

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 edition focuses on new developments at Suntech, PV technology providers financial results, and the announced Polish feed-in tariff.

This week solarserver.com features an exclusive interview with Saïd Mouline, director of Morocco's agency of development for renewable energies and energy efficiency (ADEREE),

Zhengrong Shi steps down from CEO role at Suntech



In big breaking news this week, former Suntech CEO Zhengrong Shi transitioned to chief strategy officer, to be replaced by David King as CEO. This move comes as Suntech freezes the assets of Global Solar Fund, amid an investigation over potential fraud. [More](#)

Picture left: Former Suntech CEO Dr. Zhengrong Shi will transition to Chief Strategy Officer

Applied, Manz, Singulus all report weak equipment sales in financial results



Applied Materials expects EES sales to decline 10-30% in the fourth quarter of 2012

This week three of the world's more significant PV equipment makers released quarterly and half-year financial results, which were consistently grim. Applied Materials, the world's largest by revenue, reported an 86% year-over-year decline in EES revenues and only USD 35 million in new orders in the division. [More](#)

Manz Solar saw a 71% decline year-over-year in revenues in its first half of 2012, and due to diversification managed a very slim positive EBIT over this period. [More](#)

Meanwhile Singulus Technologies reported only a 44% year-over-year decline in revenues, but a -48% operating margin in its Solar segment. [More](#)

In rare good news from equipment manufacturing, Centrotherm has secured a USD 61 million bank loan to support it during its insolvency, and continues to operate, including shipping new orders. [More](#)

New markets: Polish feed-in tariff, 44 MW PV plant in Dominican Republic



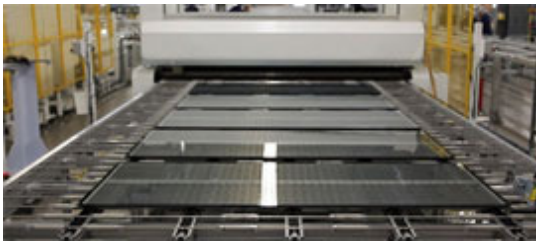
Polish Deputy Minister and Minister of the Economy Mieczysław Kasprzak (left) notes that the program will provide a simplified system for grid connection

Despite the struggles in the equipment market due to overcapacity, the global PV market continues to expand to new locations.

Late last week the government of Poland announced a new draft feed-in tariff policy, including rates of USD 0.334/kWh for PV plants up to 100 kW. [More](#)

And this week Isofoton announced that it will build a 44 MW PV plant in the Dominican Republic, one of the largest projects in Latin America. [More](#)

MiaSolé to lay off 200



Late last week CIGS manufacturer MiaSolé announced that it will reorganize its manufacturing and operations. Media reports indicate that 200 workers will be laid off. [More](#)

Picture left: Reports indicate that MiaSole will lay off 200 employees

Canadian Solar weathers the storm in 2Q 2012



Finally, this week Canadian Solar released its second quarter 2012 results, reporting a very slim negative operating margin.

Like many PV manufacturers the company showed an increase year-over-year in shipment volume but a decline in revenues. [More](#)

Picture left: Canadian Solar continues to emphasize its Total Solutions business, which has acquired 140 MW of utility-scale PV projects in the United States

Interview with ADEREE Director Saïd Mouline (Morocco)



This week Solar Server brings you an exclusive interview with the director of Morocco's agency of development for renewable energies and energy efficiency (ADEREE), Saïd Mouline, who addresses his nation's commitment to building a future powered by renewable energy. [More](#)

Saïd Mouline is Director of the new Moroccan agency of development for renewable energies and energy efficiency (ADEREE).

Picture left: Saïd Mouline

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