

Press Release

Start of Construction of the World's Largest Green Field Site Solar Electricity Plant with ThinFilm Modules One Megawatt Plant with 10,050 Solar Modules on an Area of 4.5 Hectares

Sulzemoos/Buttenwiesen, 07.07.2004 / Heinrich Gärtner and Ove Petersen, the managing directors of GP Solarpark II GmbH & Co KG, turned the first sod of their one Megawatt green field site solar power plant on 6th July at Buttenwiesen in the district of Dillingen a. d. Donau. Apart from the owners, the Mayor of the Borough of Buttenwiesen, Leo Schrell, representatives of the general contractor Phönix SonnenStrom AG, representatives of the savings banks of Augsburg and Donauwörth, representatives of Lech Elektrizitätswerke, the rural district council and the Bavarian farmer's guild were present.

Phönix SonnenStrom AG is constructing the solar power farm at Buttenwiesen on 4.5 hectares of former agricultural land leased by GP Solarpark II GmbH & Co. KG. 10,050 thin film modules of type MA 100 from the Japanese manufacturer Mitsubishi Heavy Industries will be employed. These solar modules have already been successfully incorporated by Phönix SonnenStrom AG in a green field plant at Waltenhofen near Munich. For the assembly system used in Buttenwiesen, the posts will be driven up to 110 cm into the soil, so that it is unnecessary to use concrete. The extremely rapid assembly of this system will enable the plant to be completed by the end of September. The Buttenwiesen solar power plant will then be the largest green field plant with thin film modules in the world.

Heinrich Gärtner and Ove Petersen met in Freising when they were agricultural students and their mutual interest in renewable energy led them

to invest in solar power plants. Ove Petersen has already installed a 90 kW solar power plant on his farm building in northern Germany.

Manfred Bächler, Chief Technology Officer at Phönix SonnenStrom AG, is delighted about the order for the new Megawatt project. "I foresee a great potential for thin film technology on green field sites", he said.

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About Phönix SonnenStrom AG:

Phönix SonnenStrom AG was founded at the end of 1999 and arose from the Phönix Solar Initiative of the Association of Energy Consumers. The core business of the company is the sale of solar power plants in all performance classes, wholesaling of solar modules and inverters, and the planning and construction of large solar power plants. In 2002, the company constructed the largest PV on-roof plant on the roofs of the New Munich Trade Fair Centre. Phönix SonnenStrom AG is present at four locations in Germany and operates nationally and internationally.

About GP Solarpark II GmbH & Co. KG:

GP Solarpark II GmbH & Co. KG was founded in 2003. The objectives of the company are project development, financing, operation and sale of solar projects. The company headquarters are in Buttenwiesen, in the district of Dillingen a. d. Donau.

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