

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 U.S. anti-dumping case, Suntech and Trina results, a large-scale Solar Frontier/BELECTRIC PV project, and the U.K. FiT cuts delay.

## U.S. DOC proposes 31% anti-dumping duties on Chinese PV



*Suntech CCO Andrew Beebe states that the tariffs do not reflect the reality of a highly competitive global PV industry*

For the big news, late last week the U.S. Department of Commerce issued a preliminary determination in its anti-dumping case against Chinese PV manufacturers.

SolarWorld Industries Americas (Hillsboro, Oregon, U.S.), which initiated the investigation, has stated that the preliminary ruling could restore competition. The ruling was sharply criticized by the Coalition for Affordable Solar Energy (CASE), which represents companies in other portions of the U.S. PV value chain, including PV equipment manufacturers, polysilicon producers and project developers. [More](#)

Chinese PV manufacturers, U.S. polysilicon makers, and the Chinese government have all expressed their disappointment with the ruling. Major Chinese manufacturers Suntech, Yingli, and Trina have vowed to continue their participation in the U.S. market. [More](#)

## Suntech, Trina report losses in 1Q 2012 results

On May 23rd, Suntech and Trina released their 1Q 2012 results, with both reporting declining revenues and losses, driven by both seasonal adjustments and the long-term fall in module prices.

Suntech reported a -29% operating margin, but beat its previous shipment guidance. [More](#)

Whereas Trina reported a -11% operating margin, with total module production costs falling to USD 0.79 during the quarter. [More](#)

## Solar Frontier, BELECTRIC commission world's largest CIS PV plant, BELECTRIC reaches 1 GW of installed PV



Also on May 23rd, Solar Frontier and BELECTRIC announced the commissioning of a 28.8 MW PV plant in Brandenburg, Germany based on Solar Frontier's CIS technology. [More](#)

Even before this plant was commissioned, BELECTRIC announced that it had become the first EPC to install more than 1 GW of PV globally. [More](#)

*Picture left: On May 23<sup>rd</sup> Solar Frontier KK and BELECTRIC announced the commissioning of the 28.8 MW solar photovoltaic (PV) plant in Bochow, Germany*

## South Africa announces preferred bids under IPP program

Two days prior on May 21st, the nation of South Africa announced preferred bidders under its IPP Procurement Programme, including nine PV projects totaling 417 MW and one 50 MW CSP project. [More](#)

## JinkoSolar to supply modules for 50 MW PV plant in NW China

Also on May 21st, JinkoSolar announced that it will supply 50 MW of PV modules for a PV project in Gansu Province, China. [More](#)

## U.K. to delay FiT cuts to August 1



*EDF's Hinkley Point nuclear power plant. Analysts have noted the clear bias in favor of nuclear generation in the bill*

Finally, it appears that the U.K. will delay the next round of cuts to its feed-in tariff for PV generation to August 1st, 2012, and has published a new energy bill which environmentalists and renewable energy advocates say unfairly subsidizes nuclear power at the expense of renewable energy generation.

The Renewable Energy Association (REA, London, U.K.) welcomed a call for evidence for power purchase agreements (PPAs) in the bill, but notes favoritism towards nuclear power. [More](#)

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