

NCPV Hotline – April 2011
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Daily News Items

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April 1, 2011

Auria Solar and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Cooperation

Auria and MHI agreed to enter into further discussions for possible business cooperation regarding the development, production and sales of thin-film modules.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://tinyurl.com/3hftkj>

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/3sedund>

Auria: <http://www.auriasolar.com/>

MHI: <http://www.mhi.co.jp/en/>

Ascent Solar Focus

Ascent Solar Technologies announced a change in strategy that will focus on applications for emerging and specialty markets. More at:

<http://investors.ascentsolar.com/releasedetail.cfm?ReleaseID=561189>

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/03/31/ascentsolar-idUSL3E7EV3V220110331>

NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/3noakln>

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/3wlrvgg>

Terra Firma Capital Solar Acquisition

Terra Firma Capital Partners purchased Rete Rinnovabile Srl. More on the deal at Bloomberg:

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

Terra Firma: <http://www.terrafirma.com/index.html>

Spire Simulator to JRC, Italy

Spire was selected to supply its SPI-Sun solar simulator to the European Commission's Joint Research Center in Ispra, Italy.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/3n5hsd3> <http://tinyurl.com/44a3xlz>

Spire: <http://www.spirecorp.com/>

PVA TePla AG Results

PVA TePla reported results. Press at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/3zy6arr>

PVA TePla: <http://www.pvatepla.com/en/>

Eyelit Results

Eyelit reported results. Press at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4xg4rnz>
<http://tinyurl.com/3jsml3s>
Eyelit: <http://www.eyelit.com/>

SOLON Results

SOLON reported results at: <http://www.solon.com/global/press/News/detail.html?ID=589>

Terna Press

See several new press releases by Terna S.p.A. including the sale of 144 MWp of solar plants at:
http://www.terna.it/default/home_en/the_company/press_room.aspx

Solar Power Plant, India

Sandland Real Estate Pvt. plans to build a 25 MW solar power plant in Gujarat. Press at Bloomberg:
<http://tinyurl.com/3lw9euf>

Enel Green Power New PV Acquisition

Enel Green Power is to acquire an 80% stake in Agatos Green Power San Gillio Srl, which controls a PV project that is already authorized at 4.8 MW.
Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/3mju43b>

Citizenre Installations

See "Citizenre wraps up 72 residential PV installations in California" at Photovoltaics World:
<http://www.electroiq.com/index/display/pv-wire-news-display/1389346126.html>
Citizenre: <http://www.citizenre.com/portal>

PV in Spain

pv magazine covers PV in Spain at: <http://tinyurl.com/3vseg9n>

Solar in Australia

pv magazine covers solar in Australia at: <http://tinyurl.com/3t3fqyf>

Renewables in Israel

Greentech Media covers solar in Israel at: <http://tinyurl.com/3qz4j3j>

SolarPV.TV Postings

See new postings at SolarPV.TV at: <http://solarpv.tv/interviews.html>

Inverter Debate

Greentech Media posted "Video: SMA and the Inverter Debate" at:
<http://www.greentechmedia.com/multimedia/sma-and-the-inverter-debate/>

Mars Discovery and PV

See "Mars discovery heralds new era for PV industry" at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/44ojck9>

Solar Silicon Conference

PHOTON's 9th Solar Silicon Conference is set for 12 April in Berlin Germany. Information at:
http://www.photon-expo.com/en/sthcs_2011_europe/conferences/ssc_program.htm
http://www.photon-expo.com/en/sthcs_2011_europe/event_info/event_outline.htm

In related solar news

BrightSource Energy Financing

BrightSource Energy has raised an additional \$200 million in a Round E.
Press at Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/3u8a9p7>
NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/3lqh7sm>

BrightSource Energy: <http://www.brightsourceenergy.com/>

More on South Africa CSP Plant

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Group Five is considering building a \$736m CSP plant in the Northern Cape province.

