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This week's edition focuses on PV booms in India and Greece, net metering in Brazil and the closure of REC's wafer production in Norway.

### **PV booms in Indian states of Gujarat, Karnataka**



Late last week the Indian state of Gujarat held a ceremony to dedicate 600 MW of solar plants, including 214 MW in the multi-developer Gujarat Solar Park. The state has emerged as the unrivaled solar leader in India, similar to the role of California in the United States. [More](#)

The state of Karnataka also allocated the first 80 MW of PV plants through its Karnataka Solar Policy. [More](#)

*Picture left: Karnataka has set a goal to increase solar generation to 3% of electricity consumption by 2022*

### **REC ends wafer production in Norway**



Norwegian PV manufacturer REC will no longer produce silicon wafers in its home country. On April 24th, the company announced that it will close its final 650 MW multicrystalline PV wafer plant in Herøya. [More](#)

*Picture left: About 460 employees will be affected by the close down of REC's Herøya wafer production plant*

## SPI to build at least 30 MW of PV plants in Greece



Solar Power International has announced that it will build at least 30 MW, and potentially as much as 100 MW, of PV plants in Greece, through a series of agreements with Greek VC funds. [More](#)

*Picture left: Reference PV plant in Greece by SPI Solar*

## Brazil passes net metering



Brazilian regulatory agency ANEEL has approved net metering for renewable energy generation systems up to 1 MW in size, as well as an incentive system for PV plants up to 30 MW in size. [More](#)

*Picture left: ANEEL notes a number of advantages to distributed generation including reduction of transmission costs, and improvement of quality of electricity service*

## Bosch closes acquisition of Voltwerk



And finally, late last week Bosch closed acquisition of Voltwerk Electronics, which will become part of Bosch Power Tec GmbH. The company states that this will allow it to expand its inverter business. [More](#)

*Picture left: Voltwerk VC300 central inverter. Bosch states that the acquisition will allow it to expand its inverter business*

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