

## NCPV Hotline — Week of April 21-25, 2008

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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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#### 4-21-08 6N Silicon Financing

6N Silicon, Inc. has secured up to \$20 million in second-round financing led by Good Energies with participation by investors from the company's first round, Ventures West Management and Yaletown Venture Partners. The investment will be used by the company to move into commercial production.

Story at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/news/NewsNACO744.htm>

6N Silicon Inc.: <http://www.6nsilicon.com/s/Home.asp>

Good Energies: <http://www.goodenergies.com/>

Ventures West: <http://www.ventureswest.com/>

Yaletown Venture Partners: <http://www.yaletown.com>

#### 4-21-08 JA Solar Holdings Silicon Wafer Supply

JA Solar Holdings Co. said that Jiangsu Zhongneng Polysilicon Technology Development Co., a unit of GCL Silicon Technology Holdings Ltd., has agreed to supply the solar cell maker with silicon wafers under a long-term deal. Press at CNNMoney:

<http://money.cnn.com/news/newsfeeds/articles/apwire/f9c33267c0744ac20e1a4a068a1de08a.htm> or

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

JA Solar: <http://www.jasolar.com/Web/index-en.asp>

#### 4-21-08 Solar Home Systems in Bolivia

As part of its National Program "Electricity for a Life with Dignity", the Bolivian Government launched the prequalification process for firms and consortia interested in bidding for the installation and after-sales services of 7,000+ Solar Home Systems in 7 areas for Bolivia. The project is funded by the Global Partnership on Output-Based Aid. More at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/news/NewsSAPR36.htm>

Information under the GPOBA section at: <http://www.idtr.gov.bo/>

GPOBA: <http://www.gpoba.org/index.asp>

#### 4-21-08 ENER Solar Technology BIPV Order with Solar Integrated Technologies

ENER Solar Technology has placed a \$20 million order with Solar Integrated Technologies for the supply of building-integrated PV products for a number of large buildings in Italy. Story at:

<http://uk.biz.yahoo.com/080421/214/hxym4.html>

Solar Integrated Technologies: <http://www.solarintegrated.com/index.htm>

#### 4-21-08 Montealto PV Plants, Spain

The industrial group Montealto has started to construct 8 PV plants that will reach 51 MW with facilities distributed in the city of Córdoba and its province. Story at Solarbuzz:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/news/NewsEUPR467.htm>

Montealto: <http://www.montealto.es/eng/index.php>

#### **4-21-08 Center for Revolutionary Solar Photoconversion, Colorado**

The Center for Revolutionary Solar Photoconversion (CRSP), announced by Colorado Governor Bill Ritter, U.S. Senator Ken Salazar, and the Colorado Renewable Energy Collaboratory, will be dedicated to basic and applied research at the Collaboratory's four member institutions: The U.S. DOE's National Renewable Energy Laboratory, the Colorado School of Mines, Colorado State University, and the University of Colorado at Boulder. Twelve companies also have joined CRSP as founding members. NREL Senior Research Fellow Arthur Nozik will serve as scientific director of CRSP. Co-directors are CU's David Jonas, CSU's Mike Elliott, and CSM's Craig Taylor. More in the press release at:

<http://www.nrel.gov/news/press/2008/588.html>

Colorado Renewable Energy Collaboratory: <http://www.coloradocollaboratory.org/>

<http://www.coloradocollaboratory.org/crsp.html>

#### **4-21-08 Silicon Cell Efficiency Improvement**

According to this story, researchers at the Energy Research Center of the Netherlands have developed a method to improve solar cell efficiency for a new generation of crystalline silicon industrial solar cells.

Story at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/story?id=52234>

ECN: <http://www.ecn.nl/en/news/item/article/241/1/>

#### **4-21-08 PV Activities in Japan and Global PV Highlights [RTS Corporation, Osamu Ikki, President]**

The April 2008 issue of PV Activities in Japan and Global PV Highlights, with coverage of PV highlights in Japan, global PV highlights, worldwide solar cell production in 2007 by region, the monthly PV photo gallery, topics from Japan, and topics from the world, is available [by subscription] from RTS Corporation, <http://www.rts-pv.com>.

#### **4-21-08 Polysilicon Spot Price**

According to this press, after the spot price of polysilicon surpassed US\$500 per kilogram, the price has shown a rapid 20% drop over the past 2 weeks. Press at DigiTimes:

<http://www.digitimes.com/NewsShow/NewsSearch.asp?DocID=PD00000000000000000000000005426&query=SOLAR> or <http://tinyurl.com/3tqmmq>

#### **4-21-08 Production Expansion for Solar Modules, Ligitek and Tyntek**

The solar module subsidiaries of Ligitek Electronics and Tyntek both are seeing strong orders and are preparing to expand production to meet demand. Story at DigiTimes:

<http://www.digitimes.com/NewsShow/NewsSearch.asp?DocID=PB00000000000000000000000003614&query=SOLAR> or <http://tinyurl.com/4jdzax>

#### **4-21-08 Semi Equipment Manufacturers Challenge**

See the story "Solar industry challenges semi equipment manufacturers" at: <http://www.my-esm.com/digest/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=207400874> or <http://tinyurl.com/4zndpd>

#### **4-21-08 SolarWorld's Sunkit [Anne Schneider], Northwest Solar Expo 2008**

SolarWorld presented specially designed Sunkits for Oregon homeowners during the Northwest Solar Expo at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland. The Sunkit product is a factory-designed PV system that electrical contractors can install as an appliance.

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

Northwest Solar Expo 2008, held 16-20 April, Portland, Oregon: <http://www.nwsolarexpo.com/>

#### **4-21-08 Solar for Catalina Island, California**

A group of environmentally concerned residents from Avalon on Catalina Island announced the selection of REC Solar as the preferred provider for their new solar program. The solar community initiative is the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of Catalina's multi-tiered sustainable living charter locally known as the 2020 Vision Plan. Press at:

[http://www.businesswire.com/portal/site/google/?ndmViewId=news\\_view&newsId=20080421005646&newslang=en](http://www.businesswire.com/portal/site/google/?ndmViewId=news_view&newsId=20080421005646&newslang=en) or <http://tinyurl.com/3uo3v5>

REC Solar: <http://www.recsolar.com/cm/Home.html>

#### **4-21-08 Solar at Safeway Inc.**

Safeway Inc. unveiled its newest solar-powered grocery stores in Northern California to kick off a week of Earth Day activities. More at:

[http://www.businesswire.com/portal/site/google/?ndmViewId=news\\_view&newsId=20080421005457&newslang=en](http://www.businesswire.com/portal/site/google/?ndmViewId=news_view&newsId=20080421005457&newslang=en) or <http://tinyurl.com/426cfp>