Press at NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/3f568up>

Group Five: <http://www.g5.co.za/>

Interview with EU Energy Commissioner Spokesperson on CSP

CSP Today speaks with Marlene Holzner on CSP at: <http://tinyurl.com/3kfvmlc>

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ITS Power PV in Spain

ITS Power will install 4.3 MW of PV on greenhouses near Granada, Spain with modules supplied by ITS

Innotech Solar. Press at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/6bmkhny>

ITS: <http://www.innotechsolar.com/eng/news/>

CentroLease Program

Centrosolar America launched the new CentroLease residential leasing program developed in collaboration with BrightGrid.

Press at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/3p9qtdp>

Centrosolar: <http://www.centrosolaramerica.com/>

BrightGrid: <http://www.brightgrid.com/>

Solar's Best Ever Year

pv magazine posted "Solar's best ever year" covering its quarterly global PV updates delivered by Mercom Capital Group at: <http://tinyurl.com/3cm3a79>

Who is Growing in Solar?

Greentech Media posted the video "Who is Growing in Solar?" at: <http://tinyurl.com/42g3s76>

Solar Farm in Ontario

Silfab Ontario and Alderville First Nation signed a contract for a 5 MW solar farm.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://tinyurl.com/3rncalc2>

pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/3vm8orf>

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/3sshx8e>

Silfab: <http://www.silfab.eu/eng/>

<http://tinyurl.com/42xkorl>

SolFocus CPV System, California

A 1 MW SolFocus CPV system is providing electricity to the Southern California Edison regional grid in central California.

Press at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/5v7jdym>

See also the PV-Tech Chip Shots Blog at: <http://tinyurl.com/5usqvnj>

Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/3wzmk4v>

<http://tinyurl.com/3ozxldj>

SolFocus: <http://www.solfocus.com/en/index.php>

Fluor Selected by SunPower for Arizona Plant

Fluor announced that SunPower awarded the firm the construction of the 20 MW Copper Crossing PV solar power plant in Arizona.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/6k7lqzx>

Fluor: <http://www.fluor.com/pages/default.aspx>

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

unWize Systems Solar Carport, Arizona

SunWize Systems completed the first phase of a 4.45 MW solar carport for the VA Medical Center in Phoenix. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/3t9go2f>

SunWize: <http://www.sunwize.com/products/commercial-solar-projects.php>

Solar in Sacramento, California

SolarCity(R) and the City of Sacramento are moving forward to install 1.9 MW of solar power capacity.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4yhj48d>

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

United Solar in French Riviera

United Solar announced that its UNI-SOLAR brand PV is powering the recently completed 570 kWp solar power plant atop a business in Nice.

Press at: <http://www.globenewswire.com/newsroom/news.html?d=217801>

UNI-SOLAR: <http://www.uni-solar.com/>

LDK Solar Cell Manufacturing Base in China

LDK Solar launched a new solar cell manufacturing base in China's Anhui Province.

Press at NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/3nsyqsl>

pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/3mdk7bm>

Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/5vm3psg>

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4x72qrw>

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

PV Plants in India

Ganeshvani Merchandise Pvt. Plans to build a 5 MW solar power plant in Gujarat.

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

Uttar Pradesh state is seeking to buy 100 MW of power from solar plants to meet clean energy targets.

Press at Bloomberg: <http://tinyurl.com/3q2Invo>

Elkem and China National Bluestar

The European Commission has cleared the proposed acquisition of Elkem by China National Bluestar.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/3nugb69>

Elkem: <http://tinyurl.com/3tx7atk>

AES Solar Power Plants in Spain

According to this press at Bloomberg, AES Corp. plans to sell its solar energy power plants in Spain.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/3oqajzu>

UK FIT

Greentech Media covers the UK FIT at: <http://tinyurl.com/6dxdt4y>

Solar in Saudi Arabia

Bloomberg covers solar in Saudi Arabia at: <http://tinyurl.com/4rq3c3h>

PURE Energies Featured

SolarPlaza posted "CEO PURE Energies talks about his expectations and experiences in Ontario" at:

<http://tinyurl.com/43jb2z9>

PURE Energies: <http://www.pure-energies.com/>

Spire PV Module Testing Service

Spire Corporation is making its solar simulation facilities and expertise available to PV system installers on a customer service basis.

