

# 365 Orte im Land der Ideen



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## Meier Solar Solutions: Minister-President Hannelore Kraft welcomes innovators from North Rhine-Westphalia

**Bocholt, 17.03.2011** – Meier Solar Solutions GmbH from Bocholt, global leader in laminators for encapsulating solar modules, has been acclaimed by Minister-President Hannelore Kraft as a prizewinner in this year's "365 Landmarks in the Land of Ideas" competition. Hannelore Kraft presented Florian von Gropper, CEO of Meier Solar Solutions GmbH, with the title "2011 Selected Landmark" at lunchtime on Thursday. "Hopefully my solar modules were manufactured with Meier laminators", she said when presenting the award. At a reception at the State Chancellery, Hannelore Kraft welcomed people whose ideas and projects set an example for innovation and dedication in the Federal State of North Rhine-Westphalia. In order to promote this potential and make it more visible, the "Germany – Land of Ideas" initiative and Deutsche Bank have been organising the nationwide "365 Landmarks in the Land of Ideas" competition since 2006.

Hannelore Kraft congratulated the prizewinners, who embody the achievement potential of North Rhine-Westphalia: "Innovation is not just to be found in research laboratories. I am proud that there are so many ideas in North Rhine-Westphalia. You are all part of what symbolises the richness of our Federal State – innovative inspiration which does not settle for what has already been achieved."

"To be a prizewinner in the "365 Landmarks in the Land of Ideas" competition is a mark of quality in all areas. The "Selected Landmarks" in North Rhine-Westphalia stand out by dint of their dedication and passion and give an important stimulus for our future. We are pleased to honour the many prizewinners this year", said Uwe Bork of Deutsche Bank in Düsseldorf, congratulating the prizewinners.

Meier Solar Solutions GmbH received this prize for the innovative technology incorporated into its STACOLAM stacking laminator, which can achieve a capacity of up to 250 MW/year with up to ten levels. This makes the STACOLAM the most effective laminator worldwide and represents the latest generation of laminating and encapsulating technology. It will be up for a further award on 9 September 2011 at the Module Equipment Show in the Hanseatic City of Wesel, at which Meier Solar Solutions GmbH will present its ideas and technology in such a way that people can experience them for themselves.

### About the 2011 “365 Landmarks in the Land of Ideas” competition

An expert jury comprising 20 scholars, business managers, journalists and politicians selected the 365 most exceptional examples of sustainability, courage, dedication and creativity from around 2,600 applications. The 365 prizewinners, including Meier Solar Solutions GmbH, now bear the title “2011 Selected Landmark”.

### About Meier Solar Solutions GmbH

Since focusing its strengths on the solar industry in 1999, Meier Solar Solutions GmbH has become a global leader in laminators for encapsulating solar modules as a result of its innovation-led business strategy. Meanwhile, every third solar panel produced around the world stems from a Meier laminator. The company employs a total of 125 staff working in R&D, engineering development, customer support, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, production, automation and software, marketing sales and administration at its two production sites in Bocholt and Rossla. In addition, Meier Solar Solutions currently runs 10 international sales offices in key countries throughout the world, and the figure is steadily rising. Customer service is our utmost priority. Meier Solar Solutions ensures that all its customers are able to work optimally using laminators manufactured by Meier Solar Solutions GmbH.

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