

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 consequences of EU tariffs on imported Chinese PV, the proposed feed-in tariff in Pakistan, and a 600 MW PV supplier contract for JinkoSolar.

### Report: EU tariffs could reduce European PV market demand 30-55%

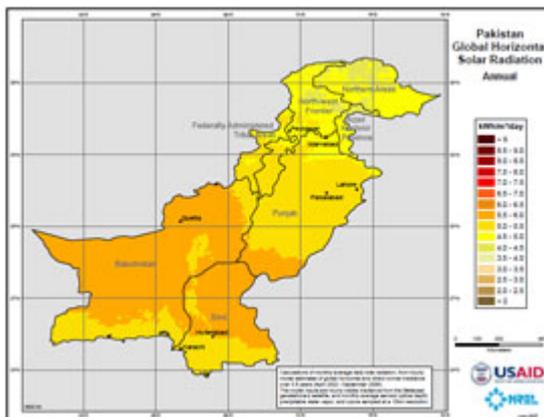


This week, the Alliance for Affordable Solar Energy (AFASE), has released a report which finds that EU tariffs on imported Chinese PV could put 218,000 EU jobs and USD 25 - 36 million in value at risk.

The study by Prognos AG (Basel, Switzerland) looks primarily at Germany, Italy, Spain, France and the UK, and concludes that 20 - 60% tariffs would reduce demand by 30 - 55%. [More](#)

*Picture left: The trade investigation at the European Commission could have far greater impacts on the global PV industry than recently imposed US tariffs*

### Pakistan proposes feed-in tariff



Pakistan may join dozens of nations globally that have embraced feed-in tariffs as a mechanism for transformative PV market growth.

The nation's Alternative Energy Development Board (AEDB) has proposed payments of USD 0.233/kWh under 25-year contracts, which it says will provide an internal rate of return of 17%.

The nation will hold a hearing on its proposal for plants 100 MW and smaller on February 27th, 2013. [More](#)

*Picture left: Pakistan has excellent natural solar resources*

## India cuts interest rates for renewable projects, will install 1.3 to 1.4 GW of PV in 2013



This week, India's Power Finance Corporation has reduced interest rates by 0.50% for renewable energy projects in the purview of the nation's Ministry of New and Renewable Energy. [More](#)

Also this week, Mercom Capital released a new analysis of the Indian PV market. Mercom forecasts that the nation will install 1.3 to 1.4 GW in 2013, but also warns of the dangers of the trade dispute with the United States. [More](#)

*Picture left: Imports of thin film PV modules are a focus of the trade dispute between the United States and India*

## JinkoSolar to supply 600 MW of PV modules for PV plants in Western China



This week, JinkoSolar announced that it will supply 600 MW of solar photovoltaic (PV) modules to China Three Gorges New Energy over three years.

JinkoSolar says that the modules will be used in PV projects in Western China, but provided few additional details. [More](#)

*Picture left: The modules are set aside for PV plants in Western China*

## Third-party-owned systems reach 74% of California home solar PV market



Late last week SunRun and PV Solar Report released a report which places the value of third-party-owned PV systems installed in California in 2012 at more than USD 938 million, representing 74% of the state's small residential market. [More](#)

*Picture left: Sunrun notes that much of the growth in third-party PV has come from low- and middle-income neighborhoods.*

## 2012 business results: Solar Frontier moves into the black, Centrosolar restructures, JA Solar shipments increase



*Solar Frontier has shifted production entirely to its 900 MW Kunitomi plant during 2012*

This week Solar Frontier parent company Showa Shell Sekiyu released 2012 results, which show that in the fourth quarter Solar Frontier obtained a positive operating result for the first time in its history. [More](#)

While Centrosolar has announced a 22% drop in revenues, and an operational and financial restructuring. [More](#)

JA Solar also had good news, reporting that its fourth quarter shipments will be substantially higher than it had earlier expected. [More](#)

## Diehl sells PV inverter business unit to Mutares



This week Diehl Controls revealed that it will sell its PV business unit, which produces inverter and energy management solutions, to a subsidiary of Mutares AG in April 2013. [More](#)

*Picture left: Diehl stresses the value that its Platinum communications solution brings*

## AVSR 1 reaches 100 MW



Finally, First Solar's Antelope Valley Solar Ranch One PV plant has reached 100 MW of operational capacity, making it the second-largest PV plant in California, and one of the largest in the world.

First Solar expects to complete AVSR 1 by the end of 2013, at which time it will have a capacity of 230 MW-AC. [More](#)

*Picture left: First Solar began construction on the AVSR PV plant in September 2011 and installation of its cadmium telluride thin film PV modules in June 2012.*

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