NCPV Hotline — Week of September 12-19, 2008

Weekly News Items

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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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<u>Current and archived NCPV Hotline issues</u> <a href=

NOTE: The NCPV Hotline was off line September 11 and 12.

Some spam filters have been rejecting delivery of the NCPV Hotline now and then. Also, NREL experienced difficulties with its mail utility during delivery on September 8. Copies are available in the weekly files posted under Current Issues at the Website: http://www.nrel.gov/pv/news hotline.html

9-15-08 Asola MOU with Q&Tech/Yongsan for Module Plant, South Korea

Quantum Fuel Systems Technologies Worldwide Inc. said that its German partner, Asola Advanced and Automotive Solar Systems GmbH, has signed an MOU with the Korean firm Q&Tech/Yongsan Inc. to build a solar module plant in South Korea. Press at:

http://money.cnn.com/news/newsfeeds/articles/apwire/915412a7cc6749b6517a0016c6938f06.htm or http://tinyurl.com/5gjqfm

http://www.motortrend.com/features/newswire/38673/index.html or http://tinyurl.com/6hk5mb

http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsASMA191.htm

http://media.cleantech.com/3431/asola-go-solar-south-korea or http://tinyurl.com/5ag47t

Quantum: http://www.qtww.com/ Asola: http://www.asola-power.com/

Q&Tech: http://www.qntec.co.kr/english/index.php

9-15-08 Q-Cells Agreements with LDK Solar

Q-Cells AG signed an agreement on the processing of upgraded metallurgical silicon into solar wafers with LDK Solar. In addition, Q-Cells and LDK have signed an MOU for additional supplies of silicon wafers for the period between 2009 and 2018. Story at Solarbuzz:

http://www.solarbuzz.com/news/NewsEUCO623.htm and

http://www.vourrenewablenews.com/news_item.php?newsID=10418

Q-Cells: http://www.g-cells.com/en/index.html

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

9-15-08 Trina Solar Agreement with Invictus NV

Trina Solar's subsidiary, Changzhou Trina Solar Energy Co., Ltd., has entered into a sales agreement with Invictus NV under which Trina Solar will supply Invictus with 20 MW and 30 MW for 2009 and 2010, respectively, with an option to purchase an additional 10 MW for each year. Press at Solarbuzz:

http://www.solarbuzz.com/news/NewsEUCO624.htm

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

9-15-08 Capricorn Venture Partners Investment in Concentrator Optics [Paul Decraemer]

Capricorn Venture Partners announced its investment in Germany-based Concentrator Optics GmbH, Marburg. Press release at: http://www.capricorn.be/en/news/2008/09/11/capricorn-cleantech-fund-makes-investment-in-concentrator-optics-gmbh/ or http://tinyurl.com/5t3sgx

Concentrator Optics: http://www.concentratoroptics.com/

9-15-08 Premier Power Private Placement

According to this press, Premier Power Renewable Energy Inc. has completed a reverse merger transaction resulting in Premier Power Renewable Energy, Inc. becoming a public company. In connection with the merger, the company closed a \$7 million private placement led by Vision Capital Master Investment Fund. Press at Solarbuzz: http://www.solarbuzz.com/news/NewsNACO818.htm

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

Related news: http://tinyurl.com/6jybrh

9-15-08 Bank of Scotland Deal for 8 MW Solar Farm in Spain

The Energy & Environmental Finance team at Bank of Scotland Corporate has completed a deal worth 63 million Euros with Santander Investment for the construction and operation of an 8 MW solar farm (Madridejos) in Toledo, Spain. BP Solar is in charge of the engineering, procurement and construction of the plant, as well as its operation and maintenance. Story at Solarbuzz:

http://www.solarbuzz.com/news/NewsEUPR500.htm

Bank of Scotland: http://www.hbosplc.com/media/pressreleases/articles/bos/2008-09-10-

BankofScot.asp?section=bos or http://tinyurl.com/6jg3vs

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

http://tinyurl.com/yvmcvm

9-15-08 Financing for Spanish PV Projects

KfW IPEX-Bank closed the project finance for the San Clemente and Villanueva de la Jara PV facilities in Castilla-La Mancha, Spain in August. Both parks, with a capacity of 10.6 MWp and investment of EUR 68.5 million, are being completed to benefit from the Spanish PV feed-in tariff. Press at Solarbuzz: http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUPR501.htm

9-15-08 Perfectenergy International Results

Perfectenergy International Ltd. announced financial results for the third fiscal quarter ended 31 July.

Press at: http://www.centredaily.com/business/story/839187.html

Perfectenergy: http://www.perfectenergy.cn/

9-15-08 Solon Module Factory, Arizona

Solon Corp., a subsidiary of Solon AG in Berlin, says it will open a module manufacturing factory in Tucson, Arizona next month and create 200 green jobs by the end of 2009. Press through Solarbuzz

http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/Newspage.asp

Solon: http://www.solon.com/cw/en/global/erleben/index.html http://www.solon.com/cw/en/press/facts and figures/locations/

9-15-08 Gilatz PV Power Plant Purchase

Gilatz Investments Ltd. 50% subsidiary Gilatz Spain SL has bought another PV power plant in Spain for EUR30 million. The seller is Soltec, which will continue to provide maintenance services for the 3-MW plant. Press at Globes: http://www.globes.co.il/serveen/globes/docview.asp?did=1000380733&fid=1725 or http://tinyurl.com/6yz7op

9-15-08 Taiwan Glass Investment

Taiwan Glass Industrial plans to invest an additional NT\$2 billion in the next 3 years in its plant in Changpin Industrial Park to produce glass products for the solar cell industry. Press at DigiTimes:

http://www.digitimes.com/bits chips/a20080915PD210.html

Taiwan Glass: http://www.taiwanglass.com/en/index.html

9-15-08 Tracking Systems

Solar Monkey(TM) and Portuguese company WS Energia(R) announced an agreement to establish a new generation of tracking systems in North America. Press at:

http://www.businesswire.com/portal/site/google/?ndmViewId=news_view&newsId=20080915005465&news_ Lang=en or http://tinyurl.com/69op2f

