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This week's edition focuses on announced German PV feed-in tariff cuts, and Suntech, Canadian Solar and Yingli 4Q 2011 results.

German Government to cut PV feed-in tariffs by up to 30 percent



Norbert Roettgen, German Minister for the Environment, will present his plans for feed-in tariff cuts on February 23rd, 2012

Germany's Minister of Economics Philipp Rösler (Liberal Party) and the German Minister for the Environment, Norbert Röttgen (Christian Democratic Party), according to media reports and information from government and industry sources plan to reduce the solar PV feed-in tariff by 20 to 30%.

In advance of the announced cuts the German solar industry has called for demonstrations in Berlin and many other German cities. More than 50 German solar companies will participate in the activities. [More](#)

Suntech, Yingli, Canadian Solar update 4Q 2011 expected results

During the week, Suntech, Canadian Solar and Yingli updated their expected 4Q 2011 results, reflecting very different outcomes.



Suntech notes that it met both its shipment guidance and goals to reduce accounts receivable and inventory during the quarter

Suntech is now estimating a 23% decline in revenues and a 10% decline in shipments for the quarter, which exceeds its shipment guidance.

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Canadian Solar states that it expects to ship between 430 and 440 MW of PV modules during the quarter, a 24% increase over its guidance.

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Whereas Yingli states that it anticipates a near 30% decrease in shipments in the fourth quarter of 2011, as well as heavy write-downs from its internal polysilicon production due to declines in the cost of the material. [More](#)

U.K. DECC appeals to Supreme Court over FIT ruling



Also on February 21st, the U.K.'s Department of Energy and Climate Change announced that it will appeal to the nation's Supreme Court, following the loss of an Appeals Court ruling. The Appeals Court ruling upheld a High Court decision that the DECC had acted illegally in cutting feed-in tariff levels before the end of an official consultation. [More](#)

Picture left: The DECC's appeal to the Supreme Court follows two earlier rulings that the timing of its cuts to the nation's FIT was illegal

Chinese tier-2 PV module prices fall below USD 1 per watt in January



During the week IMS Research released research which indicates that the average price of Chinese tier-2 crystalline silicon PV modules fell to USD 0.96 per watt in January 2012.

Although many spot prices were offered below this in recent months, this is the first time that the global average price had fallen below this industry milestone, the market research company emphasizes.

Prices as low as USD 0.80/W (~EUR 0.60/W) were recorded for Chinese Tier-2 module suppliers in January, typically for large orders from German distributors. [More](#)

PV Market Analyst Jessica Jin: Distributors' prices were found to have declined faster than manufacturers' prices in January

Resolution of permitting clears the way for First Solar's AVSR plant



Finally, First Solar has resolved a permitting issue with Los Angeles County, which will clear the way for a finalization of a loan guarantee for its 230 MW Antelope Valley Solar Ranch One (AVSR) PV plant. [More](#)

Picture left: The Antelope Valley Solar Ranch One PV plant will use First Solar FS Series 3 cadmium telluride PV modules

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