

Intersolar 2005 from 23 to 25 June in Freiburg

Future prospects and opportunities in the international photovoltaic market

**Featuring for the first time on the conference programme:
The PV Industry Forum**

Freiburg, 23.05.2005. Against the background of the current boom in the global solar power industry, the first ever PV Industry Forum is scheduled to go ahead at the Solar Info Center in Freiburg on 21 and 22 June. The conference, which will be held in English, will focus on the potential of photovoltaic technology and developments in international markets. The organisers, PSE GmbH and Solar Promotion GmbH, are expecting to welcome around 80 specialists and decision-makers from industry, research and politics. Immediately afterwards, from 23 to 25 June, 'Intersolar' – Europe's largest specialist trade fair for solar technology – will showcase the latest trends and products in the fields of photovoltaics, solar thermal engineering and solar systems construction.

The two-day PV Industry Forum will provide a compact overview of the solar power sector. The first day of the conference will be devoted to trends and prospects in the photovoltaics industry. "Bank Sarasin's long-term forecast to 2010 predicts the PV market will grow to over 2,350 MW to reach around 5,800 MW by the year 2020. This is equivalent to average annual growth rates of over 13% for the entire period", comments speaker Matthias Fawer, a sustainability analyst at Bank Sarasin & Cie AG, on future prospects in the photovoltaic market.

Other topics will include the latest developments and cost-cutting opportunities in cell, module and component manufacturing, in which context the audience will hear about the new Photovoltaic Technology Evaluation Center (PV-Tec) at the Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems (ISE). The PV-Tec is available to solar cell and solar systems manufacturers interested in testing their new products with ongoing development and industrial production in mind. Having received EUR 11 million in financial sponsorship, the PV-Tec is the biggest renewable energy research project ever undertaken by the German Federal Ministry.

**Day one: Prospects,
technologies, trends**

**Cost-cutting opportunities
in cell, module and
component
manufacturing**

The second day of the conference will focus wholly on the international markets: including both the most important markets in Japan, Germany and the USA, as well as the up-and-coming markets in Spain and India. The Renewable Energies Act (EEG) in Germany is a good example of a successful policy designed to give impetus to this sector. The event will be rounded off by real-life examples in relation to the financing and planning of large-scale photovoltaic plants. "Large-scale solar plants not only offer many ecological benefits, they also give solar technology manufacturers crucial security of investment in terms of ability to achieve rapid expansion of production capacities. Large-scale solar plants have met all my expectations in full and alerted the capital markets to the almost unlimited opportunities for investment in solar projects", explains speaker Martin Bucher (Dipl.-Ing.).

Day two: International markets and larger PV installations

The PV Industry Forum is sponsored by the leading national and international associations, and by the German Energy Agency (dena). The PV Industry Forum will take place as part of the conference programme organised in connection with Intersolar, which is expected to attract some 16,000 industry visitors from 23 to 25 June.

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The organizers of Intersolar 2005:

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