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This week's edition focuses on the EC's investigation of Chinese PV, the abort of Australia's Solar Dawn CSP project, new big PV plants in the U.S., Japan and France as well as on financial results of solar companies.

Trade War: EC begins investigation of Chinese PV, Chinese producers condemn ITC tariff ruling



Late last week the European Commission announced the launch of a countervailing duty (CVD) investigation into Chinese government support for PV exports, initiated by a petition from trade group EU ProSun. [More](#)

Also late last week, several large Chinese PV producers voiced their displeasure with the U.S. ITC ruling upholding tariffs, with Suntech, Yingli, Trina and others affirming their ongoing commitment to the U.S. market. [More](#)

Picture left: The EC investigation comes a day after the U.S. ITC confirmed anti-dumping and CVD tariffs on imports of Chinese PV

Developers, government cancel Australia's Solar Dawn CSP project



This week, the Solar Dawn Consortium announced that it will cancel the 250 MW CSP project, after the Australian Renewable Energy Agency revealed that it will not fund the project. [More](#)

Picture left: The Solar Dawn project was based on Areva's compact linear Fresnel technology

Promotion

ONLINE TENDER for '3S' semi-automatic photovoltaic panel assembling line



The photovoltaic panel assembling line includes 1 panel washing-machine "TRIULZI", a welding station "SOMONT", a lay-up "SOMONT", a solar simulator "PASAN", a laminator "3S", etc.

Roux Troostwijk organizes a tender sale of a semi-automatic photovoltaic panel assembling line "3S", on behalf of "Datatechnic International" due to surplus equipment within the frame of the ongoing production, in Uxegney (East of France).

Bids could be placed until Wednesday 28 November at 5:00 PM CET. Viewing is possible by appointment.

More information available on the Troostwijk website:

<https://www.troostwijkauctions.com/uk/datatechnic/01-17109/>

Big PV: EDF completes 115 MW Toul-Rosières PV plant, AES begins work on 266 MW Mount Signal PV plant, Japanese consortium holds groundbreaking for 50 MW PV plant



AES Solar and 8minutenergy are developing a total of seven PV plants in Southern California's Imperial Valley

Also this week, EDF announced the commissioning of the 115 MW Toul-Rosières PV plant on a formerly military airbase in the French province of Lorraine, as the largest operational PV plant in France. [More](#)

Also this week, AES Solar announced that it has begun work on its 266 MW Mount Signal PV plant, after completing financing for the project. AES also completed two other financing arrangements, totaling USD 752 million. [More](#)

Finally, late last week a Japanese consortium led by Mitsui held a groundbreaking ceremony for a 50 MW PV plant in central Japan. [More](#)

Third quarter 2012 roundup: SMA, Abengoa, Singulus



SMA's managing board blames its grim predictions for 2013 on "massive subsidy cuts" in Europe

This week several more PV and CSP companies released financial results for the third quarter of 2012 and nine months ending on September 30th. SMA reported flat revenue growth at EUR 1.2 billion, warned of a severe decline in 2013 sales, and announced that it will lay off 450 employees globally, while maintaining investments in R&D. [More](#)

Abengoa reported more positive results, reporting a 17% year-over-year increase in the first nine months of 2012 to USD 7.13 billion in revenues, with growth in multiple divisions. [More](#)

Meanwhile, Singulus announced a 31% decline in revenues over the first nine months of 2012 to USD 106 million, and will lay off 40% of its workforce at subsidiary Singulus Stangl Solar GmbH's Fürstenfeldbruck site. [More](#)

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