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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 large PV projects in the United States, CSP in India, and PV price pressures, overcapacity.

Progress on large PV projects in the United States



The PV plant on the rooftop of a Prologis distribution center in Rialto, California covers 11 hectares.



The 130 MW Tenaska, First solar plant will be built in California's Imperial Valley near the U.S.-Mexico border

While it is far from the world's largest PV market, the United States has an enormous project pipeline of large-scale PV. This week saw big breaking news with regards to some of those plants, and more that are on the way.

First, Oltman Construction announced that it has completed the largest rooftop PV plant in North America, at 8.3 MW. [More](#)

Also, on September 22nd, Xcel and SunEdison commissioned three PV plants totaling 32.3 MW in New Mexico. [More](#)

And on September 27th, Tenaska announced that it has chosen First Solar for its 130 MW Imperial Solar Center South. [More](#)

Finally, National Solar Power chose Gadsden County, Florida for its 400 MW PV project. [More](#)

However, several other projects are feeling the heat from the upcoming deadline to participate in the DOE's loan guarantee program. On September 22nd, First Solar announced that its Topaz Solar Farm will not meet the deadline enabling it to receive a DOE loan guarantee. [More](#)

Promotion



India gets its first CSP plant

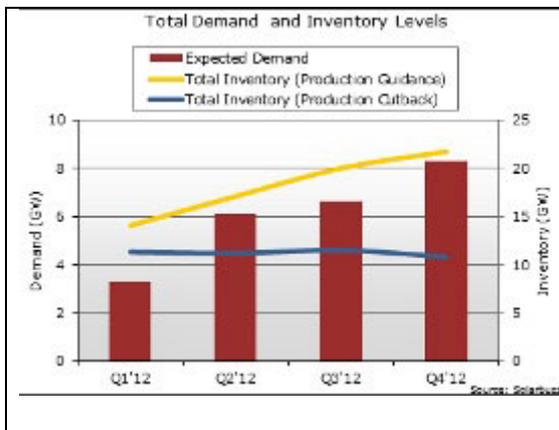


The Indian plant utilizes parabolic trough technology

Like the United States, India has big plans, not only for PV but for CSP as well. However, the nation still has a long way to go to meet the lofty goals set out in the Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission.

This week saw India take an important step, as Abengoa announced the completion of India's first CSP plant at 3 MW. [More](#)

Solarbuzz: Price pressures, overcapacity to continue into 2012



Despite this hopeful news about project developments, neither the United States nor India is about to replace the large European PV markets.

Continued capacity expansions in the PV industry combined with a projected leveling off of demand in major European markets could spell trouble for manufacturers.

This week Solarbuzz predicted that overproduction and price pressures in the PV industry will continue into 2012. [More](#)

Solar System of the Month: The St. Paul RiverCentre Solar Thermal system



Also this week, Solar Server unveils its September Solar Energy System of the Month, a 1MW solar thermal installation in St. Paul, Minnesota.

The largest solar thermal system in the Upper Midwest, and one of the largest in the United States. All in all, it is comprised of 100 metric tons of steel and 490 meters of pipe. [More](#)

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