



SMA Solar Technology AG Press Release/SMA Australia Pty. Ltd. Press Release

SMA Sponsorship helps Central Coast community

Niestetal/Sydney, December 19, 2012 - SMA Australia has partnered Superior Solar and Hanwha Q.CELLS to provide affordable energy for not-for-profit organisation Coast Shelter, located in Gosford, New South Wales.

The 20.4 kW solar energy system comprises two SMA Sunny Tripower 10000TL inverters and an SMA Sunny WebBox. Superior Solar carried out installation of the rooftop plant that also incorporates 80 Q.Cells solar modules.

Coast Shelter provides support to the homeless and disadvantaged community through initiatives such as free meals, interest-free loans, accommodation and electricity vouchers, helping individuals to become self-sufficient. The organisation has recently relocated to a new building that will allow it to service a larger portion of the community and provide greater assistance to those in need.

The generation of electricity through photovoltaics (PV) will help Coast Shelter to reduce electricity bills, as well as to support a sustainable environment while they work to create a sustainable community. The energy consumption, yield, output and CO₂ reduction of the system is publicly available through SMA's online monitoring solution Sunny Portal. SMA is also offering its Remote Service as a part of its sponsorship which is a complete inverter monitoring service.

Additional funding for the solar PV system was provided through financial support from Federal Government and the local community, as well as through Coast Shelter. Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard was present to celebrate the launch of the building, which is named after Executive Officer of Coast Shelter and Former Mayor of Gosford Laurie Maher.

Maher says he believes strongly in energy conservation and green energy. The Coast Shelter also has a grey water system installed. "Being a not-for-profit organisation, we are conscious of the level of funds available and rising electricity prices. We wanted protection against this volatility and to reduce the amount of funds spent on power bills," says Maher.

The money saved through using solar will allow Coast Shelter to increase their services to the community, which is crucial in light of census results released this week showing an increase in homelessness. The Coast Shelter currently has four youth refuges, one women's and children refuge plus seven women and children cottages, one men's refuge plus a number of other transitional properties for families.



"It is rewarding to be involved in a project like this which enhances the standard of living in the local community and reiterates the message of sustainability," says Anna Brazil, Marketing Director of SMA Australia.

About SMA

The SMA Group generated sales of € 1.7 billion in 2011 and is the global market leader for solar inverters, a key component of all PV plants. And as an energy management group, it supplies innovative key technologies for future power supply structures. It is headquartered in Niestetal, near Kassel, Germany, and is represented internationally in 21 countries. The corporate group employs a staff of over 5,500 employees 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 in 2011 and 2012 achieved first place in the nationwide "Great Place to Work®" competition.

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