Solar Monkey: http://www.solarmonkey.net/

WS Energia: http://www.ws-energia.com/homepage.html

9-15-08 LG Electronics and Conergy Module Manufacturing MOU

LG Electronics and Conergy AG have signed an MOU to form a joint venture in the solar module manufacturing business. LG would acquire a 75% stake in Conergy's solar module plant in Frankfurt (Oder), and Conergy would retain 25%. Story at Solarbuzz:

http://www.solarbuzz.com/news/NewsEUCO622.htm Conergy AG: http://www.conergy.de/desktopdefault.aspx

http://www.conergy.de/en/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-182/271 read-9368/ or http://tinyurl.com/67rl9b

LG Electronics: http://www.lge.com/

9-15-08 Signet Solar Panel Production

Signet Solar expects to begin commercial production of thin-film solar panels by the end of this month, according to an article at Greentech Media: http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/signet-to-start-thinfilm-solar-production-1404.html or http://tinyurl.com/6ngup3

Signet Solar: http://www.signetsolar.com/

9-15-08 Photovoltech Production Capacity

Photovoltech will increase the PV cell production capacity of its plant in Tienen, Belgium from 140 MWp to 260 MWp by the end of 2010. Story at Solarbuzz: http://www.solarbuzz.com/news/NewsEUMA250.htm Photovoltech: http://www.photovoltech.be/

9-15-08 Dyesol, Next Generation Solar Panels for Buildings

Deysol Italia srL will partner with and supply Dye Solar Cell materials, equipment, and technology to an Italian partnership developing and commercializing next generation solar panels for buildings. Press from Dyesol: http://tinyurl.com/6ghmwk

http://www.dyesol.com/

9-15-08 Dyesol-Timo Joint Venture in Korea

The Gyeonggi Provincial Government of the Republic of Korea, Dyesol Limited, and Timo Technology signed an MOU establishing the framework of the strategic investment plan for the Dyesol-Timo joint venture in Gyeonggi Province. More in the press at Dyesol: http://tinyurl.com/5q7qql http://www.dvesol.com/

Timo Technology: http://www.timo.co.kr/

9-15-08 Over Capacity Concern

According to this press at PV Tech, at the recently held Global PV Demand Conference hosted by SolarPlaza, attendees raised concern over the potential over capacity in the PV industry having a significant impact starting in 2009. Press at: http://tinyurl.com/65qt4b SolarPlaza: http://www.solarplaza.com/

9-15-08 Greentech Media Funding Roundup

See the story, Funding Roundup: Investors Go for Thin Solar and Hybrid-Electric Cars, at Greentech Media: http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/funding-roundup-investors-go-for-thin-solar-and-hybridelectric-cars-1405.html or http://tinyurl.com/62ooxp

9-15-08 Thin-film Growth, Taiwan

See the article, Taiwan thin-film manufacturers set for rapid growth, at PV Tech: http://tinyurl.com/5bgalz

9-15-08 Efun Technology Thin-film Stake

Efun Technology has raised its stake in a thin-film solar subsidiary, Beyond PV, to 54%.

Press at DigiTimes:

Efun Technology: http://www.efun.com.tw/efun/

Beyond PV: http://www.beyondpv.com/beyondpv/vision.htm

9-15-08 E-Ton Solar on PV Industry, Taiwan

E-Ton Solar Tech's general manager talks about Taiwan's PV industry in an article at DigiTimes:

uery=SOLAR or http://tinyurl.com/5jalh9
E-TON SOLAR: http://www.e-tonsolar.com/

9-15-08 OpTIC Center for Solar Energy Research

OpTIC, an opto-electronics technology and incubation facility in North Wales, has officially opened its Center for Solar Energy Research. Story at RenewableEnergyWorld:

http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/story?id=53572

OpTIC: http://tinyurl.com/5afekh

9-15-08 Komax Holding Orders

Komax Holding AG received orders worth over CHF 30 million, which includes a significant order from Algatec Solar AG for crystalline solar module automation systems for a new 160-MW module plant.

Press at PV Tech: http://tinyurl.com/6mhhjx Komax: http://www.komax.ch/de/home.htm

Algatec Solar AG: http://www.algatec.com/en/index.en.htm

9-15-08 NP Capital Corp Solar Panel Supplier

NP Capital Corp has entered into an exclusive North American solar panel distribution agreement with a major manufacturer that can provide immediate delivery of PV panels up to 20 MW of supply over the next 12 months. Press at: http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/080915/clm031.html?.v=101

Solar Energy Initiatives/SolarEnergy.com: http://www.SolarEnergy.com/

9-15-08 Amtech Systems Orders

Amtech Systems, Inc. announced that its solar subsidiary, Tempress Systems, Inc., has received \$9 million in follow-on solar orders for its diffusion processing systems from two existing customers based in Asia. Press at: http://tinyurl.com/6dmxau

Amtech Systems: http://www.amtechsystems.com/

9-15-08 Roth & Rau Orders

Roth & Rau said that during the recent European PVSEC, it generated new contracts and declarations of intent worth approximately EUR45 million.

Press at PV Tech: http://tinyurl.com/6gy8e4

Roth & Rau: http://www.roth-rau.de/

9-15-08 PV for Santa Barbara, California

The City of Santa Barbara has selected Tioga Energy and El Solutions to design, build and fund a 384-kW DC solar electric system. Under the terms of the SurePath PPA, Tioga Energy will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the PV system for the 20-year term of the contract. Story at

Solarbuzz: http://www.solarbuzz.com/news/NewsNAPR1205.htm

Tioga Energy: http://www.tiogaenergy.com/

El Solutions: http://www.eispv.com/

9-15-08 Transformation of Refrigerator Factory to PV and Wind Manufacturing

A factory in Italy that produced refrigerators will be transformed into a facility that will manufacture PV panels and wind turbine blades. The factory was recently transferred from Electrolux to Energia Futura. More at RenewableEnergyWorld: http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/story?id=53547 Energia Futura: http://www.energiafutura.biz/

9-15-08 Berkeley Solar Tax District, California

The Berkeley City Council is slated to approve a new tax district that residents could join voluntarily to finance solar energy systems for their homes. More in the story through Solarbuzz http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/Newspage.asp at: http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2008/09/15/BAKB12T5G4.DTL or http://tinyurl.com/66f5hw

9-15-08 REC Solar Systems for San Louis Obispo County, California

REC Solar is offering residents in San Luis Obispo County a unique opportunity to receive bulk discounts on solar electric systems for their homes and businesses. More in the story at RenewableEnergyWorld: http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/partner/story?cid=4562&id=53578 or http://tinyurl.com/58gqyp REC Solar: http://www.recsolar.com/cm/Home.html