Safeway, Environment: <http://shop.safeway.com/superstore/default.asp?brandid=1&page=corphome>

#### **4-21-08 SunPower PV at Macy's**

In anticipation of Earth Day celebrations, Macy's and SunPower Corporation are dedicating a 307-kW solar power system at the Macy's store at Oakridge Mall in San Jose, California. SunPower has partnered with Macy's to design and install solar power systems on 28 stores across California. Story at:

<http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/080421/aqm523a.html?v=1>

SunPower Corporation: <http://www.sunpowercorp.com/>

Macy's "Turn Over a New Leaf":

<http://www.macys.com/catalog/syndicated/remote/remotesyndication.ognc?Brand=PRESSRELEASE> or <http://tinyurl.com/4fvmqu>

#### **4-21-08 Solar Electric Power Association Telephone Seminar**

See the SEPA Website for information on a special April telephone seminar "Large Scale PV Utility Announcements", 29 April, at: <http://www.solarelectricpower.org/>

<http://www.solarelectricpower.org/?page=sepaevents>

#### **4-21-08 Key Hires, Talent**

Voltaix® announced the appointment of Gregory T. Muhr as Global Sales Manager and Jay Song, Ph.D. as Technical Marketing Director. Press at:

<http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/080421/nym057.html?v=101>

Voltaix: <http://www.voltaix.com/>

Akeena Solar, Inc. announced the promotion of Steve Daniel to executive vice president of sales and marketing. Press at:

[http://www.businesswire.com/portal/site/google/?ndmViewId=news\\_view&newsId=20080421005360&newslang=en](http://www.businesswire.com/portal/site/google/?ndmViewId=news_view&newsId=20080421005360&newslang=en) or <http://tinyurl.com/3hewn7>

Akeena Solar: <http://www.akeena.com/cm/Home.html>

HelioVolt Corporation announced that Louay Eldada, Ph.D., has joined as chief technical officer.

Press at: <http://www.centredaily.com/business/technology/story/537769.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/4ccapy>

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

Integrated Power Corporation announced John Witchey, MSEE, P.E., as Vice President of Engineering. Press at: <http://biz.yahoo.com/bw/080421/20080421005068.html?v=1>

iPower: <http://www.ipowercorp.com/>

See also the story "New England Takes Aim at Talent Shortage" at Greentech Media:

<http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/new-england-takes-aim-at-talent-shortage-809.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/4tfvwh>

#### **4-21-08 Award for Backsheet Product**

BioSolar™, Inc. reported that the company has been recognized as the "Technology of the Day™" from jumpintotomorrow.com™. Story at: <http://biz.yahoo.com/iw/080421/0388565.html>

BioSolar™: <http://www.biosolar.com/>

Jumpintotomorrow.com: <http://www.jumpintotomorrow.com/template/index.php?tech=50>

#### **4-21-08 Renewzle Application for Residential Solar Cost/Benefit**

Renwezle is a new web-based application offering a new way to evaluate the cost and benefits of residential solar energy systems. Press at: <http://www.prweb.com/releases/2008/04/prweb857994.htm>

Renwezle: <http://www.renewzle.com/learn>

#### **4-21-08 Sungevity Approach**

Sungevity's new approach uses satellite images and proprietary software to remotely engineer solar electric systems for customers and send quotes online. Details at:

<http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/080421/aqm052.html?.v=43>

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

#### **4-21-08 Solar Energy Index**

The Ardour Solar Energy Index of 27 global solar energy stocks is commencing real-time price dissemination. Says Joseph LaCorte, Chairman of the SOLRX Index Committee, "Solar Energy is among the most vital growth segments of the world economy and this index offers an accurate way to measure industry performance". Press at:

[http://www.businesswire.com/portal/site/home/news/sections/?ndmViewId=news\\_view&newsLang=en&newsId=20080418005580](http://www.businesswire.com/portal/site/home/news/sections/?ndmViewId=news_view&newsLang=en&newsId=20080418005580) or <http://tinyurl.com/3ohbsd>

Ardour Global: <http://ardour.snetglobalindexes.com/>

#### **4-21-08 Solar Decathlon House, Colorado**

The University of Colorado's 2007 Solar Decathlon house is open for public tours starting 22 April. The CU Solar Decathlon team will give tours and answer questions.

Press at: <http://www.coloradodaily.com/news/2008/apr/21/solar-decathlon-open-house-tuesday/> or <http://tinyurl.com/4cx2ex>

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

#### **In related solar news...**

#### **4-21-08 eSolar Funding, Breakthrough**

Solar startup eSolar Inc., a producer of "scalable" solar thermal power plants, has closed \$130 million in funding from several investors, including Google.

More on eSolar at EETimes: <http://www.eetimes.com/news/semi/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=207400875> or <http://tinyurl.com/3n599f> and

[http://www.businesswire.com/portal/site/google/?ndmViewId=news\\_view&newsId=20080421005532&newsLang=en](http://www.businesswire.com/portal/site/google/?ndmViewId=news_view&newsId=20080421005532&newsLang=en) or <http://tinyurl.com/52kmc3>

eSolar™: <http://www.esolar.com/>

#### **4-21-08 Stirling Energy Systems – NTR Deal**

See more on the Stirling Energy Systems – NTR deal at cleantech®:

<http://media.cleantech.com/2719/stirling-engines-meet-solar-power-in-the-desert> or <http://tinyurl.com/4fxm9e>

Stirling Energy Systems: <http://www.stirlingenergy.com/>

NTR plc: <http://www.ntr.ie/>

#### **4-22-08 First Light Solar Park, Canada**

Joint venture partners SkyPower Corp. and SunEdison Canada announced the official groundbreaking of First Light, North America's largest PV park to date, in Lennox & Addington County, Ontario.

