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New investor found – Japanese NPC Group acquires all assets and liabilities of the insolvent Meier Solar Solutions GmbH

Bocholt, 9 September 2010. The staff at Meier Solar Solutions GmbH in Bocholt can finally breathe a sigh of relief: the future of the production facilities and headquarters in Bocholt (North-Rhine Westphalia) and the production plant in Rossla (Saxony-Anhalt) has been secured. All assets and liabilities required for trading have been successfully acquired by a newly established subsidiary of the Japanese NPC Group. The new company, with registered offices in Frankfurt am Main, and the previous business addresses will continue to play a leading role in the global solar power industry under the name of Meier Solar Solutions GmbH. This means that Meier Solar Solutions will be able to fully retain its independence and corporate philosophy. Thanks to their close cooperation, primarily in the field of production and service, both companies' profiles will be boosted on the market.

“Negotiations with potential investors were excellent right from the start,” commented Florian von Gropper, CEO of Meier Solar Solutions GmbH. All employees were kept on by the new owner. “That is of course an excellent result, and one which we are very pleased about,” he continued. Now the order of the day is to continue shaping the future. “NPC is the ideal partner for us,” stated Florian von Gropper. “Their range of products, their regional structure and their customer base largely complement our own and will make the ideal match.”

“Together with Meier Solar Solutions, we will increase our proximity to our European clients and extend our service network considerably,” explained Yoshiro Chikaki, President of NPC. Capacity at Meier Solar Solutions' will also be used for the production of components in the NPC product range.

“As a result of tapping into the technologies of the NPC Group, we will be able to expand our product range for our clients,” remarked Florian von Gropper. Through the acquisition, NPC's aim is to become the global market leader in the manufacture of laminators for the production of photovoltaic modules.

Our thanks to our clients, partners, suppliers and staff

“We’d like to say a special thank-you to our partners and suppliers, who stood by us in our insolvency,” stated Florian von Gropper. “We’ve received many messages of sympathy in the past few weeks and this trust was a great help to us in a difficult period,” he continued.

“But our staff has also earned a very special thank-you,” he continued. Everyone pulled together for the sake of the company and put in a splendid effort at all times. Not a single employee left the company.

“The integration of Meier Solar Solutions into the NPC Group gives the company an excellent starting point for a successful future and for continued partnerships with clients and suppliers,” said Sebastian Henneke, insolvency administrator for Meier Solar Solutions GmbH, after the acquisition of the assets by the new company.

About the NPC Group

The NPC Group, with registered offices in Tokyo, is a leading manufacturer of machines for the production of solar energy systems. Its European headquarters are located in Cologne.

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