



SMA Solar Technology AG – Press Release

Japan's Largest PV Power Plant Goes Online With System Technology From SMA

Niestetal/Tokyo, Nov. 5, 2013 – An inaugural ceremony was held yesterday in the southern Japanese city of Kagoshima to celebrate the opening of the country's largest PV power plant. Run by the Kagoshima Mega Solar Power Corporation, the new 70 megawatt plant relies on 140 Sunny Central 500CP-JP central inverters and 1,260 Sunny String-Monitors from SMA to ensure high yields and optimal monitoring performance.

"The fact that SMA system technology is being used for Japan's largest PV power plant underscores our excellent position in this key market. Thanks to our local sales and service structures as well as system solutions specifically tailored to local requirements, we are ideally positioned to take advantage of the tremendous growth expected in this future market. In fact, by the end of the year Japan is expected to surpass Germany as the world's strongest photovoltaic market in terms of sales," explains SMA Chief Executive Officer Pierre-Pascal Urbon.

At the beginning of last year SMA established a local sales and service company in Tokyo. A few months later another milestone was reached when the Japan Electrical Safety & Environment Technology Laboratories (JET) certified Sunny Boy inverters for PV rooftop systems and approved them for sale in the Japanese market. Additionally, just a couple of weeks ago SMA became the first non-Japanese manufacturer to receive JET certification for a three phase device, the Sunny Tripower 10000TLEE-JP. Although JET certification is not required for central inverters in industrial solar projects, SMA has nonetheless subjected the Sunny Central CP-JP inverters to the same series of tests used in JET certification for PV rooftop systems. The inverters can be easily set up for outdoor use and are capable of withstanding the adverse weather conditions that prevail in southern Japan such as salty air and typhoons.

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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