Press at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/44brko8>

<http://tinyurl.com/6fej9nc>

Spire: <http://www.spirecorp.com/>

Solar in Spain

Spain has awarded Q1 subsidies for projects totaling 116 MW.
Press at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/3u9xb85>

Solar Market Intelligence Report

The weekly Mercom Capital Solar Market Intelligence Report is available via registration at:
http://www.mercomcapital.com/market_intelligence.php

Comparison of High-efficiency Solar Cells

See “NREL and Partners to Compare High-Efficiency Solar Cells from Three Nations at Sites in Colorado and Yokohama, Japan” at: <http://www.nrel.gov/news/press/2011/957.html>

PV America Coverage

See PV America coverage in several articles at Solar Novus Today at: <http://www.solarnovus.com/RenewableEnergyWorld>: <https://www.pvamericaexpo.com/PVA11/Public/enter.aspx>
Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/3qu2hkw>
And more...

Asia Solar

Photovoltaics World posted “Asia solar takeaways...” at: <http://tinyurl.com/3lrjsb>

More on Catamaran with PV and Wind Systems from Zytech Solar

See more on the launch of the ECO-SLIM catamaran powered by PV and wind systems from Zytech Solar at: <http://www.zytech.es/viewnews.asp?id=357>

PV Balance of Systems

See information on the PV Balance of Systems Conference & Exhibition, 28-29 June in Berlin at:
<http://tinyurl.com/3wplm7k>
<http://tinyurl.com/3na6gau>

In related solar news....

CSP Today Postings

CSP Today posted coverage of CSP plant optimization at: <http://tinyurl.com/3fjtnqf>
The weekly intelligence brief at: <http://tinyurl.com/3var4qt>
And, India’s Solar Mission at: <http://tinyurl.com/43hix6h>

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Unirac and Wise Power PV System, New Jersey

Unirac and Wise Power Systems finished a 1.1 MW solar installation at two sites in Vineland.
Press at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/3orz75e>
Unirac: <http://www.unirac.com/>
Wise Power Systems: <http://wisepowersystems.com/>

PV Car Park Array, Saudi Arabia

NewNet posted a story on a 10 MW car parking array in Saudi Arabia by integrator Belectric and developer Sun & Life at: <http://tinyurl.com/3vbnlmj>
Also, PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/443wtdd>
Belectric: <http://www.belectric-usa.com/>

GeoGenix PV Project, New Jersey

GeoGenix is celebrating the ribbon cutting for a 448 kW solar installation in New Jersey at a pet supply company. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://tinyurl.com/65w3dv8>
GeoGenix: <http://www.geogenix.com/>

JA Solar Featured

PV-Tech features JA Solar and its partnership with Jabil Circuit at: <http://tinyurl.com/6l96b76>

<http://tinyurl.com/6kybwq2>

Reuters: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/04/04/jasolar-idUSL3E7F432420110404>

<http://tinyurl.com/62e2hpw>

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

Jabil: <http://www.jabil.com/>

Ampair Packaged Solutions

Ampair has released a range of packaged wind and solar power “eco pod” solutions.

Press at NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/65nxeb7>

Ampair: <http://www.ampair.com/ampair/>

UK FIT

NewNet covers the UK FIT at: <http://tinyurl.com/3ob6zr9>

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

Gehrlicher Solar UK Subsidiary

Gehrlicher Solar has a new subsidiary in the UK.

Press at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4ye3u68>

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

Day4 Energy Results

Day4 Energy reported results at: <http://www.day4energy.com/EN/news.htm>

Isovoltaic IPO

Isovoltaic AG is seeking to raise as much as \$537 million in an IPO in Vienna. Press at Bloomberg:

<http://tinyurl.com/42b73v8>

NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/3t88xd5>

Isovoltaic: <http://www.isovoltaic.com/english.php>

Texas Instruments Acquiring National Semiconductor

According to this press, Texas Instruments plans to buy National Semiconductor.

