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Welcome to Solar Weekly Insight, presenting the most important developments in the global solar industry, ranging from significant industry trends, policies, research, and new technologies to markets and pricing.

This week Solar Weekly Insight focuses on installed PV capacity in Italy, DOE loan guarantees, and CSP in Spain.

In addition we recommend Solar Server's exclusive Interview with JinkoSolar Chief Marketing Officer Arturo Herrero about JinkoSolar's R & D center, Blue Cell technology, and market success.

Italy becomes the world's largest PV market



On September 8th, 2011, Italy's GSE announced that the nation has added 6.5 GW of PV capacity so far in 2011, surpassing Germany to become the world's largest PV market.

Gestore Servizi Energetici SpA (GSE, Rome, Italy) also estimated that the nation will reach 12 GW by the end of 2011, with 350,000 PV plants.

GSE states that as a result of these numbers, Italy has become the world's largest PV market, installing three times as much PV as Germany to date in 2011. [More](#)

Puglia has the largest amount of installed PV capacity at 1.68 GW

Hopeful notes for the United States:

DOE finalizes two loan guarantees, U.S. non-residential project pipeline reaches 24 GW



In another week of big announcements from the U.S. federal government, on September 8th, the U.S. Department of Energy finalized two loan guarantees: One to support PV manufacturing innovator 1366 Technologies, and another to finance the construction of a 30 MW CPV plant in Colorado. [More](#)

And on September 12th, Solarbuzz announced that the non-residential U.S. PV pipeline has grown to 24 GW. However, as industry analyst Paula Mints notes, it is a long way from power points to power plants. [More](#)

Picture Left: Cogentrix's 30 MW Colorado plant will use Amonix HCPV systems.

Spain builds more CSP



The Helioenergy1 CSP plant

The onward march of Spain's world-leading CSP industry continues, as E.ON and Abengoa announced the commissioning of their first joint CSP plant at 50 MW near Seville. A second identical plant is expected by the end of the year. [More](#)

And on September 13th, Struthers Wells announced that it will supply generators and related components for two 50 MW CSP plants in the Spain's Extremadura Region. [More](#)

Conergy to restructure

The fallout from the collapse in prices for PV products in the first half of 2011 continued this week, as Conergy AG announced that it will restructure, suspending its wafer and PV cell production at its Frankfurt (Oder) manufacturing facility. [More](#)

PV CYCLE elects new president

And on September 8th, PV industry recycling organization PV Cycle announced that it has elected Wilfried Taetow of Sanyo Component as president. [More](#)

Solar Server exclusive: Interview with JinkoSolar Chief Marketing Officer Arturo Herrero



New this week, Solar Server talks to JinkoSolar Chief Marketing Officer Arturo Herrero about JinkoSolar's R & D center, Blue Cell technology, and market success. [More](#)

Arturo Herrero is the chief marketing officer of JinkoSolar Holding Company. Mr. Herrero joined JinkoSolar as Chief Strategy Officer in March 2010.

Prior to that, he served as vice president of sales and marketing of Trina Solar Limited, from August 2007 to January 2010 and director of Trina Solar Limited from September 2006 to July 2007.

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