

Corporate News

centrotherm photovoltaics wins important order from China

Blaubeuren, December 19, 2012 – At the beginning of 2013, centrotherm photovoltaics will deliver solar cell production systems for anti-reflective coating and phosphorous diffusion with a capacity of 300 megawatts to CECEP Solar Energy Technology (Zhenjiang) Co., Ltd. The tender for this solar cell line key equipment occurred as part of the first capacity expansion of their cell and module production. CECEP Solar awarded the order for the important core processes to centrotherm photovoltaics, the global market leader for diffusion and PECVD systems which is based at Blaubeuren, Germany.

CECEP Solar Energy Technology (Zhenjiang) Co., Ltd. is a subsidiary of China Energy Conservation and Environmental Protection Group (CECEP), which ranks as one of the largest state industrial groups involved in environmental protection and sustainable energy supplies in China. The company is one of the leading providers in the planning and operation of solar parks, having enlarged its product range in the solar value chain in 2011 with the opening of its 180 MW cell and module production line in the Jiangsu Province in the east of the People's Republic of China. "We aim to be a leading supplier of photovoltaic products in China, and to also offer our quality products globally at competitive prices. With centrotherm photovoltaics as a supplier for solar cell production equipment, we have the key to access such a position," stressed Jiang Likai, General Manager at CECEP Solar.

"This order confirms our expertise, and the quality and economic efficiency of our solutions for solar cell production, although it is not yet a clear sign that the PV production system market has recovered. Only a few solar cell manufacturers are currently investing in expanding their capacities, with most preferring to upgrade existing production lines. We regard this order as a bright spot on the horizon, reflecting photovoltaics' future potential, and we are gratified by the confidence that our customers are investing in us," commented Hans Autenrieth, Management Board member responsible for sales and marketing at centrotherm photovoltaics AG.

About centrotherm photovoltaics AG

centrotherm photovoltaics AG, which is based at Blaubeuren, Germany, is a globally leading technology and equipment provider for the photovoltaics sector. The company equips well-known solar companies and new sector entrants with turnkey production lines and single equipment to manufacture silicon, and crystalline solar cells and modules. As a consequence, the Group possesses a broad and well-founded technological basis, as well as key equipment at practically all steps of the photovoltaics value chain. centrotherm photovoltaics guarantees its customers important performance parameters such as production capacity, efficiencies, and completion deadlines. The Group employed around 1,300 staff as of August 31, 2012, and operates globally in Europe, Asia and the USA. centrotherm photovoltaics achieved revenue in the 2011 financial year of around EUR 700 million. The company is listed in the Prime Standard on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange.

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