Press at: http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci_17770602?nclick_check=1

<http://tinyurl.com/3q2qa9m>

Texas Instruments: <http://tinyurl.com/3tw4wuw>

National Semiconductor: <http://phx.corporate-ir.net/phoenix.zhtml?c=105857&p=irol-irhome>

XsunX and MAG Teaming

XsunX is teaming with MAG Industrial Automation Systems on service and parts support for its CIGSolar cell manufacturing lines. Press at Solar Novus Today:

<http://tinyurl.com/3pzgknp>

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

MAG: <http://www.mag-ias.com/en.html>

Air Products PV at Pennsylvania Headquarters

Air Products and Chemicals is installing a 2 MW PV system at its headquarters in Pennsylvania.

Press at: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9MCUC480.htm>

Solar FlexRack for RMT Solar Facility, New Jersey

RMT, Inc. selected Solar FlexRack for their 18 MW solar facility in New Jersey.

Press at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/3ct79u8>

Solar FlexRack: <http://www.solarflexrack.com/>

RMT: <http://www.rmtinc.com/>

More on Emcore and Soliant

Greentech Media posted more on Emcore and Soliant at: <http://tinyurl.com/6cxs5a5>

PV America Coverage

See several articles covering PV America at Solar Novus Today: <http://www.solarnovus.com/>

Eurosolar President

Peter Droege was appointed Eurosolar's new president.

Press at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/3qvtfwg>

Eurosolar: http://www.eurosolar.de/en/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=1

Interstate Renewable Energy Council Newsletter

The latest issue of The IREC Report is on line at: <http://irecusa.org/2011/02/the-irec-report-feb-2011/>

Inverter Demand

pv magazine posted coverage of IMS Research reports in the article "Weak inverter demand expected" at: <http://tinyurl.com/4yrzoox>

Also, PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/3zu5kk2>

IMS Research: <http://www.pvmarketresearch.com/>

Distributed CPV

RenewableEnergyWorld posted "Concentrating PV: A Cost-effective Option for Distributed Solar" at: <http://tinyurl.com/6zba5e2>

BIPV Market

Solar Novus Today covers a report on the BIPV market from Pike Research at:

<http://tinyurl.com/3cmme3m>

Also, <http://tinyurl.com/6g9zbnf>

Solar Market

See coverage of SEIA and Greentech Media's solar market insight report at pv magazine:

<http://tinyurl.com/3woruug>

Greentech IP and VC

Greentech Media posted stories on Greentech IP trends and Greentech VC at:

<http://tinyurl.com/3n7bqt9>

<http://tinyurl.com/42um8jd>

<http://tinyurl.com/3znzucq>

See also coverage of the DOE Loan Guarantee Program and Cleantech at RenewableEnergyWorld:

<http://tinyurl.com/3zjdcqh>

Renewables in California

See "California Utilities Nearly Hit Renewable Targets" at Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/3vn9mmk>

Semi-DIY Solar

Greentech Media posted "Semi DIY Solar Systems at Costco, Amazon" at: <http://tinyurl.com/3zht2sy>

Also, <http://tinyurl.com/3g6tlcb>

Vote Solar Webinars

For information on The Vote Solar Initiative "Get Some Sun Solar Webinars" see:

<http://votesolar.org/resources/get-some-sun-solar-webinars/>

SolarPV.TV Interviews

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

Thin Film Today Intelligence Brief

Thin Film Today posted its latest intelligence brief at: <http://tinyurl.com/3q5ys4v>

Thin Film Encapsulants

Photovoltaics World covers thin film encapsulant insights from Lux Research at:
<http://tinyurl.com/423spjh>

Clean Energy Ministerial

The second Clean Energy Ministerial is being held in Abu Dhabi on 6-7 April. Information at:
<http://www.cleanenergyministerial.org/>

CEC Workshop

The California Energy Commission staff will conduct a workshop to discuss changes to the Emerging Renewables Program on 14 April. Information at:
http://www.energy.ca.gov/renewables/emerging_renewables/index.html

In related solar news...