9-15-08 Grant for Weizmann Institute Solar Research

21Ventures and the Quercus Trust announced that they have awarded a \$200,000 grant to support the solar energy research of Professor David Cahen of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel. Press at:

http://www.businesswire.com/portal/site/google/?ndmViewId=news_view&newsId=20080915005801&newsLang=en or http://tinyurl.com/6pneqj

21Ventures: http://www.21ventures.net/

9-15-08 IBC Solar System, India

IBC Solar has installed its first showcase system in India on the roof of the cultural organization, the Goethe-Institut, in Bangalore, Karnataka. The system is part of the German Energy Agency's Solar Roofs programme. Press at: http://www.indiaprwire.com/pressrelease/oil-energy/2008091513055.htm or http://tinyurl.com/57r3zl

IBC Solar: http://www.ibc-solar.de/home+M52087573ab0.html

9-15-08 SonLight Power PV in Honduras

Ohio-based non-profit SonLight Power Inc. has been sending volunteers to Honduras to install solar electric systems at schools in the country. More in the story at RenewableEnergyWorld: http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/story?id=53570

SonLight Power, Inc.: http://www.sonlightpower.org/

9-15-08 Slicing Thin Wafers

See the story, Slicing Solar Power Costs: New Method Cuts Waste in Making Most Efficient Solar Cells, at Science Daily: http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2008/09/080915083451.htm and http://www.ndtv.com/convergence/ndtv/story.aspx?id=NEWEN20080065416 or http://tinyurl.com/6jz7gf

9-15-08 Solar Ranking

See the story, Explosive Growth Reshuffles Top 10 Solar Ranking, at RenewableEnergyWorld: http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/story?id=53559

9-15-08 Solar Tax Credit Employment Opportunities

A new economic study issued by Navigant Consulting, Inc. shows that more than 1.2 million employment opportunities, including 440,000 permanent jobs and \$232 billion in investment, would be supported in the U.S. by the solar energy sector alone through 2016 if Congress extends the solar investment tax credit for 8 years. Press at SEIA: http://seia.org/cs/news_detail?pressrelease.id=153
Navigant Consulting: http://www.navigantconsulting.com/

9-15-08 Manufacturing Capacity for Thin-film and Organic PV, Report

Manufacturing capacity for thin-film and organic PV is expected to grow from about 2 GWp this year to 29 GWp by 2015 according to a report from NanoMarkets. Press at RenewableEnergyWorld: http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/partner/story?cid=5213&id=53579 or http://tinyurl.com/63ahkp NanoMarkets: http://tinyurl.com/63ahkp or http://tinyurl.com/672hsl

9-15-08 PV Industry Study

The India Semiconductor Association will launch the study, ISA-NMCC report on the Solar PV industry: Global and India scenario, 2008, to be released at the first annual Solar PV Conclave 2008 to be held 29 September in New Delhi.

Press at: http://tinyurl.com/655b8e

9-15-08 Financial Opportunities

For new listings of Financial Opportunities, including the CPS Energy Solar 2008 RFP, at The Green Power Network, go to: http://apps3.eere.energy.gov/greenpower/financial/

9-15-08 Solar Innovation & Investment USA

Solar Innovation & Investment USA is set for 2-3 December in New York. Information at: http://greenpower.msgfocus.com/q/12jcFrrrNnyCB/wv

9-15-08 Cleantech Forum

The Cleantech Forum(R) XVIII is being held 15-17 September in Washington, DC. nformation at: http://cleantechnetwork.com/index.cfm?pageSRC=WashingtonDCForum or http://tinyurl.com/5Intlf

9-15-08 SEPA Telephone Seminar

The Solar Electric Power Association's Telephone Seminar, Innovative Utility Solar Programs/Projects – New Approaches to Solar Development, is set for 18 September. Information at: http://www.regonline.com/Checkin.asp?EventId=119722

http://www.solarelectricpower.org/

9-15-08 Renewable Energy, Policies & Incentives

EUCI's Policies & Incentives 101: Shaping The Market for Renewable Energy is set for 29 September. Information at: https://www.euci.com/web conferences/0908-incentives/index.php

9-15-08 California Solar Electric Incentive Programs, Guidelines Workshop

The California Energy Commission Renewables Committee will conduct a workshop to receive comments on changes to Guidelines for California's Solar Electric Incentive Programs Pursuant to Senate Bill 1 on 29 September. Information at: http://www.energy.ca.gov/sb1/meetings/

9-15-08 Boulder County Solar Week, Colorado

Boulder County Solar Week is set for 5-9 October. Information at: http://www.conservationcenter.org/e_solarweek.htm

9-16-08 Suniva Record Screen Printed Solar Cells with 20%+ Efficiencies [Lyle Birkey]

Suniva Inc. announced that its R&D team has developed several silicon solar cells in its lab with over 20% conversion efficiencies using a patented combination of simple cell designs and screen printing technologies. The efficiency achievement closely follows Suniva's two recent customer agreements with Solon AG and Titan Energy Systems Ltd, together worth approximately USD\$1 billion.

Press at:

http://www.businesswire.com/portal/site/google/?ndmViewId=news_view&newsId=20080916005314&news_Lang=en_or_http://tinyurl.com/57hb54

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

9-16-08 Suntech Groundbreaking for PV Cell Production Facility

Suntech Power Holdings Co., Ltd. announced the groundbreaking of a new PV cell production facility in Yangzhou, Jiansu Province, China. Suntech intends to complete the facility, with a production capacity of 300 MW, by the end of 2009. Press at: http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/080916/cntu029.html?.v=26 Suntech: http://www.suntech-power.com/

9-16-08 Solar-Fabrik Long-term Wafer Contract

Solar-Fabrik AG, through its subsidiary Global Expertise Wafer Division Ltd., has signed a \$120.7 million contract with South Korean-based Smart Applications Co. Ltd. The agreement starting in January 2009 covers the delivery of 156 mm monocrystalline wafers to the Solar-Fabrik Group over a period of 6 years.

