

Solar Weekly Highlights

Welcome to the 02-16-2011 edition of Solar Weekly Highlights, 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 edition provides focuses on the discussion on UK feed-in tariffs, declining PV module prices and Hawaii PV developments. In addition we recommend the new solar report "China on track to become the global center of solar photovoltaic manufacturing".

UK government to review feed-in tariffs; industry responds



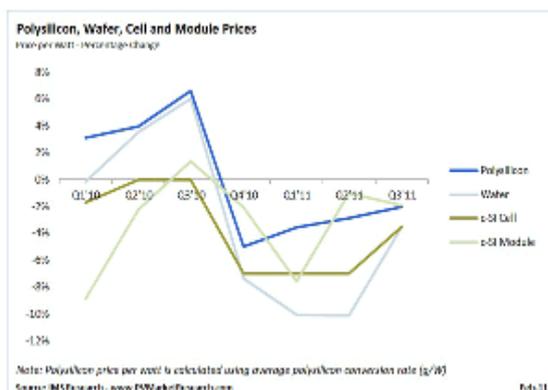
U.K. Energy Secretary Chris Huhne: "Large scale solar installations weren't anticipated under the FITs scheme we inherited".

Some of the breaking news this week for the PV industry was not promising. In an ominous moment, the UK government has announced that it will review its feed-in tariffs, including rates and eligible technologies. [More](#)

The European Photovoltaic Industry Association has asked the British government to consider this FIT review carefully, and to be cautious not to destabilize the industry. [More](#)

In our column Solar point of view Emma Hughes, Photovoltaics International's News & Features Editor, comments on the government's intentions and advises all solar developers out there to act now. [More](#)

IMS suggests declining prices for crystalline silicon PV in 2011



Despite the continual stream of good news coming from the release of fourth quarter 2010 financial statements, IMS Research released a report that suggests that 2011 will be a more difficult year for the industry. The organization predicts a 7% drop in crystalline silicon PV prices in the first quarter of 2011 and further declines in the second quarter.

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Hawaii doubles solar in 2010, commissions, builds its largest PV plants to date



Positive news emerged from the U.S. state of Hawaii. Hawaii's utilities are reporting that the island doubled PV generation in 2010. [More](#)

Additionally, REC Solar has commissioned a 1.21 MW PV plant on the island of Kauai, the largest plant in the state. [More](#)

This record may not last long, as Axio Power announced plans for a 5MW PV plant in Oahu that would dwarf the 1.21MW Kauai plant. [More](#)

New solar report: China on track to become the global center of solar photovoltaic (PV) manufacturing



This report, produced with the assistance of iSuppli Corporation, covers the emergence of China as the world leader in PV manufacturing. Its focus is on developments in 2009 and 2010 and particularly shared characteristics of large Chinese PV manufacturers, as expressed by industry leading companies including Suntech, JA Solar, LDK Solar Company Ltd. (Xinyu, China), Yingli Green Energy Holding Company Ltd. (Baoding, China), Trina Solar Limited (Changzhou, China), and others.

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