

Press Release

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AT&S cooperates with Solland Solar to develop a brand new and highly efficient solar module concept

AT&S, Europe's leading and among the world's largest and technically most advanced producers of printed circuit boards, and Solland Solar, German-Dutch producer of standard and back-contact solar cells, now cooperate to develop a new concept covering the application of solar cells in solar modules.

It is the main target of this cooperation to design an innovative solar module concept combining increased energy efficiency and reduced costs. This should be achieved by using processes and materials which are presently standard within the printed circuit board industry also for the photovoltaics industry. As a first step a fully functional prototype is going to be produced, afterwards the novel concept will be verified with regard to industrialisation and mass production.

The cooperation agreement of AT&S and Solland Solar is a mere development partnership without any equity investments.

About AT&S

AT&S Austria Technologie & Systemtechnik Aktiengesellschaft (AT&S) is market leader in Europe and among the world's largest and technically most advanced producers of printed circuit boards. In the high-tech segment of HDI Microvia technology, which is primarily used in mobile devices, AT&S is perfectly positioned. AT&S also operates successfully in the automobile industry and in industrial and medical technologies. As an internationally growing company, AT&S is globally prominent with its three production locations in Austria (Leoben, Fehring, Klagenfurt) and factories in India (Nanjangud), China (Shanghai), and Korea (Ansan near Seoul). With more than 6,300 employees the company achieves a turnover of approximately half a billion Euros.

For further information also see www.ats.net

About Solland Solar

Solland Solar is a German-Dutch producer of solar cells. Solland has presently a production capacity of 170 MWp per year and is expected to expand up to 500 MWp per year in 2010. The main business areas of Solland are the production of solar cells, as well as the development of new production processes for solar cells and new solar cell technology including innovative concepts for the application of solar cells in solar modules.

For further information also see www.sollandsolar.com

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