuzz-quarterly>  
<http://tinyurl.com/49tbbfd>

### **Solar Rainbow Stake in Roofing Company**

Solar Rainbow Services announced the acquisition of a stake in More Core Commercial Roofing in New Jersey. Press at Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/4638m7a>  
Solar Rainbow: <http://www.solarrainbow.com/index.asp>

### **Charging Stations for EVs**

Reno Contracting has entered into a strategic alliance with Envision Solar for integrated solar parking arrays. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4ou8tys>  
Envision Solar: <http://envisionsolar.com/>

### **Pictometry Online for Solar Contractors**

Pictometry Online is extending its 3D-like, high-resolution aerial images to solar contractors. Press at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4ejk4uy>  
Pictometry: [http://www.pictometry.com/government/product\\_online.shtml](http://www.pictometry.com/government/product_online.shtml)

### **SolarTech Challenge**

SolarTech is announcing the "Great California Solar Challenge". Press at: [http://www.mercurynews.com/business/ci\\_17719705?nclick\\_check=1](http://www.mercurynews.com/business/ci_17719705?nclick_check=1)  
SolarTech: <http://www.solartech.org/>

### **SRECs**

RenewableEnergy World posted "A Tale of Two SREC Markets" at: <http://tinyurl.com/4vypxq5>

### **Solar in the UK**

The University of Warwick and partners have been awarded Pound 1.4 million in a national solar energy program. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4zeo7ru>  
More UK solar news at: <http://www.solarpowerportal.co.uk/>

### **SEMA Conference**

The Solar Engineering & Manufacturing Association announced speakers for the solar outlook / management track of the SEMA Technical Conference and Exhibition on 24-26 May in San Jose, California. Press at Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/4uov72q>  
Conference: <http://www.solar-ema.org/2011-conference.html>

### **SCHOTT Donation to Japanese Victims**

SCHOTT is donating 100,000 Euros for victims of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan. Press at: <http://www.us.schott.com/english/news/press.html?NID=385>

### **Wagner Solar Donation**

Wagner Solar UK announced the decision to donate 3% from sales of Sanyo modules during April to World Vision for Japan related causes. Press at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/4oh5j3k>

### **BIRD Funding**

BIRD Energy announced its third funding cycle with a call for US-Israel joint project proposals focusing on renewable energy and energy efficiency. Press at Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/4ano2q3>  
BIRD: <http://www.birdf.com/>

### **Solar Cycling Team**

First Solar and juwi solar are co-sponsoring a U.S. amateur road cycling team to promote awareness of solar. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4rov95o>  
PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4v8qtxq>  
First Solar: <http://www.firstsolar.com/en/index.php>  
juwi solar: <http://www.juwisolar.com/>

In related solar news...

### **Solar in the MENA Region**

See "Does the UN have the answers to promote solar in North Africa and Middle East?" at CSP Today: <http://tinyurl.com/4t9a65t>

**March 30, 2011**

**Toshiba Entry to European and North African Power T&D and Solar Markets**

Toshiba acquired a 67% equity stake in an Italian company engaged in engineering T&D and electric power and industrial PV power generation and plant engineering.

Press at: [http://www.toshiba.co.jp/about/press/2011\\_03/pr2901.htm](http://www.toshiba.co.jp/about/press/2011_03/pr2901.htm)

**Odersun AG and Lithodecor Cooperation**

Odersun AG and Lithodecor are cooperating in the area of solar facades.

Press at: <http://www.odersun.com/press>

NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/4muf1hf>

<http://tinyurl.com/4d43xme>

**New Energy Technologies Research Agreement with NREL**

New Energy Technologies has entered into a CRADA with NREL. More at NewNet:

<http://tinyurl.com/4gc43to>

pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/63d6rod>

New Energy Technologies: [http://www.newenergytechnologiesinc.com/press\\_release](http://www.newenergytechnologiesinc.com/press_release)

**Sunverge Solar Storage Demo**

International Battery will provide its energy storage systems to Sunverge Energy, which is pioneering solar projects with attached storage.

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

Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/45d99lv>

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/g/a/2011/03/30/prweb5209924.DTL>

Sunverge: <http://www.sunverge.com/>

International Battery: <http://www.internationalbattery.com/>

**Next Phase for Tata Steel and Dyesol**

Tata Steel and Dyesol are expanding their joint PV development project in North Wales.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/5rozuf5>

Dyesol: <http://www.dyesol.com/page/News-Events>

**meeco Expansion Plans**

pv magazine covers meeco AG international expansion plans at: <http://tinyurl.com/68d7zeq>

meeco: <http://www.meeco.net/>

**More on Emcore and Soliant**

See more on Emcore and Soliant at Bloomberg: <http://tinyurl.com/4l7nmwf>

Emcore: [http://www.emcore.com/news\\_events/release?y=2011&news=279](http://www.emcore.com/news_events/release?y=2011&news=279)

**BIPV Modules for Madrid Skyscraper**

Scheuten Solar produced BIPV modules integrated into Madrid's new skyscraper "Ampliacion Corte Ingles Castellana".

