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8.33 Solar JOINS HDPV ALLIANCE

8.33 Solar Mono and Poly Crystalline PV Modules Now Compatible with HDPV Alliance Standards for Lower Cost and Higher Performance PV Systems

Murcia, Spain and San Francisco, CA—February 25, 2013—8.33 Solar, manufacturer of mono and poly crystalline silicon PV modules, today announced its new membership in the HDPV Alliance, an industry alliance aimed at reducing photovoltaic (PV) balance of system (BOS) costs while increasing energy production from PV plants. 8.33 Solar joins HDPV Alliance founders Ampt, KACO new energy, LTi REEnergy, and REFUsoI Inc., and a host of inaugural members, in leveraging open technology standards to optimize the design and deployment of inverters, cabling, combiners and associated labor to deliver a lower total system cost and higher performance.

“At 8.33 Solar we are very pleased to join the HDPV Alliance and to work together to deliver innovative products that lower overall PV system costs while increasing performance and reliability”, said Jose Fenor Fuentes, CEO of 8.33 Solar. “The global PV industry is continuously under pressure to reduce costs. The HDPV Alliance’s open standards do just that without compromising quality of PV system components.”

In response to the solar industry’s ever-increasing pressure to drive down system costs, the HDPV Alliance brings together members around a common vision for the development and adoption of lower cost and higher performance PV systems using open standards for HDPV-compliant inverters.

The HDPV Alliance provides a way for 8.33 Solar to offer differentiated value and make it easy for its customers to identify and source products featuring the HDPV advantage. The HDPV label identifies products from 8.33 Solar as compatible with Alliance standards, and gives an edge to members who will have a more cost-effective solution that provides superior ROI. 8.33 Solar manufactures PV modules compatible with HDPV Alliance's open standard for delivering a greater concentration of solar energy in kWh that reduce solar PV BOS costs.

HDPV inverters deliver up to twice the power at a higher efficiency than the same inverter operating in a normal mode. Doubling the rated power is equivalent to cutting cost in cents per watt (¢/W) in half. With HDPV inverters, systems also can have more PV modules in a series string to save up to fifty percent on DC BOS costs.

“As the solar industry drives toward lower cost, the HDPV Alliance creates an end-to-end, pre-tested solution that aggressively targets this goal,” said Stephen Shirey, HDPV Alliance marketing chairman and LTi REEnergy vice president. “HDPV Alliance membership brings together key players like 8.33 Solar from across the PV value chain working together to shift the focus on towards total project economics. We welcome 8.33 as part of this precedent setting effort.”

Companies throughout the PV industry interested in joining the HDPV Alliance are encouraged to visit <http://www.hdpv.org/membership/>.

About 8.33 Solar

8.33 Solar manufactures high quality and high efficiency mono and poly crystalline photovoltaic (PV) modules that convert the sun's energy into clean and sustainable electricity for residential and commercial power needs. 8.33 Solar gallium-doped mono crystalline PV modules deliver attenuated light induced degradation and industry leading power output guarantees: 95% within 12 years and 90% within 25 years; more power and benefits to our customers. Since 2006, 8.33 Solar serves the European PV industry from its headquarters in Spain and regional offices in Germany, Italy and United Kingdom.

About the HDPV Alliance

HDPV, or High Definition PV, is the solar industry's standard for delivering a greater concentration of solar energy in kWh by providing higher resolution power optimization, information gathering and control at a much lower cost than previously achievable. The HDPV Alliance is an initiative to enable PV project developers, systems integrators, and EPCs to easily identify and source solutions that provide higher performance at a lower cost – the HDPV Advantage. The Alliance enables inverter manufacturers to deliver products that are compliant with an open set of HDPV standards, and to provide increased value to their customers. Membership in the Alliance lets customers know that your products or services feature the HDPV Advantage, and streamlines the process of building cost-effective solutions. Companies throughout the PV industry are encouraged to join.

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