

## Corporate News

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### **centrotherm photovoltaics expands turnkey product range: subsidiary places new focus on crystalline module production**

*Blaubeuren, March 3, 2009* – With its new "Module Technology" business area, GP Solar GmbH, a 100 percent subsidiary of centrotherm photovoltaics AG, is supplementing centrotherm photovoltaics Group's range of products to include crystalline module production. The company is initially launching three module lines on the market. They are differentiated in terms of output and scope, and offered either as individual engineering packages or as turnkey lines. Depending on individual customer requirements, the range not only includes technology and process know-how, but also business plan development, module design consulting, staff training and certification. As is also the case with centrotherm photovoltaics' turnkey products in the solar cell and thin-film areas, certain performance parameters are guaranteed for crystalline module production, including breakage rates, availability and hourly module output.

"Based on centrotherm photovoltaics Group's many years of process know-how, and the innovative development work conducted by GP Solar, we have developed an equipment-independent offer that ensures our customers low total cost of ownership," commented Dr. Peter Fath, Chief Technical Officer of centrotherm photovoltaics. "With the new crystalline module lines, our product range is growing along the solar value-creation chain, and we can offer a further element along the way towards the fully integrated solar factory from our in-house resources."

The centrotherm photovoltaics subsidiary GP Solar will present the new module lines in detail at the *Photovoltaics Technology Show* held between March 4 and March 6, 2009 in Munich, in Hall C1/Stand J11.

#### **About centrotherm photovoltaics AG**

centrotherm photovoltaics AG, which is based at Blaubeuren, is one of the world's leading technology and service-providers for the manufacturing of solar cells and solar silicon. The broad product spectrum comprises key equipment and turnkey production lines for crystalline and thin-film solar cells. The product range is supplemented by reactors and converters for the manufacturing of solar silicon. centrotherm photovoltaics guarantees its customers important performance parameters such as production capacity, degree of efficacy, and completion deadlines for turnkey lines. The Group employs over 1,100 staff members, and operates in Europe, Asia and the USA. centrotherm photovoltaics

achieved revenue in the 2008 financial year of EUR 375 million, EBIT of EUR 56 million\*, and is listed in the TecDax of the Frankfurt Securities Exchange. (\*preliminary figures before purchase price allocation)

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