Story at Solarbuzz: http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUCO625.htm

Solar-Fabrik Group: http://solar-fabrik.com/

Smart Applications Co., Ltd: http://www.smart-a.com/eng/k_main.php

9-16-08 SolarReserve Financing

SolarReserve announced that it has closed a second round of funding totaling \$140 million. The financing was led by the renewable energy private equity group within Citi Alternative Investments, Sustainable Development Investments, and Good Energies. Press at:

http://www.businesswire.com/portal/site/google/?ndmViewId=news_view&newsId=20080916005164&newsLang=en or http://tinyurl.com/67tbry

SolarReserve: http://www.solar-reserve.com/homePage.html

9-16-08 PPL Renewable Energy 5-MW Solar Energy Project, New Jersey

PPL Renewable Energy: http://www.pplrenewableenergy.com/ New Jersey's Clean Energy Program: http://www.njcleanenergy.com/

9-16-08 ICP Solar Results

ICP Solar Technologies Inc. announced financial results for its second guarter and 6 months ended 31

July. Press at: http://tinyurl.com/6noofl ICP Solar: http://www.icpsolar.com/

9-16-08 Solar Panel Prices

According to Greentech Media, analysts predict solar-panel prices will fall next year as production booms. Press at: http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/analysts-say-solar-prices-beginning-to-fall-1408.html or http://tinyurl.com/6qtfar

Greentech Media: http://www.greentechmedia.com/

9-16-08 SMG IPO and Indium Plans

SMG has filed for an IPO and plans to use the funds to stockpile indium, according to the Greentech Media story at: http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/smg-files-55m-ipo-plans-indium-stockpile-1406.html or http://tinyurl.com/5wmpo5

SMG: http://www.smg-indium.com/reports.html
Greentech Media: http://www.smg-indium.com/reports.html

9-16-08 Russia Nanotechnology Venture Agreement with Oerlikon

Russia's nanotechnology venture Rosnanotech has signed an agreement with Oerlikon AG to cooperate on thin-film development for applications in solar, automotive and aerospace. Press through PV Group http://www.pvgroup.org/index.htm at:

http://www.eetimes.com/news/semi/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=210601299 or http://tinyurl.com/5zdxuf

Rusnano press: http://www.rusnano.biz/

http://www.rusnano.biz/Rubric.aspx?RubricId=336

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

9-16-08 Veeco Instruments Member of CPV Consortium

Veeco Instruments Inc. announced that it has become a charter member in the CPV Consortium, a global industry organization that supports the development and long-term success of the concentrator PV

industry. Press at: http://tinyurl.com/5ckf3q

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

CPV Consortium: http://www.cpvconsortium.org/

9-16-08 Newport Corp Device Characterization and Material Science

Newport Corp. announced the latest enhancements to its Technology and Applications Center and unveiled a full range of device characterization and material science capabilities dedicated to the PV

market. Press at: http://tinyurl.com/6cje3r Newport: http://tinyurl.com/6cje3r Newport: http://tinyurl.com/6cje3r

9-16-08 Carmanah Technologies Order

Carmanah Technologies Corporation received an initial \$1 million order from Lyon, France-based telecom provider TWIST to supply solar power systems for a telecommunications project in North Africa. Press from Carmanah: http://www.carmanah.com/content/investors/shownewsrelease.aspx?id=080912 or http://tinyurl.com/6fbsf6

9-16-08 Dr. Timothy Coutts Emeritus Research Fellow in November

Dr. Timothy Coutts will become the National Renewable Energy Laboratory's second emeritus Research Fellow in November. See the story "Coutts Sees Solar Efficiencies Outrace his Wildest Expectations" in the NREL press at: http://www.nrel.gov/features/20080912 coutts solar.html http://www.nrel.gov/research_fellows/coutts.html http://www.nrel.gov/

9-16-08 Clear Skies Solar Sr. VP of Global Operations

Clear Skies Solar, Inc. announced that Matthew Nelson has joined the company as Sr. Vice President of Global Operations. Press at: http://www.centredaily.com/business/story/842437.html Clear Skies Solar: http://www.clearskiesgroup.com/

9-16-08 The New Solar Electric Home

"The New Solar Electric Home, 3rd edition: The Complete Guide to Photovoltaics for Your Home" by Joel Davidson and Fran Orner has been published by aatec publications. Joel Davidson was named "one of the country's most experienced hands-on pioneers" by the Rocky Mountain Institute, and Fran Orner owns and operates SOLutions in Solar Electricity (http://www.solarsolar.com).

For more information, see the Website at: http://www.solarelectricbooks.com/

9-16-08 Photovoltaics in the USA, EuPD Study [Sarah Endres]

EuPD Research has completed the study "Photovoltaics in the USA – Detailed Analysis of a Future Solar Market". Information at: http://www.eupd-research.com/en/studie.php?id=30

http://www.eupd-research.com/en/studien/#eu/

EuPD Press: http://tinyurl.com/6lhc5k

http://www.eupd-research.com/en/presse/pressemitteilungen/

9-16-08 Cost Competitive Solar

See the story "When Will Solar Be Cost-Competitive?" at Greentech Media:

http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/when-will-solar-be-cost-competitive-1410.html or http://tinyurl.com/6enlyg

9-16-08 Cleantech Perspective

See the article, Cleantech insiders weigh Wall Street turmoil, at Cleantech(R):

http://media.cleantech.com/3438/cleantech-investors-weigh-wall-street-turmoil or http://tinyurl.com/65xcpy

9-16-08 Asia Solar Energy PV Exhibition and Forum

The China Solar Energy Society will hold the "2009 4th AsiaSolar Energy PV Exhibition and Forum" 30 March – 1 April 2009 in Shanghai. Information at: http://www.asiasolarexpo.com/EN_index.html http://www.asiasolarexpo.com/

9-16-08 PHOTON Events

See dates for a number of upcoming PHOTON events in 2008 and 2009 at: http://www.photon-expo.com/en/index.htm

More events listed at: http://www.photon-magazine.com/events/events.aspx

9-16-08 IREC Telephone Seminar

The next IREC Telephone Seminar on Interconnection and Net Metering will be 30 September. Information and registration at: http://interconnection.eventbrite.com/

9-16-08 Cleantech Investor Summit

The 5th Annual Clean-tech Investor Summit, Fostering Innovation & Investment Opportunities in Clean Technologies, is set for 21-22 January 2009 in Palm Springs, California. Information at: http://www.cleantechsummit.com/

Clean Edge: http://www.cleanedge.com/

9-16-08 Solar Power International 08

Solar Power International 08 will be held 13-16 October in San Diego, California. Information at RenewableEnergyWorld: http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/partner/solar-power-international/2008-09-15/ or http://tinyurl.com/68dr7k

http://www.solarpowerconference.com/conference/schedule/

9-16-08 CEC Workshop on Feed-in Tariffs, California

The California Energy Commission's Renewable Energy Office will conduct a staff workshop on 1 October regarding potential future policy paths for expanded feed-in tariffs in California. Information at: http://www.energy.ca.gov/2008_energypolicy/notices/index.html or http://tinyurl.com/677wn6

In related solar news...