Construction of the 19-MW solar park is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2009. Story at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1062.htm> and

RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/partner/story?id=52243>

SkyPower Corp: <http://www.skypower.com/CompMissCore.html>

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

#### **4-22-08 SOLON in the Greek Market**

SOLON AG has won its first major order in the Greek market. An agreement has been signed with Hypervolt Renewable Energy S.A., Larissa/Greece that provides for the supply of solar modules totaling 10 MWp during 2008/2009, to be used in the construction of power stations in Greece. Hypervolt is a subsidiary of the German company Stelio Solar GmbH & Co. KG.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEU535.htm>

SOLON: <http://www.solonag.de/>

Stelio Solar: <http://www.stelio-solar.de/>

#### **4-22-08 Siemens Transportation Systems PV, California**

Siemens Transportation Systems Inc. will install a 1-MW solar energy system at its manufacturing plant in south Sacramento. Over 5,175 Sharp polycrystalline solar modules will be installed. Story at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1063.htm> and <http://press.siemens.us/index.php?s=43&item=894>  
Siemens: <http://www.mobility.siemens.com/mobility/en/pub/home.htm>  
Sharp: <http://solar.sharpusa.com/solar/home/0,2462,,00.html>

#### **4-22-08 Dyesol Third Quarter 2008**

For Dyesol's commentary and update – third quarter 2008, see the press at: <http://tinyurl.com/5buz9n>  
Dyesol: <http://www.dyesol.com/index.php?page=Home>

#### **4-22-08 Solar Silicon Supply**

See the story "Analysis: Solar silicon boom wanes as new plants sprout" at EETimes: <http://www.eetimes.com/news/latest/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=207401055> or <http://tinyurl.com/3uzyln>

#### **4-22-08 AVA Solar Senior VP of Engineering**

AVA Solar, Inc. recently added Dr. Neil Morris as Senior Vice President of Engineering. Story at Solar Headlines: <http://www.solarheadlines.com/node/3626>  
AVA Solar: <http://www.avasolar.com/>  
<http://www.avasolar.com/news/pressDisplay.php?i=17>

#### **4-22-08 Solar Energy Industries Association 2007 Year in Review**

The Solar Energy Industries Association released its 2007 U.S. Solar Industry Year in Review, produced in conjunction with the Prometheus Institute. The report noted that 254 MW of PV and concentrating solar power were installed in 2007.  
Press at: <http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/080421/nem109.html?.v=37>  
SEIA 2007 Year in Review: <http://www.seia.org/yearinreview.php>  
Prometheus Institute: <http://www.prometheus.org/about/visionandhistory>

#### **4-22-08 G24i Solar Cells Used to Power Antarctic Mission [Oily Williams]**

Robert Swan OBE, polar explorer and the first person to walk to both the North and South Poles, has successfully demonstrated that solar power can provide an effective and reliable energy source, even in some of the world's most inhospitable and extreme environments. The "E-Base Goes Live" project saw Swan and his team spend more than 2 weeks in Antarctica relying on solar power and other forms of renewable energy. Dye-Sensitized Thin Film solar cells created by G24 Innovations provided a significant portion of the electricity used during the trip.  
Press from G24i: <http://www.g24i.com/>  
E-Base Goes Live: <http://ebase.2041.com/>  
2041: <http://2041.com/>

#### **4-22-08 CMC Magnetics Pilot Operations**

According to this press CMC Magnetics Corp. has begun pilot operations on its 40 MWp thin-film solar PV manufacturing line, which was supplied by Oerlikon Solar. More at: <http://solarcellsinfo.com/blog/archives/1467#more-1467>

#### **4-22-08 MIT – Chesonis Family Foundation Solar Revolution Project**

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Chesonis Family Foundation said that they are launching the Solar Revolution Project, funded by a \$10 million gift from the Chesonis Family Foundation. More on this Project at: [http://www.boston.com/business/ticker/2008/04/mit\\_unveils\\_new.html](http://www.boston.com/business/ticker/2008/04/mit_unveils_new.html) or <http://tinyurl.com/5xpdun>  
<http://www.centredaily.com/news/education/story/540691.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/4y46e3>  
<http://www.democratandchronicle.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080422/BUSINESS/804220343> or <http://tinyurl.com/5sqzyz>

#### **4-22-08 Suntech Office in Australia**

Suntech Power Holdings has opened a regional office in Sydney, Australia. The company will pursue investment opportunities in Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands through its new office. Press at: <http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,23581278-5005200,00.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/462anj>  
Suntech: <http://www.suntech-power.com/>

#### **4-22-08 Trina PV Industrial Park**

Trina Solar Limited announced that five of its key suppliers have signed investment agreements to establish production facilities in the Changzhou Trina Photovoltaic Industrial Park. Press at: <http://www.xprn.com/xprn/storyCenter.do?method=loadStoryDetail&storyId=4028ee8c19595b66011976097a5000e7&langId=1> or <http://tinyurl.com/3te3a5>  
Trina Solar: <http://www.trinasolar.com/front/en/home.php>

#### **4-22-08 Hydro Investment in Convexa**

Hydro is investing NOK 50 million in Convexa, a Norwegian venture fund specializing in technology companies working within the field of solar energy. Convexa and Hydro has also entered into a cooperative agreement whereby they will jointly monitor technological and market trends. Press at: <http://www.azom.com/news.asp?newsID=12006>  
Hydro: <http://www.hydro.com/en/>  
Convexa: <http://www.convexa.no/>

#### **4-22-08 Aéro watt Diversification into Solar**

Aéro watt aims to accelerate its diversification into solar power. Story at: <http://money.cnn.com/news/newsfeeds/articles/newstex/AFX-0013-24676727.htm> or <http://tinyurl.com/4wccco>  
Aéro watt: <http://www.aerowatt.fr/>

#### **4-22-08 Ascent Solar Technologies Underwriting Team [Brian Blackman]**

Ascent Solar Technologies, Inc. announced that it has added J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. as a lead underwriter of its public offering of common stock. Press from Ascent Solar: <http://www.ascentsolar.com/>

#### **4-22-08 New SMA Inverter Factory**

A new SMA inverter factory in Germany will expand the company's production capacities to meet the increasing demand and is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2008. Story at: <http://www.renewableenergymagazine.com/paginas/ContenidoSecciones.asp?ID=2482&Tipo=&Nombre=PV%20Solar%20News> or <http://tinyurl.com/4lddcy>  
SMA: <http://www.sma.de/>

#### **4-22-08 Solar Industry in Spain**

The solar industry in Spain grew by 150% last year. Story at: <http://www.renewableenergymagazine.com/paginas/ContenidoSecciones.asp?ID=2495&Tipo=&Nombre=PV%20Solar%20News> or <http://tinyurl.com/474tum>

#### **4-22-08 Italian Solar Incentive**

The Italian government-backed incentive to encourage the generation of solar power has reached an established capacity of 100 MW, according to Gestore dei Servizi Elettrici. Story at: [http://www.energy-business-review.com/article\\_news.asp?guid=946B7499-8A6E-42CE-B6CD-3FCA64986796](http://www.energy-business-review.com/article_news.asp?guid=946B7499-8A6E-42CE-B6CD-3FCA64986796) or <http://tinyurl.com/68nc2d>  
GSE: <http://www.grtn.it/eng/index.asp>

#### **4-22-08 Regional Directors at SEPA [Josephine Mooney]**

The Solar Electric Power Association announced that three utility experts have joined the SEPA team as regional directors. Christy Herig serves as SEPA's regional director for the Eastern US, Jim Harding for the Western US, and Tom Nicholas for the Central US. Press from SEPA: <http://www.SolarElectricPower.org/>

