

SunEnergy Europe successfully implements projects in Bulgaria

SunEnergy Europe has realised its second photovoltaic project for the Bulgarian investor Venture Equity Bulgaria EAD.

In late January of this year, a 100 kilowatt-peak thin-film plant was completed on the roofs of several factory buildings near Kazanlak, in central Bulgaria. This was the second time that SunEnergy Europe was commissioned by the investor for the planning, consultation and delivery of components for a solar project in Bulgaria.

The first joint project carried out by the Bulgarian investor and the Hamburg company was successfully completed in 2008. The free-standing power plant, which has a nominal power of 100 kilowatt-peak and is located near Sandanski close to the Greek border, was connected to the national grid in January 2009 and was thus officially authorised as a power supplier. Here, the idea of carbon neutral energy production has special significance as well, with green power being generated at a PV plant nestled in a fruit growing area.

Dr. Hartwig Westphalen, CEO of SunEnergy Europe, was very satisfied with the smooth running of the project: "From the planning stage through to implementation everything went as planned. The delivery of the solar modules and other components, as well as the installation, ran smoothly."

Investment for the two projects amounts to almost one million euros. Two different Bulgarian companies were commissioned for the technical engineering and installation. In this way SunEnergy Europe helped to secure the further development of the region through technical innovation and the creation of jobs. SunEnergy Europe's planning and coordination, combined with the delivery of the technical components, enabled both projects to be carried out successfully and in good time.

The close contact with investors and project developers – such as at last year's Intersolar trade fair – reflects the dynamic development of the Bulgarian market," explains Dr. Hartwig Westphalen. "The Bulgarian market is very important for us. In April 2009 we will be taking part in the international exhibition for renewable energies in Sofia."

The keen interest in solar plants in Bulgaria has arisen as a result of a new renewable energies law on feed-in tariffs, which came into force on 1st January 2007. The law provides for a purchase commitment and a 25-year feed-in tariff of 0.718 Lewa, which corresponds to 36 euro cents per kilowatt-hour of solar power fed into the grid. Remuneration is paid for the production of energy from photovoltaic plants with an energy potential of 5kW. In addition, applications for direct EU subsidies can be submitted starting this year.



Free-standing power plant near Sandanski

The company

Hamburg-based SunEnergy Europe GmbH is a rapidly growing and internationally active photovoltaic wholesaler and systems provider. The company has carried out a variety of European projects as the general contractor. It stands for many years of experience in large-scale photovoltaic projects and roof-top systems and offers the entire range of services from the planning to the realisation and management of solar power plants. During the planning of roof-top or free-standing power plants, technically creative and cost-effective solutions are the primary aim.



As a photovoltaics provider and specialist wholesaler for complete systems as well as high-quality solar modules and photovoltaic accessories, SunEnergy Europe has distributors throughout Germany and cooperates with a German and European partner network with specialist enterprises in 8 countries.

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