9-16-08 European Solar Thermal Energy Conference

In 2009, the European Solar Thermal Energy Conference will take place in Munich, in cooperation with Intersolar. Press at: http://tinyurl.com/5ja9hl

ESTEC, 25-26 May 2009: http://www.estec2009.org/index.asp

Intersolar 2009, 27-29 May: http://www.intersolar.de/index.php?id=intersolar&L=1

9-17-08 Platina Partners PV Investments, Spain [Leo Wood]

Platina Partners LLP announced finance closings for two major Spanish PV projects in Andalucia. The 5.7 MWp Cantillana power plant is expected to be completed in September 2008. El Coronil II is half complete and will have a capacity of 11.4 MWp when finished in September 2008. Press at Solarbuzz:

http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUPR502.htm

See also Greentech Media: http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/solarreserve-raises-140m-for-solar-

thermal-projects-1419.html or http://tinyurl.com/55ppxl

Platina Partners: http://www.platinafinance.com/

9-17-08 Konarka License for New Family of Photoactive Polymers [Tracy Wemett]

Konarka Technologies, Inc. announced the company has obtained an exclusive license for a new family of photoactive polymers developed by Professor Mario Leclerc, director of the Macromolecular Science and Engineering Research Center of Universite Laval and director of the Quebec Center on Functional Materials. Press at: http://biz.yahoo.com/bw/080917/20080917005168.html?.v=1

Konarka: http://www.konarka.com/

9-17-08 Hoku - Tianwei Polysilicon Contract

Hoku Materials, Inc. and Tianwei New Energy (Chengdu) Wafer Co., Ltd., a subsidiary of Tianwei New Energy Holdings Co., Ltd., announced the signing of a second long-term contract for Hoku's sale and delivery of additional quantities of polysilicon to Tianwei over a 10-year period beginning in the second quarter of 2010. Press at: http://biz.yahoo.com/iw/080916/0434438.html

Hoku: http://www.hokuscientific.com/ Tianwei: http://www.twnesolar.com/

9-17-08 Spire Contract with GreenBrilliance

Spire Corporation announced that it has received a contract from GreenBrilliance to provide a turnkey PV module assembly line for operations in India. Press at: http://tinyurl.com/5k9ugy

Spire: http://www.spirecorp.com/spire-solar/ GreenBrilliance: http://www.spirecorp.com/spire-solar/

9-17-08 ONGC Into Solar

India's ONGC is in talks with 4 companies, including a US-based firm, for setting up a PV cells unit. More at: http://www.business-standard.com/india/storypage.php?autono=334659 or http://tinyurl.com/6qxccp ONGC: http://tinyurl.com/6qxccp

9-17-08 GPM Crystalline Solar Cell Process Equipment

Gallant Precision Machining (GPM) started production of single-purpose machines used in manufacturing processes for crystalline solar cells at the end of 2007, and has now integrated these single-purpose machines into an automatic system spanning the entire manufacturing process. Story at DigiTimes: http://www.digitimes.com/bits_chips/a20080916PD214.html

GPM: http://www.gpmcorp.com.tw/index_en.htm

9-17-08 Cool Earth Solar Featured

Cool Earth Solar is featured in PC Magazine at: http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2330491,00.asp http://www.coolearthsolar.com/

9-17-08 HelioVolt VP of Sales and Marketing

HelioVolt Corporation appointed Haresh P. Patel as vice president of sales and marketing.

Press at: http://www.centredaily.com/business/story/845762.html

HelioVolt: http://www.heliovolt.net/

9-17-08 Renewables Tax Credits

A new bipartisan Senate agreement includes clean energy tax incentives. It remains to be seen if tax legislation passes in Congress. Story at Solarubzz: http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAGO368.htm Related press: http://tinyurl.com/5909p9

9-17-08 Solar in Silicon Valley

See the story "Days getting sunnier for solar in Silicon Valley" at EETimes:

http://www.eetimes.com/news/semi/rss/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=210601849&cid=RSSfeed_eetimes_semiRSS or http://tinyurl.com/5b96uk

9-17-08 Solar Resources for Peak-power Demands, PG&E Strategy

See the story "Adding solar resources for meeting peak power demands is a key strategy for PG&E – Interview with Hal LaFlash" at CSP Today: http://social.csptoday.com/node

PG&E: http://www.pge.com/about/environment/pge/cleanenergy/

9-17-08 California Lieutenant Governor at UL, California

California Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi toured UL in San Jose before unveiling his model to train Californians for jobs in the solar industry by creating partnerships among solar companies, colleges, and labor. He commended UL for demonstrating best practices in the solar industry. Press at: http://biz.vahoo.com/prnews/080916/agtu556.html?.v=7

9-17-08 California Lieutenant Governor at UL, California- continued

UL: http://www.ul.com/dge/photovoltaics/

http://www.ul.com/about/locations/westcoast/pvc.html

City of San Jose Green Vision: http://www.sanjoseca.gov/mayor/goals/environment/GreenVision/GreenVision.asp or http://tinyurl.com/3s7bsf

Silicon Valley Leadership Group: http://sylg.net/

9-17-08 First Solar Tax Breaks, Ohio

First Solar is adding a half-million square feet of production, research and office space and at least 134 jobs with its expansion in Ohio. See "First Solar gets tax cut" at: http://www.sent-trib.com/index.php?option=com content&task=view&id=5991&Itemid=81 or http://tinyurl.com/5k86td

First Solar August press: http://investor.firstsolar.com/releasedetail.cfm?ReleaseID=328565

9-17-08 SolarFlair PV System, Massachusetts [Matthew Arner]

SolarFlair Energy, Inc. welcomed Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick and State Energy Secretary Ian Bowles at SolarFlair's recently completed 18-kW solar project in Farmington. SolarFlair provided design, installation and project management while Evergreen Solar and Solectria Renewables manufactured the major components. Press form SolarFlair.