CSP Value

CSP Today posted "CSP counters oil price volatility, gains credibility as a fuel saver" at:
<http://tinyurl.com/3zgvt3u>

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BlueChip Energy PPA with Progress Energy Florida

BlueChip Energy is to supply Progress Energy Florida with solar power from the 40 MW Sorrento Eagle Dunes project under a new PPA.

Press at NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/3boz28w>

BlueChip Energy: <http://www.bluechipenergy.org/>

SolarEdge for Big Solar in Greece

Big Solar will install more than 4 MW of SolarEdge systems in Greece.

Press at NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/42e3msp>

Big Solar: <http://www.bigsolar.gr/index.php?Itemid=46>

SolarEdge: <http://www.solaredge.com/>

SunShot Advanced Manufacturing Partnerships

Energy Secretary Steven Chu announced the selection of projects for up to \$112.5 million over 5 years in funding to support the development of advanced PV-related manufacturing processes throughout the U.S. More on the SunShot Advanced Manufacturing Partnerships at:

http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/progress_alerts.cfm/pa_id=511

SunShot Initiative: <http://www1.eere.energy.gov/solar/sunshot/>

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/3jjta3f>

pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/3nqctv6>

OPEL Solar Asia Order

OPEL Solar International will provide 5 MW of its HCPV panels and dual axis trackers to a Chinese power company.

Press at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/43wpp72>

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

SCHOTT North America President and CEO

SCHOTT North America announced the appointment of Linda S. Mayer as President and CEO.

Press at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/3q8ol5b>

SCHOTT: <http://www.us.schott.com/english/index.html>

CPV-7 Commentary

PV-Tech Chip Shots Blog posted "CPV-7 commentary, Part 1..." at: <http://tinyurl.com/3svnqmt>

PV News

The latest issue of PVNews including topics on key developments shaping PV's future, exclusive market research and analysis by GTM Research, market commentary, and market trackers on FITs, the utility-scale project pipeline and large-scale project announcements, supply sales agreements, and more is available [by subscription] at: <http://www.gtmresearch.com/report/pv-news>

U.S. Deal Tracker

See coverage of the Solarbuzz "United States Deal Tracker" at: <http://tinyurl.com/3k7jc8t>
<http://tinyurl.com/3zqc2fm>

3Sun Regional investment Aid

The European Commission granted 3Sun Srl 49.06 million Euro of regional investment aid. Press at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/3j58k74>

Solar Power Project in Indiana

See coverage of the 2 MW solar power project in Indiana at: <http://tinyurl.com/3zpcryc>

HelioPower Featured

Greentech Media features HelioPower at: <http://tinyurl.com/3rkcmht>
HelioPower: <http://www.heliopower.com/>

42 Technology for Circadian Solar

See "42 Technology helps Circadian Solar deliver low cost solar power" at:
http://www.42technology.com/in_the_news.php
Circadian Solar: <http://www.circadiansolar.com/>

Flexible CIGS

Photovoltaics World covers flexible CIGS in the story at: <http://tinyurl.com/69lotjm>

Roadmap from SolarTech

See "Lowering Solar Installation Costs: A Roadmap from SolarTech" at Greentech Media:
<http://tinyurl.com/6l7r8ys>
SolarTech: <http://www.solartech.org/>

EERE Network News

The latest issue of EERE Network News is on line at: <http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/enn.cfm>

Solar in Australia

NewNet covers solar in Queensland at: <http://tinyurl.com/67pqelv>

Solar in India

pv magazine posted "Focus on India's solar policy framework" at: <http://tinyurl.com/44btnded>
Greentech Media posted "India: The Next Big Solar Market" at: <http://tinyurl.com/3olqsm6>

Solar in China

See coverage of solar in China at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/4ytreda>

PV CYCLE New Members

PV CYCLE welcomed 15 new full members and 1 new associate. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/3bbyeo2>

Arizona Public Service RFP

APS announced an RFP for energy generated from small renewable projects. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/6b6d8z4>

More on Cleantech Venture Investment

See more on Cleantech venture investment at: <http://tinyurl.com/3mseeyg>

PV America Coverage

See PV America coverage at: <http://tinyurl.com/6xyshpl>

Smart Grids

See IEA's press on its smart grid report at:

http://www.iea.org/press/pressdetail.asp?PRESS_REL_ID=409

In related solar news...

