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Joint take-back and recycling scheme for French PV WEEE market

Leading French PV actors create PV CYCLE France

Paris, February 6th, 2014 – Leading actors of the French PV industry today announced the creation of PV CYCLE France SAS for the collective management of discarded PV modules under upcoming French WEEE law.

Under the new legal entity PV CYCLE France SAS, EDF ENR, EDR ENR PWT (formerly Photowatt), Urbasolar, PV CYCLE Association, Sillia Energie and Syndicat des Energies Renouvelables (SER) agreed to jointly work on the management of WEEE-compliant take-back and recycling services for the French PV market.

With representatives from different industry sectors, PV CYCLE France will be best prepared to meet the upcoming obligations under the French WEEE regulations. In its leading role of handling end-of-life PV modules, the new entity is expected to submit its WEEE-accreditation request for under WEEE2 soon.

As part of the organizational setting of PV CYCLE France, PV CYCLE Association was mandated to execute the operational tasks of collecting and recycling discarded PV modules as well as managing the WEEE-compliance for French members. The latter includes reporting as well as administrative and financial obligations for companies or persons who bring PV modules on the French market for the very first time.

PV CYCLE France is PV CYCLE's fourth country representation after Germany, Italy, the United Kingdom and Spain.

Note to editors

About PV CYCLE

Founded in 2007 as a not-for-profit association, PV CYCLE ensures that its members' discarded end-of-life photovoltaic (PV) modules are collected and recycled in a sustainable and cost-effective way. As today's leading take-back and recycling solution for all types of PV technologies, PV CYCLE plays a pivotal role in enabling the PV industry to execute its waste treatment obligations in the EU countries. Free of charge for module owners, our service is open to anyone wishing to dispose of PV modules of our members. For more information, visit www.pvcycle.org or view our [online photo gallery](#). You can also find PV CYCLE on [YouTube](#), [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

About SER

The Syndicat des énergies renouvelables (SER) [association for renewable energy] has over 350 members, and represents a turnover of €10 billion and more than 80,000 jobs. It is the umbrella professional organisation for manufacturers from all renewable energy sectors, i.e. biomass (SER-FBE), wood, biofuels, biogas, wind, marine energy, geothermics, hydroelectricity, heat pumps, photovoltaic solar (SER-SOLER), thermal and thermodynamic solar. SER-SOLER includes 200 companies operating throughout the value chain of the photovoltaic solar sector. As at 1 October 2013, French photovoltaic solar stock totalled 4,478 MW. To follow the SER on twitter, use @ser_enr

About EDF ENR

The EDF Energies Nouvelles Réparties Group (EDF ENR), which is a subsidiary of EDF Energies Nouvelles (EDF EN), is, through its subsidiary EDF ENR Solaire, a photovoltaic solar roof solutions architect for private individuals, professionals and local authorities, and, through its subsidiary Photowatt (EDF ENR PWT), the

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only manufacturer of photovoltaic cells producing in France. Founded in 2007, EDF ENR Solaire is a photovoltaic solar expert in the fields of offer design, marketing and installation of solar roofs. Photowatt (EDF ENR PWT) has been a pioneer in the solar industry for 35 years. It is the only company that designs and produces PV panels and cells in France.

About Urbasolar

Central player in the solar energy sector in France, URBASOLAR has become specialised in design, manufacture and operating of vast rooftop and ground-cover photovoltaic power stations. URBASOLAR develops and perfects innovative expert techniques, financial and legal know-how to the benefit of its clients, businesses and local authorities, whether in France or abroad. ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 certified, first company to be qualified "AQPV-Contractant Général", URBASOLAR is a member of PV Cycle since 2009. Otherwise, URBASOLAR is a partner of the French photovoltaic panels manufacturer SILLIA.

About Sillia Energie

SILLIA Energie now stands as a front runner in phase with the current renewable energy challenges and appears as one of the main actors of the French market. A firm believer in the values of quality and innovation, SILLIA Energie's teams are committed to customer satisfaction when it comes to its professional clients. In fact, through its links with the Elvia PCB Group, SILLIA Energie has been able to capitalise on the experience gained with aeronautical and military clients to satisfy the demands of photovoltaics. By carefully selecting its suppliers and repeatedly investing in production facilities, SILLIA Energie manufactures high quality solar panels with a 10 year guarantee, offering traceability and transparency.

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