SolarFlair: http://www.solarflair.com/

Evergreen Solar: http://www.evergreensolar.com/app/en/home/

Solectria Renewables: http://www.solren.com/

9-17-08 PV in Texas

Meridian Energy Systems Inc., a company installing a solar energy system as part of the Pearl Brewery project in San Antonio, said that the company has secured equity financing from a consortium of investors in the renewable and traditional energy markets.

Press at: http://www.bizjournals.com/sanantonio/stories/2008/09/15/daily11.html?ana=from_rss or http://tinyurl.com/6cukpk

Meridian Energy Systems, Inc.: http://www.meridiansolar.com/

9-17-08 Solar Tax Incentives, Michigan

Governor Jennifer Granholm signed a bill to help create high-tech solar manufacturing jobs in Michigan. Press at: http://www.ourmidland.com/articles/2008/09/17/local_news/1267110.txt or http://tinyurl.com/6808g9

9-17-08 Berkeley, California Solar Loans

The Berkeley City Council unanimously approved a program to give city-backed loans to property owners who install rooftop solar-power systems. The loans would be paid off over 20 years as part of the owners' property-tax bills. Press at: http://www.nytimes.com/2008/09/18/us/18solar.html?ref=us

9-17-08 SustainPro Conference

The SustainPro Conference is set for 29-30 October in Chicago, Illinois. Agenda at:

http://www.sustainpro.com/agenda2008.htm

http://www.sustainpro.com/default.asp

9-17-08 Central Generation Solar Technologies

EUCI's "Central Generation Solar Technologies: Status and Outlook" is set for 19 November. Information at: https://www.euci.com/web_conferences/1108-central-solar/agenda.php or https://tinyurl.com/5znjtj

In related solar news...

9-17-08 More on SolarReserve Financing and Plans

SolarReserve is moving forward with its plans for utility-scale solar thermal, announcing that it raised \$140 million in financing. The company said the new funding will go toward the development of more than 5,000 MW of power plants using molten salt storage technology in the U.S. and internationally. Stories at

Cleantech(R): http://media.cleantech.com/3446/solarreserve-pulls-cash-solar-thermal or

http://tinyurl.com/5cwd7c and

Greentech Media: http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/solarreserve-raises-140m-for-solar-thermal-

projects-1419.html or http://tinyurl.com/55ppxl

Solarbuzz: http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNACO820.htm

RenewableEnergyWorld: http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/story?id=53597

SolarReserve: http://www.solar-reserve.com/homePage.html

9-18-08 Kyocera Solar Capacity Expansion

Kyocera Corp said it would invest 55 billion yen (\$527 million) to more than double its capacity to make solar power systems by March 2012. The company plans to invest 45 billion yen to raise production of solar cells at its plant in Shiga Prefecture and will spend the other 10 billion yen to enhance assembly facilities in places such as China and the Czech Republic.

Press at: http://www.reuters.com/article/marketsNews/idUST8649120080917

http://global.kyocera.com/

http://www.kyocerasolar.com/news/pressrel.cfm

http://global.kyocera.com/news/index.html

9-18-08 Sputnik Engineering and Würth Solar CIS PV System, Spain

Sputnik Engineering AG and Würth Solergy have started up a 3.26-MW PV system with CIS modules in Albacete, Spain. The local engineering company Fotovoltaica del Peral S.L. operates the system. More in the press at Solarbuzz: http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUPR503.htm

RenewableEnergyWorld: http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/story?id=53610

Sputnik Engineering AG: http://www.solarmax.com/ Würth Solergy: http://www.wuerth-solergy.de/

9-18-08 Scaled Solar CPV Systems, California

Scaled Solar, Inc. announced it entered into two definitive supply agreements for its SS1-CPV systems in July for powering solar farms totaling 75 MW in the San Francisco Bay Area and California's Central Valley commencing in 2009 through 2013. Press at: http://tinyurl.com/4zef8m

Scaled Solar: http://www.scaledsolar.com/

9-18-08 Test Centre for Photovoltaics [Karin Schneider]

Against the background of an exploding PV market, the VDE Institute and the Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems ISE are emphasizing quality assurance by means of a new joint test center. In the VDE-Fraunhofer ISE Test Centre for Photovoltaics (TZPV), PV modules are tested and certified as specified by the internationally accredited IEC standards. Press at: http://tinyurl.com/4wy5bs

VDE: http://www.vde.com/en/Institute/Pages/Homepage.aspx

http://www.vde.com/en/Institute/Branches/Pages/Photovoltaics.aspx

9-18-08 Solargiga Energy Extension into Polysilicon Solar Cells

Solargiga Energy is extending its production of solar cells from monocrystalline to polycrystalline and will begin establishing its polysilicon solar cell production lines with a capacity of 150 MWp around the end of 2008 with production in 2009. Press at DigiTimes:

http://www.digitimes.com/bits chips/a20080918PB201.html

Solargiga Energy: http://www.solargiga.com/solar_en/

9-18-08 Green Energy Technology Production Capacity

Green Energy Technology will begin to use self-developed technology to increase the total production capacity of its silicon ingot growing equipment from an equivalent of 200 MWp to 250 MWp at the end of 2008. The company will begin to slice solar ingots into 180-micron wafers, and will use larger crucibles. Press at:

Green Energy Technology: http://www.getinc.com.tw/

9-18-08 Taiwan Solar Cell Revenues

Taiwan's manufacturers of solar cells reported revenues in the first half of 2008 that increased by 69.6% from the same period a year ago on strong demand from European countries such as Spain and Germany. More in the story at: http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/080918/agth046.html?.v=68

9-18-08 centrotherm photovoltaics Orders

centrotherm photovoltaics AG said that at this year's European PVSEC, the company secured orders worth 70 million Euros. Press at PV Tech: http://tinyurl.com/4guup8 centrotherm photovoltaics: http://www.centrotherm-pv.de/20.index.html

9-18-08 Ampulse Financing

According to this article at Greentech Media, Ampulse is seeking \$10 million in its first round of financing. More on Ampulse at: http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/hunting-for-cash-at-the-cleantech-forum-1424.html or http://tinyurl.com/4j3grc Ampulse: http://www.ampulse.com/