NYSERDA Solar Thermal Incentives

NYSERDA launched a solar thermal incentive program. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/3t3nylz>

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G.E. Thin-film Efficiency, Orders, Solar Panel Plant in U.S. and Strategy

See G.E. press on 12.8% efficiency on a full-size CdTe thin-film panel, product orders, planned 400 MW manufacturing facility and strategy on acquisitions at:

<http://www.genewscenter.com/content/default.aspx?newsareaid=2>

<http://tinyurl.com/43zhgqe>

Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/3mk63ue>

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/3vg7nlt>

NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/3z5gvoy>

Innergex Acquisition of Enfinity's Stardale Project

Innergex Renewable Energy Inc. has entered into a share purchase agreement with Enfinity NV to acquire all issued and outstanding shares of the entity owning the rights to develop Enfinity's 27 MWac Stardale Photovoltaic Solar Project in Ontario, Canada.

Press at: <http://enfinity.ca/news>

Innergex: <http://www.innergex.com/en>

Nanosolar Efficiency

Nanosolar announced new efficiency benchmarks of 11.6% for the Nanosolar Utility Panel and 13.9% for its printed CIGS solar cells.

Press at Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/4349gdh>

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/3nvpdnc>

Nanosolar: <http://www.nanosolar.com/>

1 MW Solar Farm in Sicily with Zytech Solar Modules

A 1 MW solar farm has been installed in Sicily by Celi Societa Cooperativa using Zytech modules.

Press at Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/3nyl2zu>

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

Solar Carports

Solaire Generation installed a 3.6 MW PV parking canopy system in New Jersey.

Press at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/4xmr6pe>

Solaire Generation: <http://www.solairegeneration.com/products/>

Standard Solar announced construction of a 753 kW PV parking structure for a community college in Maryland. Press at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/3l3frsy>

Standard Solar: <http://www.standardsolar.com/>

E.ON Renewable Power

E.ON plans to invest Euro 2.6 billion in renewables through 2013.

Press at: <http://www.eon.com/en/media/news-detail.jsp?id=10231&year=2011>

TerniEnergia PV Plants

TerniEnergia in the first quarter completed 18 PV plants for a total of 18.2 MWp.
Press at: http://www.ternienergia.it/investor_relations/147.aspx

Silfab and ESPE

Silfab Spa and ESPE Srl established Espe Sunparc Srl, a new company that specializes in development and installation of PV plants.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://tinyurl.com/3d8mlvx>

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/3s688wd>

Silfab: <http://www.silfab.eu/>

ESPE: <http://www.espegroup.eu/>

Google Investment in German Solar Power Plant

Google made a Euro 3.5 million investment in an 18.65 MWp PV plant in Brandenburg an der Havel.

More at: <http://tinyurl.com/3mjq3eb>

NewNet: <http://tinyurl.com/5sf45av>

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/3z48s32>

pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/4y6ytl4>

Solar Novus Today: <http://tinyurl.com/3jatbvr>

PLG Power Limited Contracts, India

PLG Power signed PV contracts worth 70 MW with the Gujarat Government in India and aims to install 200 MW by 2012.

Press at pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/6j5e7no>

PLG Power: <http://www.plgpower.com/>

Isofoton Results

Isofoton reported results.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://tinyurl.com/3ecbe2a>

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

Kyocera Modules for Eco Shopping Mall, Japan

Kyocera Corporation installed 960 kW of solar modules at a shopping center in Japan.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/43724mo>

Kyocera: <http://global.kyocera.com/prdct/solar/>

SunPower Rebate Partnership with San Jose, California

SunPower announced a rebate partnership with San Jose.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/43c3327>

SunPower: <http://usa.sunpowercorp.com/landing-pages/asp/cityofsanjose/step1>

Solar in the UK

pv magazine covers solar policy in the UK at: <http://tinyurl.com/3c2r6jt>

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

Solar Competitive

Bloomberg posted "Solar Power May Already Rival Coal, Prompting Installation Surge" at:

<http://tinyurl.com/3jghpyh>

Green Jobs

Greentech Media posted "Where Will The Green Jobs Be: China or the U.S.?" at:

<http://tinyurl.com/3em8keh>

3M Manufacturing in China

3M is to expand manufacturing in China for solar markets.