#### **4-22-08 Green Companies to Watch**

See the story "Green companies to watch: Renewable energy" at CNet News, with coverage of several solar companies: [http://www.news.com/8301-11128\\_3-9916858-54.html](http://www.news.com/8301-11128_3-9916858-54.html)

#### **4-22-08 Wells Fargo Incentives**

Wells Fargo & Company is offering consumers a \$250 incentive for the purchase of new residential PV systems. More at: <http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/080421/aqm526.html?.v=5>  
Wells Fargo: <https://www.wellsfargo.com/equity/homeimprovement/?requestid=58061> or <http://tinyurl.com/5do4vj>

#### **4-22-08 SolarCity Financing Program**

SolarCity announced a new solar power option to extend its \$0-down solar financing option to the majority of its California service area until 31 July 2008. Press at: <http://www.sunherald.com/447/story/506618.html>  
SolarCity: <http://www.solarcity.com/>

#### **4-22-08 Renewables RFP [The Green Power Network]**

American Electric Power Service Corporation's RFP seeks up to 100 MW of long-term supply from new renewable energy resources on behalf of Southwestern Electric Power Company. Visit: <http://www.swepco.com/news/renewrfp/>  
The Green Power Network: <http://www.eere.energy.gov/greenpower/financial/>

#### **4-22-08 Texas Solar Forum**

For information on the "Texas Solar Forum", 24-25 April 2008 in Austin, see the agenda (pdf) at: [http://www.texassolarforum.com/downloads/solar\\_forum\\_flyer.pdf](http://www.texassolarforum.com/downloads/solar_forum_flyer.pdf)  
Texas Solar Forum website: <http://www.texassolarforum.com/>

#### **4-22-08 Big Solar**

For information on "Big Solar: Utility Scale Solar Power Generation" presented by the Berkeley-Stanford CleanTech Conference Series, 7 May 2008, visit: <http://cleantech.berkeley.edu/index.html>

#### **4-22-08 IDTechEx Award [Chris Clare]**

Hewlett Packard and PowerFilm Solar won the IDTechEx award for best Technical Development in Manufacturing. Press from IDTechEx: <http://www.idtechex.com/users/en/register.asp>  
<http://www.packagingessentials.com/indnews.asp?id=2008-04-21-18.08.41.000000> or <http://tinyurl.com/432sn4>

#### **4-22-08 greenXchange Xpo**

The greenXchange Xpo is set for 1-3 October 2008 at the Los Angeles Convention Center, California. For the Event Overview, Call for Papers, and Conference Program, visit: <http://www.greenxchangexpo.com/live/50/>  
<http://www.greenxchangexpo.com/live/50/TB796668//SN80614>  
<http://www.greenxchangexpo.com/live/50/TB796668//SN607084>

#### **4-22-08 More on State RPS Report**

See the article, "Report: Update on State Renewable Portfolio Standards", covering a new report released by the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/story?id=52240>  
Report access: <http://eetd.lbl.gov/ea/ems/re-pubs.html>

#### **4-22-08 PV Industry Report**

Research and Markets announced the addition of "Photovoltaic Industry Analysis and Forecast" to their offering. Press at: <http://au.biz.yahoo.com/080422/43/1pjkp.html>

## In related solar news...

### 4-22-08 Infinia Corporation Financing

Infinia Corporation announced that it secured an additional US\$7 million at the second close of its Series B financing, bringing the total Series financing for the company to US\$57 million. The second close was led by Foxconn Technology Group. Story at RenewableEnergyWorld:

<http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/story?id=52244>

Infinia Corporation: [http://www.infiniacorp.com/applications/clean\\_energy.php](http://www.infiniacorp.com/applications/clean_energy.php)

Foxconn: <http://www.foxconn.com/>

### 4-22-08 Solar Building

See the story "Solar Building a Wise, and Ancient, Philosophy" by John Perlin at: <http://www.miller-mccune.com/article/311>

### 4-22-08 More on eSolar Investment

See the story "Going modular with eSolar" at cleantech@: <http://media.cleantech.com/2724/going-modular-with-esolar>

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

### 4-23-08 REC ASA 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2008

Renewable Energy Corporation ASA (REC) reported first quarter 2008 results. Press at Solarbuzz:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUCO536.htm>

REC: [http://www.recgroup.com/default.asp?V\\_ITEM\\_ID=611&xml=/R/136555/PR/200804/1211549.xml](http://www.recgroup.com/default.asp?V_ITEM_ID=611&xml=/R/136555/PR/200804/1211549.xml) or <http://tinyurl.com/5dwdmr>

Forbes: <http://www.forbes.com/markets/feeds/afx/2008/04/22/afx4916178.html> or

<http://tinyurl.com/6ksd2b>

Reuters: <http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssIndustryMaterialsUtilitiesNews/idUSL225646820080422> or

<http://tinyurl.com/6e66b5>

### 4-23-08 Oerlikon 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

See Oerlikon's 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2008 press at:

[http://www.oerlikon.com/ecomaXL/index.php?site=OERLIKON\\_EN\\_press\\_releases\\_detail&udtx\\_id=5884](http://www.oerlikon.com/ecomaXL/index.php?site=OERLIKON_EN_press_releases_detail&udtx_id=5884)

or <http://tinyurl.com/5gg4ta>

Additional coverage at: <http://swiss-press.com/newsflashartikel.cfm?art=News&key=271612&parm=detail>

or <http://tinyurl.com/6eaoaq>

### 4-23-08 Lucky Power Module Production

After securing patents for building-integrated PV solar modules, Lucky Power projects a critical output jump in solar module production. Story at DigiTimes:

<http://www.digitimes.com/NewsShow/NewsSearch.asp?DocID=PD00000000000000000000000005464&query=SOLAR> or <http://tinyurl.com/6h4yum>

Lucky Power: <http://www.luckypowertech.com/>

### 4-23-08 BP Solar PV Systems for FedEx, California

FedEx Corporation's subsidiary, FedEx Freight, has completed the installation of a 282-kW solar power system in Whittier, California and is nearing completion of a 269-kW solar-powered facility in Fontana, California. BP Solar manufactured the solar panels and served as the project developer. Stories at

Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1064.htm> and

RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/partner/story?id=52265>

BP Solar: <http://www.bpsolar.com/>

### 4-23-08 Connecticut Clean Energy Fund PV Projects

The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund announced that three of the PV projects it funded through its On-Site Renewable Distributed Generation Program are now completed and successfully operating. Press at

RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/partner/story?id=52256>

Connecticut Clean Energy Fund: <http://www.ctcleanenergy.com/about/about.php>

#### **4-23-08 Kyocera PV for East Los Angeles College, California**

Kyocera Solar and East Los Angeles College celebrated the inauguration of a 1.2 MW PV system at ELAC's Monterey Park campus. As part of the Renewable Energy Plan of the Los Angeles Community College District, the project represents a major achievement toward the goal of making all 9 LACCD colleges more energy independent. Story at:

<http://www.centredaily.com/news/education/story/543260.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/5q66fm>

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

#### **4-23-08 Commercial PV System, San Jose, California**

Akeena Solar, Inc. announced a 410-kW PV project for the roof of Star Quality Concrete in downtown San Jose, California, which will be the largest commercial installation in San Jose. Press at:

<http://tinyurl.com/5j6vor>

Akeena Solar: <http://www.akeena.com/cm/Home.html>

#### **4-23-08 Solar Homes, San Bernardino County, California**

Harmony at CenterStone Estates will install 2.3-kW PV systems on its 56 houses in a new California development. CenterStone is part of the California Energy Commission's New Solar Homes Partnership.

See more at: [http://www.sbsun.com/ci\\_9020508?source=rss](http://www.sbsun.com/ci_9020508?source=rss) and

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

<http://www.needarroof.com/pr15.php>

Go Solar California, New Solar Homes Partnership: <http://www.gosolarcalifornia.ca.gov/nshp/>

#### **4-23-08 Solar-powered Lighting Investment [Ilze Greene]**

SolarOne® Solutions, Inc. announced that FreshTracks Capital and TSG Equity Partners completed a second round investment in the company. The investment will accelerate the sales and marketing efforts of the company, while also supporting on-going product development activities. Press at:

<http://www.solarone.net/news/press.cfm?ID=7640D0CD%2D1EC9%2D2D89%2D378D1FB8AF39FDBA&test> or <http://tinyurl.com/6p9u55>

SolarOne®: <http://www.solarone.net/>

freshTracks™ Capital: <http://www.freshtrackscap.com/>

TSG Equity Partners: <http://www.tsgequity.com/>

#### **4-23-08 Conergy Partnership with Clean Power Finance**

Conergy has established a partnership with Clean Power Finance to provide custom financing solutions for its residential, off-grid and small commercial systems. In addition, Conergy will offer a co-branded version of Clean Power Finance's web-based productivity software suite, CPF Tools, to their network of qualified solar integrators. Press at RenewableEnergyWorld:

<http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/partner/story?id=52266>

Conergy: <http://www.conergy.us/desktopdefault.aspx>

Clean Power Finance: <http://www.cleanpowerfinance.com/>

#### **4-23-08 Timminco Solar Grade Silicon Production Update**

See the story "Q-Cells backs challenged silicon supplier Timminco" at Reuters:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/marketsNews/idUSL2247417820080422?rpc=401&> or

<http://tinyurl.com/5dsws6>

Timminco Update: [http://www.timminco.com/press/pr\\_042208.pdf](http://www.timminco.com/press/pr_042208.pdf)

#### **4-23-08 SolarPlaza Events [Johan Trip]**

The international solar conference "The Thin-film Future" will provide a comprehensive overview of, and give an update on the latest developments in, the rapidly growing thin-film solar industry. The one-day event, organized by SolarPlaza, will take place on 11 June in Munich, Germany, just before Intersolar. More at SolarPlaza: <http://www.prnewswire.co.uk/cgi/news/release?id=225408>

Conference: <http://www.solarplaza.com/content/pagina/thethin-filmfuture/46286> or

<http://tinyurl.com/5qgvu4>

Intersolar, 12-14 June 2008: <http://www.intersolar.de/index.php?id=intersolar&L=1>

#### **4-23-08 SolarPlaza Events [Johan Trip] – continued.**

On 2 September 2008, SolarPlaza will organize the second Global PV Demand Conference in Valencia, Spain with discussion on the demand-side dynamics, the expected oversupply in the market, and related price elasticity consequences. More at:

<http://www.solarplaza.com/content/pagina/Trade%20Missions/43996>

SolarPlaza: <http://www.solarplaza.com/>

#### **4-23-08 Printed & Organic Electronics, Report [Raoul Escobar-Franco]**

See information on the report, “Printed & Organic Electronics Forecasts, Players & Opportunities 2008-2028” at IDTechEx: <http://www.idtechex.com/products/en/view.asp?productcategoryid=155> or

<http://tinyurl.com/675rx3>

#### **4-23-08 Municipal Solar Power Plants**

See “Municipal Solar Power Plants” posted at the Nanosolar Blog, through SolarPlaza

<http://www.solarplaza.com/content/news.php>, at: <http://blog.nanosolar.com/>

#### **4-23-08 TU Berlin Solar Technology Master’s Degree**

The Technical University of Berlin announced a new 2-year Master’s degree course for executives of the solar industry. More at PVTech: [http://www.pv-tech.org/r\\_and\\_d/article/tu\\_berlin\\_offers\\_solar\\_technology\\_masters\\_degree](http://www.pv-tech.org/r_and_d/article/tu_berlin_offers_solar_technology_masters_degree) or <http://tinyurl.com/5aeu7e>

Master’s Program: <http://www.gpe-solar.de/>

#### **4-23-08 Fundamentals of Power Purchase Agreements**

For information on EUCI’s “Fundamentals of Power Purchase Agreements”, 14 May 2008, go to:

[https://www.euci.com/web\\_conferences/0508-ppa/agenda.php](https://www.euci.com/web_conferences/0508-ppa/agenda.php)

#### **4-23-08 Leading Utility Green Power Programs**

The US DOE’s National Renewable Energy Laboratory released its annual ranking of leading utility green power programs. Press at: <http://www.nrel.gov/news/press/2008/348.html>

The Green Power Network: <http://www.eere.energy.gov/greenpower/resources/tables/topten.shtml> or

<http://tinyurl.com/2s8ko2>

#### **4-23-08 Renewable Energy Stocks**

See the article “Renewable Energy Stocks; Earth Day Sector Close-Up on Solar Stocks”, at

RenewableEnergyStocks.com: <http://www.marketwire.com/mw/release.do?id=847133&sourceType=3> or

<http://tinyurl.com/5ba6gx>

#### **4-23-08 DOE’s Loan Guarantee Program**

For coverage of DOE’s Loan Guarantee program, with up to \$10 billion for energy efficiency, renewable energy and electric transmission projects, see EERE Network News [Kevin Eber] at:

[http://www.eere.energy.gov/news/enn.cfm#id\\_11729](http://www.eere.energy.gov/news/enn.cfm#id_11729)