9-18-08 Solar Integrated Technologies BIPV for Johnson Controls, First Project in Czech Republic

Johnson Controls has chosen Solar Integrated Technologies to supply and install BIPV roofing systems on projects in Wisconsin, California, and Washington. The three contracts total \$3 million and should be completed by yearend. Press at PV Tech: http://tinyurl.com/4cq58q

Solar Integrated Technologies has been awarded a contract by KOROWATT s.r.o. to supply BIPV roofing systems for a warehouse in Kourim, Czech Republic owned by PP-realit s.r.o. Story at Solarbuzz: http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUPR504.htm

KOROWATT: http://korowatt.cz/

Solar Integrated Technologies: http://www.solarintegrated.com/

9-18-08 Solar Power System for KQED, California [Jennifer Lopez]

SolarCity(R) completed a solar power system at KQED's headquarters in San Francisco, with the new installation being part of a broader partnership between KQED and SolarCity designed to educate consumers and businesses about affordable solar options. More in the press at: http://tinyurl.com/4df8jm SolarCity: http://www.solarcity.com/

http://www.solarcity.com/tabid/63/Default.aspx KQED system output: http://tinyurl.com/54gac2

9-18-08 Day4 Energy PV in Canada [Dan Murray]

Day4 Energy, and a new PV installation in British Columbia, are featured in the article "Future sunny for solar power in B.C." at:

http://www.canada.com/vancouversun/news/business/story.html?id=e8534a7e-5ae3-49d2-a8ba-

9a2b90c67725 or http://tinyurl.com/53v6qa Day4 Energy: http://www.day4energy.com/

9-18-08 SBD International Solar Farm, Florida

Management of SBD International has indicated it will seek at least a partial rezoning of the property in which it has a joint venture interest in Chiefland, Florida to allow construction of a solar farm of less than 20 MW. Press at: http://tinyurl.com/4aev8e

SBD International: http://www.sbdinternational.net/

9-18-08 Solar Leaders Interview with Noel Leeson, Linde Electronics

Noel Leeson, head of Linde Electronics, discusses the current growth in the PV industry and challenges facing the industry at PV Tech's Solar Leaders; http://www.pv-tech.org/solar_leaders_tv

http://tinyurl.com/4zrrw5

Linde Electronics: http://linde-electronics.com/

9-18-08 Greentech Manufacturing Incentives, Los Angeles, California

Los Angeles is looking to become a greentech manufacturing and innovation hub with a proposed 20-acre complex in the city's downtown. More at Greentech Media:

http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/los-angeles-to-become-a-greentech-hub-1425.html or http://tinyurl.com/4plk56

CleanTech Manufacturing Center Request for Interest: http://www.crala.net/internet-site/Projects/Central Industrial/CleanTech.cfm or http://tinyurl.com/4wrmza

9-18-08 IREC State & Stakeholder Newsletter [Jane Pulaski]

The latest issue of IREC's State & Stakeholder Newsletter with coverage of state/local headlines, an interview of the week, current and best practices, the National Solar Homes Tour, grants and RFPs, events, and other news is available at: http://www.irecusa.org/index.php?id=11

9-18-08 Solaicx VP of Product Engineering

Peter Schwartz has joined Solaicx as the vice president of product engineering. Story at PV Tech:

http://tinyurl.com/3zbrac

Solaicx: http://www.solaicx.com/

9-18-08 Steven Chalk, DOE-EERE Honored

Steven G. Chalk, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Renewable Energy in the DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, was honored with a Service to America Medal in the category of Science and Environment, leading the way on many of the federal government's efforts to expand the use of renewable energy. Press at:

http://www1.eere.energy.gov/news/progress_alerts/progress_alert.asp?aid=281_or http://tinyurl.com/49fsfa

http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/daily.cfm/hp news id=134

http://tinyurl.com/4tnab4

http://servicetoamericamedals.org/SAM/

9-18-08 Cleantech 100 Top 10 and Cleantech 100 Solar Power Category

Odersun was voted top of the inaugural Guardian/Library House Cleantech 100. Others in the top 10 include Solarcentury, Sulfurcell Solartechnik, and SiC Processing. Press at:

http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2008/sep/18/cleantechnology100.news2?gusrc=rss&feed=uknews or http://tinyurl.com/54l3b5

Cleantech 100 top 10 (see profiles): http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/cleantech100top10

Odersun: http://www.odersun.de/

Solarcentury: http://www.solarcentury.co.uk/

Sulfurcell: http://www.sulfurcell.com/

SiC Processing: http://www.sic-processing.com/k/sic /index-sic-0-folder.html or http://tinyurl.com/4s4te2

See the Cleantech 100 solar power category at:

http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/cleantech100solarpower

http://tinyurl.com/4tdrua

9-18-08 Solar in New York

According to this article, New York is turning attention towards solar, especially in the Hudson Valley. Story at:

http://www.eetimes.com/news/semi/rss/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=210602369&cid=RSSfeed_eetimes_semiRSS or http://tinyurl.com/4oo8xl

9-18-08 Eight Inc. Selected by ICP Solar

Eight Inc. has been selected by ICP Solar Technologies to help create new high-end solar solutions for

active urban customers. Press at: http://www.centredaily.com/business/story/846085.html

ICP Solar: http://www.icpsolar.com/ Eight Inc.: http://www.eightinc.com/

9-18-08 Coverage of Cleantech Forum

See the story "Cleantech Forum: An Insider's Look at Cleantech Investing" in the RenewableEnergyWorld

Podcast at: http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/podcast?id=53615

9-18-08 Printed Electronics Asia [Amanda Foreman]

Printed Electronics Asia 08 is set for 8-9 October in Tokyo, Japan. Information at:

http://printedelectronics.idtechex.com/printedelectronicsasia08/en/

See "Printed Photovoltaics in Japan" at IDTechEx:

http://www.idtechex.com/research/articles/printed photovoltaics in japan 00001064.asp or

http://tinyurl.com/43j3e6

9-18-08 Colorado's New Energy Economy Conference

The Department of Local Affairs and the Governor's Energy Office will announce up to \$10 million in community new energy grants as part of the "Colorado's New Energy Economy" conference of 14 October.

Press at: http://www.colorado.gov/energy/in/uploaded_pdf/080916NEEConference.pdf or

http://tinyurl.com/3uases

Conference: http://www.energyoutreach.org/conf/index.htm

http://www.colorado.gov/energy/resources/NewEnergyEconomyEvent.asp or http://tinyurl.com/yv3woe

In related solar news...

