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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 the finalization of the DOE Loan Guarantee Program, big PV projects in Puerto Rico and Bulgaria, and the prediction of a PV module shortage in Germany in 4Q 2011 by HIS.

This week Solarserver.com published an exclusive Interview with Hanwha SolarOne EMEA VP Andreas Liebheit on the ups and downs of global PV markets in 2011, and development in Eastern Europe.

## DOE Loan Guarantee Program goes out with a bang



*Construction has already begun on the Desert Sunlight plant.*



On September 30th, 2011, the U.S. DOE's loan guarantee program closed, but not before the agency was able to complete USD 4.74 billion in loan guarantees on the final day to four solar photovoltaic (PV) projects.

The finalization of the loan guarantees was followed by announcements of completion of the sale of three large-scale projects:

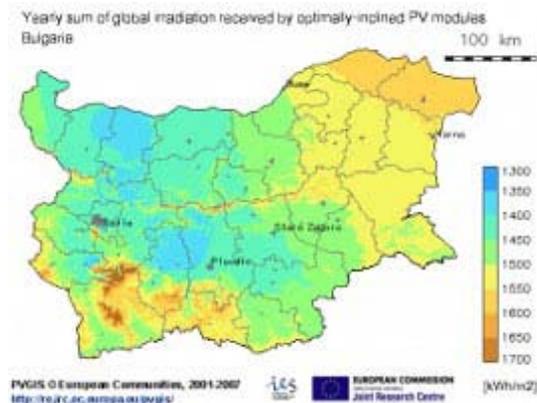
- First Solar sold the 550 MW Desert Sunlight PV project to NextEra Energy. [More](#)
- and the 230 MW Antelope Valley Solar One project to Exelon Corporation. [More](#)
- Meanwhile, SunPower completed the sale of the 250 MW California Valley Solar Ranch to NRG Energy. [More](#)

*Picture left: Site of the California Valley Solar Ranch*

## Promotion



## Big PV projects in Puerto Rico, Bulgaria

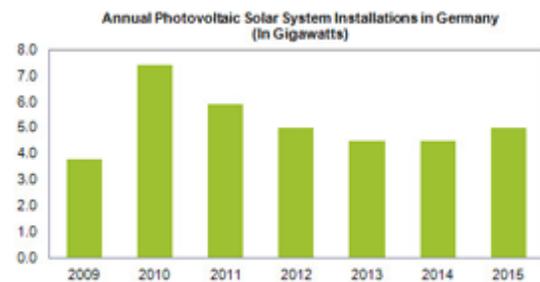


*Phoenix Solar estimates that the plant will generate 30% more electricity per rated kW capacity than similar plants in Germany.*

This week also saw developments with two big PV projects in unlikely places.

- AES Solar announced that it has completed financing and begun construction on a 24 MW PV plant in Puerto Rico. [More](#)
- Phoenix Solar AG announced that it has received regulatory approval to build a 50 MW PV project in Bulgaria. [More](#)

## IHS iSuppli predicts PV module shortage in Germany in 4Q 2011



*IHS PV installation forecast for Germany*

With all the bad news that has been coming out lately around PV module oversupply, it was refreshing this week to hear that Germany may actually experience the opposite problem.

Towards the end of 2011 consumers and investors are rushing to put PV systems online to beat the drop in FIT rates to come January 1st, 2012. IHS iSuppli estimates that with this surge, German PV installations will reach 5.9 GW in 2011. [More](#)

## Interview with Hanwha SolarOne EMEA VP Andreas Liebheit



*Andreas Liebheit, Hanwha SolarOne EMEA VP and Managing Director*

This week Solar Server features an exclusive interview with Hanwha SolarOne EMEA VP and Managing Director Andreas Liebheit.

Liebheit gives an account on quality control, illustrates the ups and downs of global PV markets in 2011, and PV market development in Eastern Europe

**Solar Server: Hanwha SolarOne had a difficult 2Q 2011, with declining revenues, shipments and margins, and yet your company continues its ambitious capacity expansions. What gives Hanwha SolarOne its optimism?**

Andreas Liebheit: Hanwha SolarOne is in a special position as about 50% of our business is based on original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), which means we manufacture modules for large brand system integrators, which then resell these modules under their own label. [More](#)

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