

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 international policies: EU ProSun trade group filed a second trade complaint about illegal Chinese subsidies to the European Commission on September 25<sup>th</sup>, the Japanese cabinet decided to phase out nuclear power, Italy closed the registry for PV plants larger than 12 kW under the Conto Energia V, and the state of California has modified its interconnection procedures.

New achievements in the efficiency of c-Si PV technology and advanced plans to build a 160 MW CSP plant in Morocco are the additional highlights.

### EU ProSun files second solar trade complaint



*EU ProSun estimates that Chinese PV production capacities are double total global demand*

This week, the EU ProSun trade group filed a second trade complaint to the European Commission alleging illegal subsidization of Chinese PV exports to the European Union. [More](#)

Yingli has responded to the allegations, reporting that it pays standard interest rates for its borrowings, and that its success is based on innovation, equipment investments and long-term partnerships. [More](#)

The filing of the complaint also comes shortly after the signing of a MOU between the EU and Chinese government to cooperate on competition issues. [More](#)

### High-efficiency c-Si PV technology unveiled at EU PVSEC



*Selective emitter processing with Merck isishape on RENA InClean equipment*

This week the EU PVSEC trade show is taking place in Frankfurt, Germany. Accompanying the show, a number of PV manufacturers, equipment manufacturers and research institutes have unveiled high-efficiency designs and breakthroughs for crystalline silicon technology.

These include Canadian Solar reaching 21.1% efficiency with its ELPS cells. [More](#)

Scott and Schmid also achieved 21% efficiency with a PERC cell with optimized screen-printed contacts. [More](#)

## ACWA wins bid to build Ouarzazate CSP plant

This week a consortium led by the Saudi Arabian International Company for Water and Power was chosen to build a 160 MW CSP plant in Ouarzazate, Morocco, as the second large CSP plant in the MENA region. [More](#)

## Policy updates: Japan to phase out nuclear power, California modifies interconnection, Italy closes PV registry



*Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda has confirmed that the energy strategy has been ratified by his cabinet*

Late last week, Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda confirmed in a televised interview that his cabinet has approved the "Revolutionary Energy Strategy" document, which specifies the phase-out of nuclear power and the building of a power system based on distributed generation. [More](#)

Meanwhile, the state of California has modified its interconnection procedures, which IREC says establishes new national best practices. [More](#)

Finally, late last week Italy closed the registry for PV plants larger than 12 kW under the Conto Energia V, as annual subsidy levels near the cumulative EUR 6.7 billion cap for the program. [More](#)

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