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This week Solar Weekly Insight focuses on large PV projects in the U.S., major progress on PV, CSP expansion in India, Q2 results, and a South African request for proposals for CSP, PV.

The United States: bigger than ever



Toys"R"Us Chairman and CEO Jerry Storch inspects the PV plant atop the company's Flanders, New Jersey distribution center

The news for the last week from the United States was all about size. Toymaker Toys"R"Us completed the largest rooftop PV plant in the United States at 5.38 MW.

The PV array is comprised of 37,000 Uni-Solar amorphous silicon flexible thin-film PV modules, and will meet an estimated 72% of the electricity needs of the facility. [More](#)

And during the week the U.S. Department of the Interior approved the giant 550 MW Desert Sunlight PV plant for public lands east of Los Angeles, California. [More](#)

Major PV, CSP expansion in India moves closer to reality



MNRE Secretary Deepak Gupta (fourth from right) on a tour of PV plant

India has set ambitious goals under its National Solar Mission, but implementation has been difficult. Late last week, India's MNRE announced major progress, having approved financing for 610 MW of PV and CSP projects under the latest round of the JNNSM. [More](#)

Also, on August 10th, the KfW Development Bank signed a USD 356 million loan agreement to support a 125 MW Indian PV plant. [More](#)

Promotion

1st EneR Event (International Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Trade Fair) in conjunction with the 6th edition of elec expo from November 22nd to 26th 2011 in Casablanca



Organised by FENELEC (the Moroccan Federation of Electricity, Electronics and Renewable Energies) in cooperation with the German trade fair organiser fairtrade Messe and Forum 7, EneR Event enjoys the full support of the Moroccan Government.

Exhibit at EneR Event 2011 and be part of what strives to become the most valuable event for the Moroccan energy and electrical engineering sector ever held in the country as well as the MENA-region. [More information](#)

The second quarter of 2011 shows its teeth: restructuring, bankruptcy



Q-Cells subsidiary Solibro plans to produce Q.SMART CIGS PV modules at full capacity

Q-Cells has released its second quarter 2011 results, announcing a restructuring plan after another quarter of heavy losses, including reducing output from its German production facilities. [More](#)

Conergy revenues increased by 38%, but losses continued for a second quarter. [More](#)

However, the worst news of the week has come for Evergreen Solar, which after many quarters of financial losses has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. [More](#)

For the good news: SMA has recovered from a difficult first quarter of 2010, bringing its total inverters sold during the first half of the year to 3.1 GW. [More](#)

South Africa opens request for proposals for CSP, PV



Finally, South Africa has opened RFP for renewable procurement, including 1.45 GW of PV and 200 MW of CSP. Projects will be chosen on a competitive basis and will not be eligible for participation in the nation's REFIT feed-in tariff program. [More](#)

Left: The South African RFP will include up to 200 MW of CSP

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