#### **4-23-08 LIPA’s 50-MW PV RFP**

New York Governor David Paterson announced a major alternative energy project that would create the state’s largest source of solar power to help meet the challenge of developing comprehensive renewable energy alternatives and address the growing demand for energy on Long Island and throughout the state. Long Island Power Authority President and CEO said LIPA released an RFP calling for 50 MW of solar energy to be generated on Long Island. More at Solarbuzz:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1065.htm>

LIPA: <http://www.lipower.org/company/papers/rfp/docs/solar.pdf>

Additional press: <http://www.newsday.com/business/ny-lisola235660676apr23,0,351680.story?track=rss>

or <http://tinyurl.com/5t3sxf>

#### **4-23-08 International Renewable Energy Agency**

At the invitation of the German Federal Government, representatives from more than 60 countries met in Berlin to discuss the founding of the International Renewable Energy Agency. More at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/story?id=52254>

#### **4-23-08 Self-sufficient Solar Industry**

See the story "A Self-sufficient Solar Industry?" by Sue Kateley, CALSEIA, at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/recolumnists/story?id=52116> or <http://tinyurl.com/4a6pel>

#### **4-23-08 Renewable Resources in the States**

See the story "Changing the Current – State Environmental Laws Drive Power Producers to Renewable Resources" at the Washington Post: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/04/21/AR2008042103004.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/6fp5fe>

#### **4-23-08 Renewables in China**

The monthly China Renewable Energy and Sustainable Development Report from China Strategies, LLC, covers the latest political, financial and technological developments in China's rapidly growing renewable energy industries. More at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/infocus/story?id=52220> or <http://tinyurl.com/4yyyyzn>

#### **In related solar news...**

#### **4-23-08 Solar Thermal Heats Up**

See "Funding Roundup: Solar-Thermal Heats Up Despite Cool VC Climate" at Greentech Media: <http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/funding-roundup-solar-thermal-heats-up-despite-cool-vc-climate-817.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/66flww>

#### **4-23-08 Frito-Lay Solar Thermal System**

Frito-Lay North America unveiled its new solar thermal system with 192 solar collectors at its Modesto plant in California's Central Valley. Stories at:

<http://centralvalleybusinesstimes.com/stories/001/?ID=8509> and <http://tinyurl.com/5qsnq4>

SunChips®: [http://www.sunchips.com/healthier\\_planet.shtml](http://www.sunchips.com/healthier_planet.shtml)

#### **4-24-08 Trina Solar Polysilicon Agreement with SILFAB**

Trina Solar Limited announced that the company has signed a long-term polysilicon supply agreement with SILFAB S.p.A. Stories at: <http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/080424/cnth033.html?.v=7> and PVTech: [http://www.pv-tech.org/materials/article/trina\\_solar\\_sources\\_225mw\\_of\\_polysilicon\\_from\\_start\\_up\\_silfab](http://www.pv-tech.org/materials/article/trina_solar_sources_225mw_of_polysilicon_from_start_up_silfab) or <http://tinyurl.com/4jzck7>

Trina Solar: <http://www.trinasolar.com/front/en/home.php>

SILFAB: <http://www.silfab.eu/en/>

#### **4-24-08 Phoenix Solar Annual Report [Anka Leiner]**

Phoenix Solar AG presented its Annual Report covering the financial year 2007. Details at:

<http://www.phoenixsolar.com/InvestorRelations/FinancialReports/>

#### **4-24-08 Oerlikon Solar and Boading Tianwei Contract**

Oerlikon Solar and Boading Tianwei have signed a contract for a turnkey thin-film solar module production line. The initial production capacity will be 46.5 MWp per year. The deal includes all major thin-film solar module production equipment including metrology and testing facilities. Story at Solarbuzz:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsASMA157.htm>

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

Boading Tianwei Yingli New Energy Resources Co., Ltd./Yingli:

<http://www.yinglisolar.com/enmain/user/index.asp>

#### **4-24-08 Sanyo Electric Thin-film Cells**

Sanyo Electric Co. is planning to launch production of thin-film solar cells around 2010, some 2 years ahead of schedule, to meet fast-growing demand. More at:

<http://search.japantimes.co.jp/rss/nb20080424a4.html>

Sanyo: <http://www.sanyo.com/solar/>

#### **4-24-08 OptiSolar Plans for Solar Farm, California**

OptiSolar has plans to develop a PV solar farm on the northwestern corner of the Carrisa Plains. Thin-film modules for the 550 MW Topaz Solar Farm would be installed over three years. Story at:

<http://www.sanluisobispo.com/news/local/story/341227.html>

OptiSolar press:

<http://www.optisolar.com/PDF/OptiSolar%20Topaz%20Solar%20Farm%20Backgrounder-Final.pdf> or

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

<http://www.optisolar.com/news.htm>

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

#### **4-24-08 Iberdrola Solar Power Plant, Spain**

Iberdrola SA's engineering arm, Iberdrola Ingenieria, said it has won a contract to build a 2.3-MW solar power plant in Seville, Spain for 15 million euros. Press at:

<http://www.forbes.com/markets/feeds/afx/2008/04/24/afx4927982.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/3ww4av>

Iberdrola:

<http://www.iberdrola.es/wcorp/corporativa/iberdrola?IDPAG=ENCOMUNICA&codCache=12090476344562683> or <http://tinyurl.com/3ulhpg>

Iberinco: <http://www.iberinco.com/ibding/home.do>

#### **4-24-08 Timminco Update**

For an update on Timminco, see press at:

<http://ca.reuters.com/article/businessNews/idCAN2342653220080423?rpc=401&> or

<http://tinyurl.com/5tf6xp>

Timminco Press: [http://www.timminco.com/press/pr\\_042308.pdf](http://www.timminco.com/press/pr_042308.pdf)

[http://www.timminco.com/press/pr\\_042208.pdf](http://www.timminco.com/press/pr_042208.pdf)

#### **4-24-08 More on Solar Cities**

Orlando, Florida was named a "Solar City" by the U.S. DOE, bringing in a \$200,000 grant that will be used for increasing solar energy use and to offer solar-educational programs. Story at:

[http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/orange/orl-solar2408apr24\\_0\\_516403.story?track=rss](http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/orange/orl-solar2408apr24_0_516403.story?track=rss) or

<http://tinyurl.com/57uvkj>

Solar America Cities: <http://www.solaramericacities.org/>

Solar America Initiative: [http://www.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar\\_america/](http://www.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar_america/)

#### **4-24-08 Renewable Energy Trade Group**

A new trade association, the Renewable Energy Marketers Association, was launched 23 April in Washington, D.C. The group, called REMA, comprises organizations that are involved in the creation, supply, purchase, sale, advocacy, and education about renewable energy and renewable energy certificates. Stories at:

