

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 German PV installations in H1, 2012, GCL-Poly, China Merchants' 1 GW PV projects in China and abroad, renewable development on public lands in the U.S., and new developments in Uttar Pradesh and Pakistan.

This week features a special commentary on last week's blackouts in India by Mercom Capital Managing Partner Raj Prabhu.

Germany installs 4.37 GW of PV in the first half of 2012



This week Germany's Federal Network Agency reported that the nation has installed 4.37 GW of new PV in the first six months of 2012. IHS iSuppli has predicted that the market will reach 7.3 GW over the full year.

"Overall PV installation capacity this year in Germany, the world's largest solar market, is forecast to amount to 7.3 gigawatts (GW), down just slightly from 7.5GW in 2011," said IHS Director for PV Advanced Products Dr. Henning Wicht.

Germany's PV market grew rapidly in June 2012, with 1.79 GW of new PV installed, more even than the 1.22 GW added in March 2012. The slowest month was February 2012, with only 230 MW installed. [More](#)

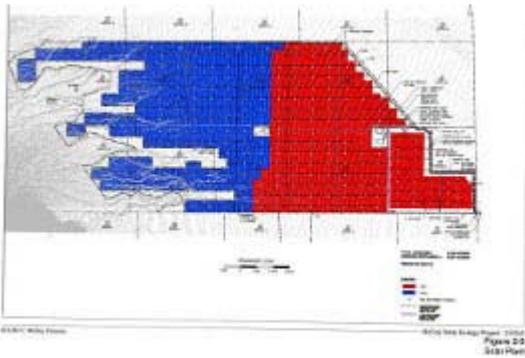
GCL-Poly, China Merchants to build 1 GW of PV in China and abroad



In other big news, GCL-Poly, China Merchants New Energy and China Technology Development Group have signed a letter of intent to collaborate on the investment, development and construction of 1 GW of PV plants in China and other nations over the next three years. [More](#)

Picture left: 20 MW PV plant in China developed by GCL

U.S. federal government assists renewable development on public lands



The 750 MW McCoy Solar Project will be built in two phases. Image source: Worley Parsons

From the United States, similar good news has emerged. U.S. President Barack Obama has ordered the expedited review of 1.5 GW of PV and CSP on public lands, with the majority of projects to be finalized by the end of 2012. [More](#)

The U.S. Department of the Interior and Department of Defense have also signed an MoU to support the development of solar and other renewable energy projects on military lands. [More](#)

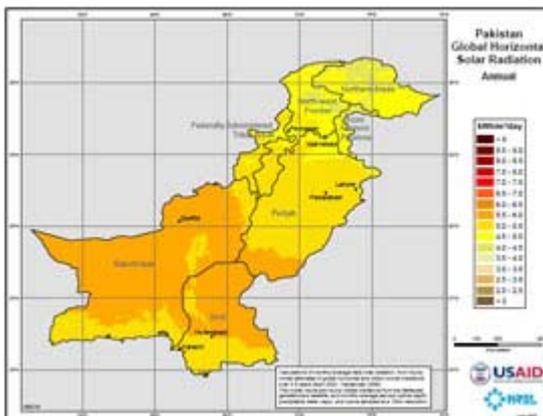
Suntech delivers more than 1 GW of PV modules to the Americas



And despite the pending trade war, Chinese companies remain an important part of the U.S. PV industry.

This week Suntech announced that it has delivered a total of more than 1 GW of PV modules to the Americas, mostly the United States. [More](#)

Uttar Pradesh publishes draft solar policy; 50 MW PV plant to be built in Pakistan



In India, the state of Uttar Pradesh has released a draft of its solar policy, setting a goal of 1 GW of PV and CSP by 2017, and an initial goal of 150 MW by 2014. [More](#)

While in neighboring Pakistan, RenuEn Corporation has obtained a 50 MW PV project through its pending acquisition of Team Energy. [More](#)

Solar Point of View: Raj Prabhu of Mercom Capital on the blackouts in India



Mercom Capital Managing Partner Raj Prabhu

This week Solar Server brings you special commentary on last week's blackouts in India by Mercom Capital Managing Partner Raj Prabhu.

As part one of a two-part series, Raj looks at the causes of the Indian blackout. Part two will explore possible solutions. More

"The massive grid failure in India last week affected over 600 million people. With speculations abound as to the reasons for the failure, we decided to talk to engineers working at the load despatch centers on the ground to get a firsthand understanding of what really happened," Prabhu explains. [More](#)

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