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## Solar Weekly Highlights

Welcome to the July 20th, 2011 edition of Solar Server's Weekly Highlights, focusing on large-scale solar projects in California, new thin film PV records, U.K.'s largest PV plant, and LDK Solar module shipments Chinese utilities

### More large solar projects announced in California

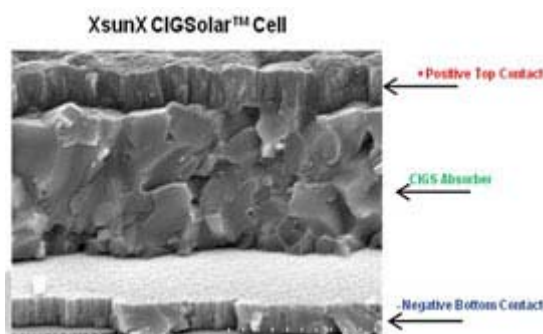


Artist's rendering of the Abengoa Mojave CSP project

This week two more large solar projects and a key transmission project in Southern California move closer to completion. On July 14th, 2011, the U.S. Department of the Interior approved the 250 MW Abengoa Mojave CSP project and the 200 MW Imperial Solar Energy Center, as well as the Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project. [More](#)

But as developers build ever larger PV and CSP plants, Aide Solar is experimenting with a different approach, developing many small plants. On July 12th, 2011 the Chinese PV manufacturer announced that it has partnered with Folium Energy to develop 150 MW of distributed PV at 710 different sites in California. [More](#)

### Thin film PV records broken



XsunX CIGSolar cell

This week progress was also made on advancing thin film efficiencies. The U.S. DOE's National Renewable Energy Laboratories (NREL) confirmed that XsunX has reached efficiencies between 15.3% and 16.36% with its CIGS technology. [More](#)

Only days before, on July 12th, United Solar Ovonic announced that it had reached a world record 16.3% efficiency with its "nano-crystalline" thin film silicon technology. [More](#)

## Conergy builds U.K.'s largest PV plant



During the week the largest PV system in Great Britain was completed, less than a month before the nation's impending feed-in tariff cuts are scheduled to come into effect. The Conergy Group states that it completed the 5 MW project only six weeks after receiving planning consent. [More](#)

*Left: The plant utilizes Conergy's PowerPlus PV modules*

## LDK Solar to ship 35 MW of modules to Chinese utilities

Also this week evidence surfaced of China's growing domestic market, as LDK Solar announced a deal to ship 35 MW of PV modules to Chinese utilities. [More](#)

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