

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 the escalating solar trade war, Germany's record solar power production in 1H 2012, and new developments in France, Japan.

Solar trade war update: Stands for and against EU, U.S. tariffs



Suntech Europe President Jerry Stokes: Suntech supports free trade and its determination is to see a trade war averted

Late last week, a new industry group of 20 companies calling itself EU ProSun emerged to support an anti-dumping petition before the European Commission. Not surprisingly, SolarWorld is a prominent member. [More](#)

This petition has been criticized by a number of leading PV manufacturers, including Suntech. [More](#)

Trina has also stated that it expects to be cleared of charges, while a regional organization in the U.S. state of Arizona has officially protested the U.S. DOC's preliminary decisions to impose tariffs. [More](#)

German PV supplies more than 5% of electricity in 1H 2012



This week new statistics from Germany's BDEW confirmed that the nation reached more than 25% renewable electricity production in the first half of 2012, supported by more than 5% PV production in the overall mix. [More](#)

Picture left: PV and other renewable energy sources allowed Germany to meet more than 25% of its electricity needs with renewables the first time

France accepts bids for 514 MW of PV, CSP, CPV



Next door in France, the incoming Hollande Administration has made strong moves towards renewables. Late last week France announced the results of a request for tenders, selecting 372 MW of PV, 48 MW of CPV and 21 MW of CSP projects in various regions, which it estimates will generate USD 1.2 billion in cumulative investments. [More](#)

Picture left: Heliotrop has announced that 29 MW of the projects plan to utilize its CPV modules

Trina Solar downgrades 2Q 2012 guidance, Suntech investigates fraud



Suntech has filed lawsuits in several jurisdictions to retain control of GSF and its assets

Meanwhile, the impacts of the ongoing trade case are being felt by Chinese PV manufacturers. Trina Solar has downgraded its shipment guidance for the 2nd quarter of 2012 by more than 20%, citing the impacts of pending DOC tariffs on the U.S. market. [More](#)

Trina Solar was not the only Chinese PV manufacturer to report bad financial news this week. Suntech is currently investigating potential USD 685 million fraud from allegedly non-existent government bonds, which will delay the results of its second quarter 2012 results. [More](#)

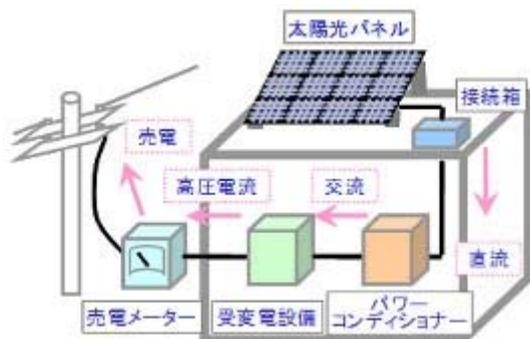
Abengoa reports strong results in 1H 2012



Abengoa reported a 17% year-over-year increase in revenues in its 1H 2012 results, released this week. The company saw growth across divisions despite "uncertainty" in the Spanish electricity sector. [More](#)

Picture left: Abengoa brought four 50 MW CSP plants online in Spain during the six-month period

Mitsubishi, farmers' group to install 200 MW of PV across Japan



Late last week Mitsubishi Corporation and Japan's JA ZEN-NOH announced the formation of a joint venture which will build PV plants on 400-600 roofs of agricultural and JA ZEN-NOH buildings across Japan. [More](#)

Picture left: JA ZEN-NOH plans to install PV plants on the roofs of between 400 and 600 buildings, as a preferred alternative to the use of agricultural land

Solar interview: Motech VP of Sales and Marketing Derick Botha



This week Solar Server digs deeper into the U.S. DOC trade case in an interview with Derick Botha of Motech Americas, who addresses the issue from the perspective of a company with manufacturing in Taiwan, China and the United States. [More](#)

Derick Botha is Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Motech Americas. Derick has over 15 years of experience in solar market development, sales and purchasing.

Picture left: Derick Botha

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