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

3M: <http://www.3m.com/>

U.S. Solar Panel Prices

See "U.S. solar panel prices set to drop in 2011" at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/3ouberl>

CPV-7 Coverage

Gunther Portfolio posted coverage of CPV-7 at: <http://tinyurl.com/3ceuzzb>

Future Photovoltaics

Issue 4 of Future Photovoltaics is available now. Information at: <http://www.futurepv.com/>

PNM RFP, New Mexico

PNM has issued an RFP for renewable energy projects.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4x99oxk>

DOE and Qatar Agreement

The U.S. DOE and Qatar Science & Technology Park are signing an MOU to promote clean energy technologies.

Press at: http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/progress_alerts.cfm/pa_id=512

Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition Scorecard

The Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition published its 2011 Company Scorecard.

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

SVTC: <http://svtc.org/>

PV America Coverage

See coverage of PV America at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/3ggjzus>

Also renewable energy videos at: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/video>

IEA Clean Energy Progress Report

Greentech Media covers IEA's "Clean Energy Progress Report" at: <http://tinyurl.com/3ubc9kd>

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aleo solar Modules for Greek Project

aleo solar recently delivered modules for a 2 MW solar power plant constructed by RSEnergy Hellas

Solartechnik. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://tinyurl.com/3u6bo5j>

PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/3gdgcof>

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

RSEnergy: <http://www.rsenergy.gr/>

Solarvalue Solar Grade Silicon

PV-Tech features Solarvalue solar grade silicon news at: <http://tinyurl.com/3qbnsf>

Solarvalue: <http://www.solarvalue.de/en/>

EDF Acquiring EDF Energies Nouvelles

EDF is to acquire the outstanding 50% share in EDF Energies Nouvelles. Press at PV-Tech:

http://www.pv-tech.org/news/edf_to_acquire_edf_energies_nouvelles

<http://tinyurl.com/3l22fcb>

http://www.edf-energies-nouvelles.com/english/index_gb.asp

GE Thin Film

See more on GE thin film at Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/3rlypky> and

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/04/08/idUS350837577020110408>

<http://tinyurl.com/6f497ur>

MegaWatt Funding

According to this press, MegaWatt Solar has raised \$3.48 million of a \$7.35 million offering.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/3namauw>

<http://tinyurl.com/43da4u2>

MegaWatt Solar: <http://www.megawattsolar.com/>

Willard & Kelsey Lamination System

Willard & Kelsey Solar Group has purchased a module lamination system from Burkle. More at PV-Tech:

<http://tinyurl.com/3nhomkl>

http://solarindustrymag.com/e107_plugins/content/content.php?content.7657

Willard & Kelsey Solar Group: <http://www.wksolargroup.com/index.php/about>

WYSIPS Featured

CleanTechies features WYSIPS at: <http://tinyurl.com/3mktfct>

WYSIPS: <http://www.wysips.com/>

Solar Power for New York Schools

United Solar in partnership with Advanced Green Technologies announced the completion of an 807 kW solar power system on a total of 6 school rooftops in New York.

Press at: <http://investor.shareholder.com/ovonics/releasedetail.cfm?ReleaseID=563516>

Advanced Green Technologies: <http://www.AGT.com/>

Wacker Groundbreaking, Tennessee

Wacker is breaking ground on a \$1.5 billion polysilicon plant in Tennessee:

<http://tinyurl.com/3wd4wvf>

http://www.chattanooga.com/articles/article_198450.asp

Wacker: <http://tinyurl.com/3k2owc5>

TecnoSun in Ohio

TecnoSun Solar Systems plans to bring 20-40 jobs to Toledo, Ohio.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/3j3rjtu>

<http://tinyurl.com/3eenfuv>

TecnoSun: <http://www.tecnosunsolar.com/en/>

Solar Power Plant, Bulgaria

EVN AG started construction on a 2 MW solar park near Burgas.

