



SMA Solar Technology AG – Press Release

SMA Solar Technology AG Delivers Inverters for Two Additional PV Power Plants in South Africa

Niestetal/Durban, June 28, 2013 – Starting in August 2013, two additional PV power plants with central inverters from SMA Solar Technology AG (SMA) will be built in South Africa. The plants are developed and will be built and partially owned by Scatec Solar. 125 Sunny Central CP XT inverters will be delivered for a total of 115 MWp PV power, 65 Transformer Compact Stations for connection to the medium-voltage grid, 750 Sunny String-Monitors and a Power Plant Controller specially configured for the grid requirements of the South African power company ESKOM for park regulation.

The PV power plants Dreunberg in the Eastern Cape province and Linde in the Northern Cape province are set to begin operation in the first and second half of 2014, respectively. They are being constructed under the second round of South Africa's Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Program (REIPPP). The Norwegian PV power plant developer Scatec Solar is responsible for the two PV projects. The company is well under way with the 75-megawatt Kalkbult project in South Africa with 84 SMA Sunny Central inverters. This project will be finished in Q3 2013.

“The cooperation with Scatec Solar and the excellent suitability of the SMA central inverters for the challenging climate conditions in South Africa have already proven themselves in the Kalkbult PV project,” explains Dr. Jürgen Reinert, SMA Executive Vice President Technology. “There are also special functions of the SMA inverters for grid integration. Together with the SMA Power Plant Controller, complex requirements and control functions can be implemented, particularly for multi-megawatt power plants.” Therefore, individual requirements and complex control functions can be simply and efficiently performed.

SMA announced the expansion of its presence in South Africa’s market at the end of May, 2013 to provide capacity for the expected market growth in a timely manner and meet the local content requirements. SMA will also set up Sunny Central inverter production to strengthen existing sales and service structures.

About SMA

The SMA Group generated sales of €1.5 billion in 2012 and is the global market leader for solar inverters, a key component of all PV plants and, as an energy management group, offers innovative key technologies for future power supply structures. It is headquartered in Niestetal, near Kassel, Germany, and is represented internationally in 21 countries. The Group employs more than 5,000 people worldwide. SMA’s broad product portfolio includes a



compatible inverter for every type of module on the market and for all plant sizes. The product range includes both inverters for photovoltaic plants connected to the grid as well as inverters for off-grid systems. SMA is therefore able to provide ideal technical inverter solutions for all plant sizes and types. Since 2008, the Group's parent company, SMA Solar Technology AG, has been listed on the Prime Standard of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange (S92) and also in the TecDAX index. In recent years, SMA has received numerous awards for excellence as an employer and achieved first place in the nationwide "Great Place to Work®" competition in 2011 and 2012 and fourth place in 2013.

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