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4ak4u5j>

PV-tech: <http://tinyurl.com/49bur65>

**SMA Solar Results**

SMA Solar Technology AG reported results.

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

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/6x7fuu4>

Reuters: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/03/30/us-smasolar-idUSTRE72T1AG20110330>

SMA: <http://www.sma.de/en>

### **Unirac Solution for CST Project, New Mexico**

Consolidated Solar Technologies selected Unirac to support its 1.1 MW Albuquerque Academy Project.  
Press at Renewable Energy World: <http://tinyurl.com/6jj3ps0>  
CST: <http://www.gocstsolar.com/>  
Unirac: <http://www.unirac.com/mounting-solutions/isys.php>

### **PV for Water District, California**

Borrego Solar partnered on a 290 kW PV system for a water district in California.  
Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4h36eyf>  
Borrego Solar: [http://www.borregosolar.com./](http://www.borregosolar.com/)

### **QSolar Sales**

PV-Tech covers Qsolar sales at:  
[http://www.pv-tech.org/news/qsolar\\_sells\\_record\\_number\\_of\\_spraytek\\_panels](http://www.pv-tech.org/news/qsolar_sells_record_number_of_spraytek_panels)

### **NREL Fellow Honors for Solar Research**

Dr. Arthur J. Nozik, senior research fellow at NREL, will be awarded the Gustavus John Esselen Award for Chemistry in the Public Interest.  
Press at Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/5v8c7sy>

### **America's Next Top Energy Innovator**

As part of the Obama Administration's Startup America Initiative, U.S. Energy Secretary Steven Chu announced the "America's Next Top Energy Innovator" challenge. More in the press at:  
[http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/progress\\_alerts.cfm/pa\\_id=508](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/progress_alerts.cfm/pa_id=508)  
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/issues/startup-america>  
<http://techportal.eere.energy.gov/>

### **Solar Installations**

Bloomberg reports on solar panel installations at: <http://tinyurl.com/5tdx6of>

### **Worldwide Annual Solar Cell Production**

PHOTON International covers its survey of cell manufacturers at: <http://tinyurl.com/4kfy12t>

### **Manufacturing the Solar Future**

See information on the 2011 Production Annual at PV-tech:  
[http://legacy.pv-tech.org/the\\_2011\\_production\\_annual/](http://legacy.pv-tech.org/the_2011_production_annual/)

### **SolarPV.TV Postings**

See new postings at SolarPV.TV at: <http://www.solarpv.tv/>  
See also information on Solar Balkans 2011, 14-15 April in Sofia, Bulgaria at:  
<http://solarpv.tv/watch/solar-balkans-2011.html>

### **Solar Subsidies in Spain and the UK**

See coverage of solar subsidies in Spain at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/5sukplr>  
PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4ndrbyd>  
UK: <http://tinyurl.com/4wfjr3o>

### **Solar in the Czech Republic, Italy, Japan, China**

SolarPlaza covers PV in the Czech Republic at: <http://tinyurl.com/5tf7cf9>  
Italy at: <http://tinyurl.com/5th7xv3>  
Reuters: <http://tinyurl.com/69yrx7a>  
Japan: <http://tinyurl.com/4dp8spl>  
PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4ejp82k>  
China: <http://tinyurl.com/4o4x7ps>

### **California RPS**

See press on California's RPS at Greentech Media:  
<http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/read/ca-33-rps/>

### **Solar Appointments**

PV-Tech covers new solar positions at: [http://www.pv-tech.org/news/list/category/going\\_places](http://www.pv-tech.org/news/list/category/going_places)

### **CleanTechies and Gunther Portfolio**

CleanTechies and Gunther Portfolio post solar stories at:  
<http://blog.cleantechies.com/category/solar-power/>  
<http://guntherportfolio.com/>

### **Bloomberg New Energy Finance Summit**

The Bloomberg New Energy Finance Summit is set for 4-7 April in New York. Information at:  
<http://tinyurl.com/6e2sv38>

In related solar news...

### **CSP Cost Reductions**

See information on the report "Concentrated Solar Power Parabolic Trough: Cost & Performance" at CSP Today: <http://tinyurl.com/4h3mrlu>

## **March 31, 2011**

### **LDK Acquisition of Solar Power, Inc.**

LDK Solar has finalized its acquisition of a 70% interest in SPI.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/5rca72t>

NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/63r55rj>

pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/4jwo84y>

LDK: <http://www.ldksolar.com/>

SPI: <http://www.spisolar.com/>

### **Capital Dynamics Backing for Tangent Energy**

Capital Dynamics has entered into a joint development agreement to invest in commercial-scale solar energy projects developed by Tangent Energy Solutions in the US.

Press at NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/4be5wyp>

Capital Dynamics: <http://www.capdyn.com/>

Tangent Energy Solutions: <http://www.tangentenergy.com/>

### **Schiller Thin Film Fab Automation Contracts**

Schiller Automation GmbH & Co. KG has been awarded contracts for a new factory automation facility.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/47qs3pv>

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/5smmn4k>

### **PV Project in North Carolina**

Progress Energy signed a contract with ESA Renewables to build, own and operate an 800 kW PV array at the Port of Morehead City.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://tinyurl.com/5rv7gw6>

Progress Energy: <http://www.progress-energy.com/>

ESA Renewables: <http://www.esarenewables.com/>

### **Sunways Results**

Sunways AG reported results.

