

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's edition focuses on a new world record for solar power production, U.S. anti-dumping ruling, and new U.K. FIT rates.

In addition we are referring to the new solar report on the Indian PV market. And we are looking forward to meeting you at the Intersolar 2012 trade shows.

Germany surpasses 20 GW of electricity production from PV



The development of solar photovoltaic (PV) capacities and the early summer weather brought Germany a new world record for solar power production. On May 25th, at noon, German PV plants produced more than 20 GW of electricity, equivalent to the output of 20 nuclear power plants. [More](#)

Picture left: IRW: German PV power production corresponded to the capacity of more than 20 nuclear power plants on May 25th, 2012

Yingli reports increase in shipments, slight losses in 1Q 2012



On May 30th, Yingli released its first quarter financial results, reporting a major rebound in shipping volumes and a 22% sequential increase in revenues, but a small loss.

The company confirmed its commitment to the U.S. PV market, and notes that it does not expect to pay CVD or anti-dumping duties in the second quarter of 2012 due to outsourcing of a portion of its cell production. [More](#)

Picture left: Yingli PV production

MOFCOM rules against U.S. state-level subsidies, IHS iSuppli warns of impacts to U.S. PV market from tariffs



PV cell production at Yingli Green Energy. IHS iSuppli predicts that many Chinese PV manufacturers will shift to Taiwanese PV cells

The fallout from the preliminary U.S. Department of Commerce anti-dumping ruling continues this week, as China's MOFCOM announced that it has ruled that six state-level renewable energy subsidies in the United States violate WTO and GATT agreements. Chinese PV manufacturers have also announced a trade alliance in opposition to the duties. [More](#)

IHS iSuppli has released an analysis of the impacts of the pending U.S. anti-dumping and countervailing duties, estimating that these tariffs could halt 45% of PV module imports, as well as driving up costs and reducing profit for developers. [More](#)

Samil Power to build 2.6 GW of PV plants in Xinjiang



In more big news from China, Samil Power Company has secured 2.6 GW of PV projects in China's Xinjiang region, to be built over the next five years.

Samil on own account signed an agreement for these projects, which will represent a total investment of USD 4.8 billion, on May 10th, 2012. [More](#)

Picture left: The announced PV projects will be located in China's Xinjiang Province, in the far west of the nation

New solar report: The Indian market offers large scale PV projects; rapid ramp up of solar power has put India on the global solar stage



Partial view of the Gujarat Solar Park scheduled on completion with 600 MW.

The feed-in-tariff (FiT) market in India is governed by various national and state policies. Solar installations prompted by project allocations under the National Solar Mission (NSM) and the Gujarat Solar Policy have driven India's installed solar PV capacity from 22MW in January 2011 to 974.56MW in May 2012. This rapid ramp up of solar power has put India on the global solar stage.

In Solar Server' May 2012 Solar Report guest author Mohit Anand, Senior Consultant at BRIDGE TO INDIA, closely examines market developments and opportunities. [More](#)

DECC announces new FIT rates



Late last week, the U.K. Department of Energy and Climate Change announced further reductions to the nation's feed-in tariff for solar photovoltaic (PV) generation. While the changes represent a reduction in rates, the U.K. solar industry welcomed a provision which allows for limiting depression in the event of a slow PV market. [More](#)

Picture left: While welcoming the stability of the new feed-in tariff, the Solar Trade Association expressed concerns about a "stalled" U.K. PV market

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