Press at Bloomberg: <http://tinyurl.com/42slyxa>

Solar in the UK

Thin Film Today talks with SANYO about solar in the UK at: <http://tinyurl.com/3n56g85>

SolarPlaza covers solar in the UK at: <http://tinyurl.com/64vevlN>

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

Solar in Italy

PV-Tech covers solar subsidies in Italy at: <http://tinyurl.com/43x5zt7>

Reuters: <http://www.reuters.com/assets/print?aid=USTRE73547K20110406>

Solar Projects in Croatia

Adriatic Solarni Projekti is seeking investors for 3 solar power projects in Croatia with a combined capacity of 16.8 MW.

Press at Bloomberg: <http://tinyurl.com/3fz3q92>

Satcon Guidance

NewNet covers Satcon Technology forecasts at: <http://tinyurl.com/3rhvldz>

pv magazine: <http://tinyurl.com/3hjagyw>

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

Power-One Guidance

Power-One updated its financial outlook.

Press at: <http://investor.power-one.com/releases.cfm>

CFV Solar Test Laboratory

CFV Solar Test Laboratory has opened its doors in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Press at PV-Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/4xjrz9l>

<http://tinyurl.com/3praj3b>

<http://tinyurl.com/3uq2xcp>

CFV: <http://www.cfv-solar.com/>

Solar Decathlon

See coverage of UMD's Solar Decathlon home at: <http://somed.com/news/headlines/2011/13572.shtml>

Solar Decathlon: <http://www.solardecathlon.gov/>

IREC Connecting to the Grid Newsletter

IREC's latest issue of Connecting to the Grid Newsletter is on line at:

<http://irecusa.org/category/newsletters/connecting-to-the-grid-newsletter/>

Renewable Energy RFPs

The Green Power Network posts Renewable Energy RFPs at:

<http://apps3.eere.energy.gov/greenpower/financial/>

Photovoltaics World Articles

Photovoltaics World has a number of featured and current articles at:

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

PV America Coverage

See "Solar is All About Efficiency – Business Efficiency" at RenewableEnergyWorld:

<http://tinyurl.com/6lc2f28>

SolarTech Leadership Summit

RenewableEnergyWorld covers the SolarTech Leadership Summit at: <http://tinyurl.com/3bpb8kk>

Renewables in Arizona

The Arizona Court of Appeals upheld the Arizona Corporation Commission's ability to set a state renewable energy standard and to set tariffs to fund solar energy systems.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/3c2qhcq>

Vote Solar: <http://tinyurl.com/4yyfpjy>

REFF-Wall Street

The Renewable Energy Finance Forum-Wall Street is set for 21-22 June in New York City. Information at: <http://www.refffwallstreet.com/>

Greening the Army

See the news feature "NREL Helping the Army Be as Green as it Can Be" at NREL:

http://www.nrel.gov/features/20110406_army.html

In related solar news...

SkyFuel's Mirror Film

See "SkyFuel's Mirror Film Lasts the Lifetime of Solar Power Plant" at: <http://tinyurl.com/3cul3n6>

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

ReflecTech: <http://www.ReflecTechSolar.com/>

Abengoa Forecasts

See press on Abengoa's forecasts at Bloomberg: <http://tinyurl.com/44mreyq>

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

<http://www.abengosolar.com/corp/web/en/index.html>

Solar Water Heating

RenewableEnergyWorld posted "The Other Solar: Solar Water Heating" at: <http://tinyurl.com/3t9lb6j>

BLM Fast Track

CSP Today posted "BLM fast track: CSP siting highway hits bumps in the road" at:

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

Optimal Plant Design

CSP Today talks with TWI about plant design at:

<http://social.csptoday.com/qa/twi-setting-parameters-optimal-plant-design>