Press at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/4o2yjzo>

Sunways: <http://www.sunways.eu/en/>

### **S.A.G. Solarstrom Results/Outlook**

S.A.G. Solarstrom reported its outlook and results.

Press at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/64x5ycx>

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

### **Arise Technologies Results**

Arise Technologies reported results.

Press at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/6xz3nkm>

Arise Technologies: <http://www.arisetech.com/>

### **AEG Results**

AEG Power Solutions reported results.

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

AEG: <http://www.aegps.com/en/investor/index.html>

### **ZenithSolar Featured**

Greentech Media features ZenithSolar at: <http://tinyurl.com/4w6s55c>

Zenith Solar: <http://www.zenithsolar.com/>

### **New SCHOTT Solar Generation**

See “SCHOTT Solar launches a new generation....” at:

<http://www.ffpress.net/Kunde/SOLE/PM/12592180/>

### **TerniEnergia and Sifip JV**

See press on a TerniEnergia and Sifip JV for building PV plants in Italy at:

[http://www.ternienergia.it/investor\\_relations/144.aspx](http://www.ternienergia.it/investor_relations/144.aspx)

### **Suntech New Module**

Suntech Power Holdings is launching a new 245 W module.

Press at PV-Tech: [http://www.pv-tech.org/news/suntech\\_launches\\_new\\_245w\\_module](http://www.pv-tech.org/news/suntech_launches_new_245w_module)

Suntech: <http://eu.suntech-power.com/index.php?lang=en>

### **Echelon Partnership with Direct Grid**

See “Echelon Partners With Direct Grid to Network Micro-Inverters” at Greentech Media:

<http://tinyurl.com/4eqjrt5>

[http://www.renewgridmag.com/e107\\_plugins/content/content.php?content.6565](http://www.renewgridmag.com/e107_plugins/content/content.php?content.6565)

<http://tinyurl.com/4csp2vm>

Echelon: <http://www.echelon.com/>

Direct Grid: <http://www.directgrid.com/>

### **Donauer Solartechnik New Mounting System**

Donauer Solartechnik Vertriebs GmbH is offering a new mounting system for PV devices – a snap-in system with pre-assembled elements for all types of roofs.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4srx5p3>

### **Solar Roof System**

AeroQuest Technologies’ Solar Roof System is featured in the press at Solar Novus Today:

<http://tinyurl.com/5vn86tm>

AeroQuest: <http://www.atpanels.com/>

### **3M and tenKsolar Partnership**

3M and tenKsolar started a partnership for improvement of tenKsolar’s RAIS Wave commercial solar array. Press at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/65lktfs>

tenKsolar: <http://www.tenksolar.com/>

### **Ex-Im Bank Support**

Ex-Im Bank has approved 2 transactions financing solar energy exports to India that support American jobs. Press at Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/49t3oym>

PV-Tech: [http://www.pv-tech.org/news/ex\\_im\\_bank\\_to\\_finance\\_indian\\_solar\\_projects](http://www.pv-tech.org/news/ex_im_bank_to_finance_indian_solar_projects)

Ex-Im Bank: <http://www.exim.gov/pressreleases.cfm>

### **Ferro Corporation PV R&D Lab**

Ferro Corporation is opening a PV R&D laboratory in Neihu Technology Park, Taipei City, Taiwan.

Press at Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/64vgn57>

NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/63tjdou>

PV-Tech: [http://www.pv-tech.org/news/ferro\\_opens\\_rd\\_laboratory\\_in\\_taiwan](http://www.pv-tech.org/news/ferro_opens_rd_laboratory_in_taiwan)

Ferro: <http://www.ferro.com/>

### **Power-One Expansion**

Power-One closed a \$150 million deal for North American and Asian market expansion.

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

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

### **VCT Limit, UK**

See coverage of the raised venture capital trust limit in the UK at NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/49unqwx>

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

### **More on Solar in Italy**

Bloomberg covers solar parks in Italy at: <http://tinyurl.com/46jp8m8>

### **PV-Tech Blogs**

PV-Tech posted new blogs on a new PV technology roadmap and the UK FIT at:

<http://www.pv-tech.org/blogs/list>

### **Solar Position Algorithm**

See information on the Solar Position Algorithm at the NREL Newsroom:

[http://www.nrel.gov/features/20110330\\_solar.html](http://www.nrel.gov/features/20110330_solar.html)

<http://www.nrel.gov/features/>

### **Solar Video Postings**

See new video postings at Global Solar Technology: <http://www.globalsolartechnology.com/solar/>

### **General Liability Insurance**

RenewableEnergyWorld posted "Understanding Solar Contractors General Liability Insurance" at:

<http://tinyurl.com/6f9ahw3>

### **Renewable Energy RFPs**

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