<http://www.snl.com/interactivex/article.aspx?CdId=A-7683959-7778>

<http://dc.citybizlist.com/feature/featureDetail.aspx?id=16892>

REMA: <http://www.renewablemarketers.org/>

#### **4-24-08 Solar-powered UAV**

Aurora Flight Sciences revealed its concept for a solar-powered unmanned aerial vehicle that is designed to stay aloft for up to 5 years. Story at cleantech@: <http://media.cleantech.com/2752/aurora-reveals-plans-for-solar-powered-uav> or <http://tinyurl.com/4gegg4>

Aurora Flight Sciences: <http://www.aurora.aero/>

#### **4-24-08 Portland General Electric Renewables RFP**

Portland General Electric issued an RFP to prospective bidders to supply renewable power to help meet its customers' future energy needs. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/4662yt>  
PGE RFP: [https://www.portlandgeneralrfp.com/\\_pgerfp/home.asp](https://www.portlandgeneralrfp.com/_pgerfp/home.asp)

#### **4-24-08 Photovoltaics Summit 2008**

Commissioner Jeffrey D. Byron of the California Energy Commission will deliver a keynote address on 19 June at the third annual Photovoltaics Summit, titled "California Energy Policy: The Role for PV and Renewables". Paul Maycock will give the opening evening address on the topic "Photovoltaics: A Critical Analysis" on 19 June. More on the Summit, 18-20 June in San Diego, California at: <http://www.intertechpira.com/uploads/public/documents/Events/Brochures/PVFinalBrochure.pdf> or <http://tinyurl.com/69sdm2>

#### **4-24-08 Renewable Energy Finance & Investment Summit**

For information on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Renewable Energy Finance & Investment Summit, 19-21 May 2008 in Scottsdale, Arizona, see: <http://www.frallc.com/conference.aspx?ccode=b597>  
Brochure: <http://www.frallc.com/pdf/b597.pdf>

#### **4-24-08 IREC Telephone Seminar**

IREC's Telephone Seminar – Fire Safety Guidelines for PV Systems, is set for 30 April and requires pre-registration at: <http://firesafety.eventbrite.com/>  
Interstate Renewable Energy Council: <http://www.irecusa.org/>

#### **4-24-08 U.S. Solar Power Market, Report**

Research Reports International is offering the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of its U.S. Solar Power Market report, a 100-page overview of the domestic market for solar power. Information at: [http://www.researchreportsintl.com/products/product.cfm?report\\_ID=97](http://www.researchreportsintl.com/products/product.cfm?report_ID=97) or <http://tinyurl.com/24xq4c>  
<http://www.researchreportsintl.com/products/samples/SolarTOC2.pdf>

#### **4-24-08 French PV Market, Report**

Research and Markets announced the addition of The French Photovoltaic Market 2007/08 – Another Path for Photovoltaics to their offering. Press at: <http://biz.yahoo.com/bw/080424/20080424005688.html?.v=1>  
Research and Markets: <http://www.researchandmarkets.com/reports/c89869>

#### **4-25-08 Xunlight Investment**

A new investment of \$22.3 million in Xunlight Corp. is being announced, which will allow the company to build a full-size production line. Press at: <http://toledoblade.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080425/BUSINESS03/804250350> or <http://tinyurl.com/5n5jxs>  
[http://www.solarindustrymag.com/e107\\_plugins/content/content\\_it.php?content.1267](http://www.solarindustrymag.com/e107_plugins/content/content_it.php?content.1267) or <http://tinyurl.com/672k3a>  
<http://www.wtol.com/global/story.asp?s=8225500>  
Xunlight: <http://www.xunlight.com/>

#### **4-25-08 Solar EnerTech Corp. Results**

Solar EnerTech announced 2008 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter financial results. Press at: <http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/080425/cnf009.html?.v=40>  
Solar EnerTech Corp.: <http://www.solarenertech.com/>

#### **4-25-08 MEMC 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Results**

MEMC reported 1<sup>st</sup> quarter results. Press at: <http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/080424/nyth126.html?.v=101>  
MEMC: <http://www.memc.com/default-netscape.asp>

#### **4-25-08 Ledian Tianwei Silicon Technology Polycrystalline Project**

Ledian Tianwei Silicon Technology Co. Ltd. recently kicked off its polycrystalline silicon project in the high-tech district of Leshan, China. First production is expected by the end of 2009, and full production capacity of 3000 tons is expected in 2012. Press through PVGroup Photovoltaic News <http://www.pvgroup.org/index.htm> at: <http://www.semiconductor.net/article/CA6554228.html>

#### **4-25-08 Nanotechnology-based PV Projects, Canada**

The National Research Council of Canada, among other governmental bodies, has selected two nanotech-related research projects specifically targeting improvements in PV that are designed to speed up the technology development for commercialization. Story at: [http://www.pv-tech.org/r\\_and\\_d/article/canadian\\_government\\_selects\\_two\\_nanotechnology\\_based\\_photovoltaic\\_projects](http://www.pv-tech.org/r_and_d/article/canadian_government_selects_two_nanotechnology_based_photovoltaic_projects) or <http://tinyurl.com/64s6s8>

#### **4-25-08 Solar in China, India**

See the story "Chindia" rushes into solar" at Solid State Technology: [http://sst.pennnet.com/display\\_article/326845/5/WNART/none/UPFRN/1/](http://sst.pennnet.com/display_article/326845/5/WNART/none/UPFRN/1/) or <http://tinyurl.com/3r86bp>

#### **4-25-08 More on OptiSolar's \$1 Billion Project, California**

For additional information on OptiSolar's 550-MW Topaz Solar Farm proposed for Carrisa Plains, see the press at: <http://www.sanluisobispo.com/business/story/342210.html>  
OptiSolar: <http://www.optisolar.com/>

#### **4-25-08 More on Connecticut Clean Energy Fund PV Projects**

The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund has made funding commitments totaling \$1.25 million to 4 PV projects through its On-Site Renewable Distributed Generation Program. More on these 4 projects at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1069.htm> and RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/partner/story?id=52285>  
Connecticut Clean Energy Fund: <http://www.ctcleanenergy.com/about/about.php>  
Connecticut Innovations: <http://www.ctinnovations.com/>

#### **4-25-08 First Solar VP of Investor Relations**

First Solar, Inc. announced the appointment of Larry Polizzotto as Vice President, Investor Relations, based at the company's headquarters in Tempe, Arizona. Press from First Solar: <http://investor.firstsolar.com/releasedetail.cfm?ReleaseID=306639>  
<http://www.firstsolar.com/>