9-18-08 eSolar Senior VP of Engineering

eSolar announced the addition of Craig Tyner, Ph.D., as Senior Vice President of Engineering. Press at: http://tinyurl.com/portal/site/google/?ndmViewId=news_view&newsId=20080918005404&news_lang=en_or_http://tinyurl.com/5vft8n

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

9-18-08 CSP Summit

Organizers announced that well over 300 attendees have signed up for the 2nd CSP Summit taking place 30 September – 1 October at the Hotel Nikko in San Francisco, California. Press at CSP Today: http://tinyurl.com/433rdv

Concentrated Solar Power Summit US: http://www.csptoday.com/us/programme.shtml

9-19-08 Itochu Corp. Stake in Italian Solar Marketer

Itochu Corp. is further expanding its presence in Western solar power markets by taking a 43% stake in Italy's Greenvision ambiente Photo-Solar, or GAPS.

Press through Solarbuzz http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/Corporate.asp at:

http://research.scottrade.com/public/markets/news/news.asp?section=headlines&docKey=100-263u8821-1 or http://tinyurl.com/44hm4u

PV Tech: http://tinyurl.com/4ay9n2

Itochu Corporation: http://www.itochu.co.jp/main/index e.html

Greenvision ambiente: http://www.greenvisionambiente.it/ENG/index.asp

http://www.greenvisionambiente.it/ENG/relations_comunicati.htm

9-19-08 Trina Solar Announcement of 26-MW PV Plant, Spain

Trina Solar Limited announced the inauguration of a 26-MW PV plant in Fuente Alamo, Murcia in the southeast of Spain on 7 August. The project was carried out by Gestamp Asetym Solar SA. Trina Solar supplied 20 MW of mono and multicrystalline solar modules of the total 26 MW.

Story at: http://www.earthtimes.org/articles/show/trina-solar-and-gestamp-asetym,548055.shtml or http://tinyurl.com/4fj3og

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

9-19-08 Schott Solar Module Contract with AEE Solar

Schott Solar has entered into a multi-year contract with AEE Solar to supply the company with over 5 MW of multicrystalline PV modules. Press at Solarbuzz; http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNACO822.htm PV Tech: http://www.pv-tech.org/pv modules/article/schott solar scores another pv module deal in us or http://tinyurl.com/4fgwug

Schott Solar: http://www.schottsolar.com/ AEE Solar: http://www.aeesolar.com/

9-19-08 Applied Materials PV System at Corporate Facilities, California

Applied Materials and SunPower Corporation announced completion of two SunPower solar power

systems totaling 2.1 MW at Applied Materials' corporate facilities in Sunnyvale.

Press at: http://www.itnewsonline.com/showprnstory.php?storyid=12596

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

SunPower: http://investors.sunpowercorp.com/releasedetail.cfm?ReleaseID=335603 or

http://tinyurl.com/4g9leh

http://www.sunpowercorp.com/

9-19-08 Suntech Hawaii PV System in Kalihi

Suntech Hawaii announced it has completed a 103-kW PV system at Pineridge Farm Inc. in Kalihi.

Press at: http://www.bizjournals.com/pacific/stories/2008/09/15/daily42.html?ana=from rss or

http://tinyurl.com/4bjh4q

http://www.honoluluadvertiser.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080918/GETPUBLISHED/80918044/-

1/SPORTSFRONT or http://tinyurl.com/3kqtfk Suntech Hawaii: http://www.suntechhawaii.com/

9-19-08 PV Activities in Japan and Global PV Highlights, RTS Corporation [Izumi Kaizuka]

The September 2008 issue of RTS Corporation's "PV Activities in Japan and Global PV Highlights" features Japan's budget requests for fiscal year 2009, highlighted by the restart of support for residential PV systems. Other contents include global PV highlights, a monthly PV photo gallery, topics from Japan, and topics from the world. For details, and a sample download, visit: http://www.rts-pv.com/e_publications.html

9-19-08 Worldwide Solar Cell Production Capacity

Worldwide solar cell production capacity is projected to reach 28.3 GW by 2012, up from 6.5 GW at the end of 2007, according to IC Knowledge's latest Solar Watch database.

Press at EETimes: http://www.eetimes.eu/france/210602617?cid=RSSfeed_eetimesEU_france_or http://tinvurl.com/3azkht

IC Knowledge LLC: http://www.icknowledge.com/our_products/solar_watch.html

9-19-08 Solar ABCs Stakeholder Meeting [Larry Sherwood]

The Solar America Board for Codes and Standards will hold a stakeholder meeting on 17 October at the conclusion of this year's Solar Power International Conference in San Diego, California. Information and registration at: http://solarabcs.eventbrite.com/

Solar Power International 08: http://www.solarpowerconference.com/ Solar America Board for Codes and Standards: http://www.solarabcs.org/

9-19-08 European Distributed Energy Resources Laboratory

DERIab is the European Network of Excellence of independent laboratories working in the area of the integration of distributed energy resources into electricity grids and the preparation of related standards and test procedures. For information on DERlab, see: http://www.der-lab.net/index.html

9-19-08 Three Dimensional Solar Cell

Twelve-year old William Yuan's invention of a three-dimensional nanotube solar cell for visible and ultraviolet light has won him an award and a \$25,000 scholarship from the Davidson Institute for Talent Development. Story at: http://hardware.slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=08/09/18/177238 http://www.beavertonvalleytimes.com/news/story.php?story_id=122109656865633500_or http://tinyurl.com/4aoesv

9-19-08 Clean Technology Analysis and Forecast

Research and Markets has added the report "Clean Technology Analysis and Forecast to 2012 – Solar Photovoltaic" to its offering.

Press at: http://tinyurl.com/5xes4u

Research and Markets: http://www.researchandmarkets.com/research/8a1fdb/clean%5ftechnology%5fa or http://tinyurl.com/43k2vl

9-19-08 Lennox Industries Solar-assisted Residential Heating & Cooling System

Lennox Industries unveiled SunSource(TM), a solar-assisted residential heating and cooling system. The system will be available to the public in 2009. The SunSource(TM) uses a 190-watt solar panel, which provides power to assist the fan motor that moves air across the outdoor coil. More at: http://tinyurl.com/49gd6y