Press Release – SMA Solar Technology AG

Due to health reasons, Uwe Hertel retires from the Managing Board of SMA Solar Technology AG

Niestetal, December 6, 2011 – Due to health reasons, Uwe Hertel (51), Chief Operating Officer of SMA Solar Technology AG retires from the Managing Board with effect from December 31, 2011. The tasks he has been responsible for will be taken over by the other members of SMA's Managing Board and the SMA divisions. Uwe Hertel will continue to support the further strategic development of SMA's Operational Business as Senior Vice President.

"This was not an easy decision since my occupation at SMA plays an important role in my life. Nevertheless, I will be able to contribute my long-term experience and at the same time to put more focus on my health in my new position ", explains Uwe Hertel.

The 51 year-old has been working for SMA since 1990 and has been responsible for Operational Business on the Managing Board since April 2010. He developed a highly flexible production concept and introduced it with great success at the SMA locations in Germany and the United States. In the conception of quality assurance measures in production and in the optimization of purchasing, Uwe Hertel has also been the driving force.

"Uwe Hertel decisively influenced the development of SMA thanks to his high commitment and outstanding expertise. Under his leadership, SMA increased the worldwide production capacity to more than 11.5 gigawatts per year. This was a considerable contribution to the further growth of SMA. On behalf of the Supervisory Board, I would like to thank Uwe Hertel for his commitment as a member of the Managing Board. I am looking forward to working together with him in his new role", emphasizes Günther Cramer, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of SMA.

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Germany, and is represented in 19 countries on four different continents. The Group employs a staff of over 5,300 worldwide, plus a number of temporary employees which varies on a seasonal basis. The multi award-winning product range covers solar inverters for roof systems, major solar projects and off-grid systems, enabling SMA to provide a technically optimized inverter solution for all size categories and system types. Its range of services is complemented by a worldwide service network. The highly flexible manufacturing plants for solar inverters in Germany and North America have a capacity of approximately 11.5 GW a year. The SMA Group also operates a manufacturing plant for electromagnetic core components in Poland. Since 2008, SMA has been listed on the Prime Standard of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange and also in the TecDAX index. In recent years, SMA has received numerous awards for its excellence as an employer and achieved first place in 2011 in the federal "Great Place to Work" competition.

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