#### **4-25-08 Wafer Spot Pricing**

See the press "Solar 6-inch wafer spot pricing expected to stay at around US\$10" at DigiTimes: <http://www.digitimes.com/NewsShow/NewsSearch.asp?DocID=PD00000000000000000000000005493&query=SOLAR> or <http://tinyurl.com/6frvyx>

#### **4-25-08 MST Technology Solar Power Plant in South Africa**

According to this press, MST Technology plans to build a solar power plant in South Africa for 48 billion rand (\$6.3 billion). Press at: <http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601116&sid=aXoxl4uTuDQw&refer=africa> or <http://tinyurl.com/63xd7j>  
<http://allafrica.com/stories/200804250214.html>

#### **4-25-08 Mainstreaming Solar Electricity**

Clean Energy Group and Peregrine Energy Group have released a new report that highlights policies and programs that states can implement to advance local solar PV markets. The report is based on a survey of the real-time experience of the leading state solar programs. See more on “Mainstreaming Solar Electricity: Strategies for States to Build Local Markets” at RenewableEnergyWorld:

<http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/infocus/story?id=52297> or <http://tinyurl.com/66255o>

Report (pdf): [http://www.cleangroup.org/Reports/CEG\\_Mainstreaming-Solar-Electricity\\_Apr2008.pdf](http://www.cleangroup.org/Reports/CEG_Mainstreaming-Solar-Electricity_Apr2008.pdf) or <http://tinyurl.com/3hdglq>

Clean Energy Group: <http://www.cleangroup.org/publications.html>

Peregrine Energy Group: <http://www.peregrinegroup.com/>

#### **4-25-08 Cleantech Sector**

Public cleantech companies tumbled this past quarter, but less so than other sectors, according to the manager of the CTIUS index. See the story “Cleantech Index weathers stormy market” at cleantech.com:

<http://media.cleantech.com/2721/cleantech-index-weathers-stormy-market> or <http://tinyurl.com/52z3lv>

The Cleantech Index™ (CTIUS): <http://www.cleantechindex.com/>

#### **4-25-08 Puget Sound Energy Solar School Grants**

Five schools in Alaska will receive close to US \$100,000 in grants announced by Puget Sound Energy. The grants will provide for the installation of 1-2 kW PV systems as well as educational tools enabling students to monitor the systems and learn about solar power. Story at RenewableEnergyWorld:

<http://www.RenewableEnergyWorld.com/rea/news/story?id=52292&src=rss> or <http://tinyurl.com/59n9mc>

Puget Sound Energy:

<http://www.pse.com/newsarchive/Pages/news20080423SolarSchools.aspx?navpath=/InsidePSE/newsroom> or <http://tinyurl.com/6nqyxo>

#### **4-25-08 Solar Power for Electric Vehicle Battery System RFP**

NineSigma, representing a Fortune 100 company, is inviting proposals for using solar power to recharge an electric vehicle battery system. Information at: <http://www.ninesigma.com/mx/50578-1>

#### **4-25-08 Interstate Renewable Energy Council “Connecting to the Grid” Newsletter [Joan Ward]**

The May 2008 issue of IREC’s “Connecting to the Grid” Newsletter is available at:

<http://www.irecusa.org/index.php?id=33>

#### **4-25-08 Intersolar North America**

See the story “Intersolar North America Draws International Participation” through PVGroup Photovoltaic News <http://www.pvgroup.org/index.htm> at: <http://calibre.mworld.com/m/m.w?lp=GetStory&id=303820111>

Intersolar North America, 15-17 July 2008, San Francisco, California: <http://www.intersolar.us/>

#### **4-25-08 Photovoltaics, Beyond Conventional Silicon**

Information on speakers at Photovoltaics, Beyond Conventional Silicon, USA 08, 17-18 June 2008 in Denver, Colorado, can be found at:

<http://printedelectronics.idtechex.com/photovoltaicsusa08/en/speakers.asp> or <http://tinyurl.com/2ygztld>

Early bird registration ends soon:

<http://printedelectronics.idtechex.com/photovoltaicsusa08/en/register.asp> or <http://tinyurl.com/3k8jl9>

#### **4-25-08 TechConnect Summit**

The TechConnect Summit is set for 3-5 June 2008 in Boston, Massachusetts. Information on presenters at: <http://www.techconnect.org/Summit2008/>

Press: <http://tinyurl.com/5sjond>

#### **4-25-08 EUCI Events**

Grid Integration and Storage Strategies for Renewable Energy, 22 May 2008:

[https://www.euci.com/web\\_conferences/0508-REstorage/agenda.php](https://www.euci.com/web_conferences/0508-REstorage/agenda.php) or <http://tinyurl.com/5fxzpy>

Interconnection of Small-Scale Grid-Tied PV Systems, 26 June 2008:

[https://www.euci.com/web\\_conferences/0608-ssinterconnect/agenda.php](https://www.euci.com/web_conferences/0608-ssinterconnect/agenda.php) or <http://tinyurl.com/3bu6hs>

Planning & Implementation in an RPS Environment, 28-29 July 2008, in Cambridge, Massachusetts:

<https://www.euci.com/conferences/0708-rps-east/agenda.php>

#### **4-25-08 KACO Inverter Training**

For free and NABCEP certified KACO inverter training at the ASES Solar 2008 event, see

RenewableEnergyWorld at: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/partner/story?id=52270>

KACO: <http://www.kacosolar.com/Press.php>

#### **4-25-08 PV Quality Mark**

See the press “The Sun Also Rises: IEC Becomes Exclusive Provider of Quality Mark for the Photovoltaic Industry”, with information on the PV GAP Mark, at:

[http://www.ansi.org/news\\_publications/news\\_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=1813](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=1813) or

<http://tinyurl.com/4xl968>

IEC: [http://www.iec.ch/news\\_centre/release/nr2008/nr1608.htm](http://www.iec.ch/news_centre/release/nr2008/nr1608.htm)

[http://energy.environmental-](http://energy.environmental-expert.com/resultEachPressRelease.aspx?cid=29169&codi=30939&idproducttype=8&level=0)

[expert.com/resultEachPressRelease.aspx?cid=29169&codi=30939&idproducttype=8&level=0](http://energy.environmental-expert.com/resultEachPressRelease.aspx?cid=29169&codi=30939&idproducttype=8&level=0) or

<http://tinyurl.com/6ho3q4>

#### **4-25-08 Solar Power Plan, India**

According to this press, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has fixed a target of 50 MW for setting up grid-connected solar power plants during the Eleventh Five Year Plan. Press at:

<http://pib.nic.in/release/release.asp?relid=38004>