

From the South Seas to the Elbe River: German Engineering for Sustainable Energy in Samoa

Hamburg, 4. December 2012: Tuila'epa Fatialofa Lupesoli'ai Aiono Neioti Sa'ilele Malielegaoi is his full name – but addressing him by “Excellency” is just fine. On Friday, November 30th, SunEnergy Europe was proud to receive a very special guest from overseas: The Prime Minister of Samoa. The Hamburg-based solar company with more than 11 years of experience in the field of solar power projects presented its business activities in the Solar Industry.

The top item on the agenda was a sketch outlined by SunEnergy to implement photovoltaics (PV) on a large scale to cut down significantly on the county's expenses on fossil fuels. At the joint meeting with the Head of State and his delegation it became quickly clear that Samoa already shows a great interest in the use of photovoltaics. A large megawatt power plant is currently under construction which upon termination will cover for 8% of the energy formerly produced by diesel generators. Based on a model calculation drawn up by SunEnergy Europe, more than two thirds of the Samoan fossil-fueled power generation facilities could be replaced!

"We are very honored to welcome the Prime Minister of Samoa here in Hamburg", says Dr. Hartwig Westphalen, CEO of SunEnergy Europe. "I was pleasantly surprised that His Excellency has a really keen interest in sustainable energy, i.e. solar power solutions, for his country."

While taking in the view over Hamburg's sunbathed roofs from SunEnergy's balcony on the 7th floor, the two parties agreed to keep in close touch about Samoa's prospects in sustainable energy. "When you look at the great potential of photovoltaics in a highly industrialized country like Germany, it seems only logical to replace energy generated using costly fossil fuels by PV – especially in a sun-drenched country like Samoa - as soon as possible", Westphalen concludes.



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