

Leading take-back and recycling scheme establishes German subsidiary for WEEE compliance

New PV CYCLE entity to take on all business activities in Germany

Brussels/Munich, September 2, 2013 – PV CYCLE Association today announced that it has established the new legal entity PV CYCLE Deutschland GmbH in Munich, Germany. Entirely owned by PV CYCLE Association aisbl, the new entity will be responsible for all operational and legal activities on the German PV market.

Together with PV CYCLE's other country offices, PV CYCLE Deutschland will provide national compliance solutions under the new WEEE regulation. From February 2014 - at the latest -, German manufacturers and importers are obligated to ensure for waste treatment of the PV modules that they put onto the German market. Besides taking back and recycling PV modules, their obligations will also include extensive reporting, product information and financing requirements.

With the announcement of its third national representation, PV CYCLE also presented its German Country Manager, Mr. Andreas Hess. Responsible for all business development and compliance activities in Germany, Mr. Hess will further foster PV CYCLE's leading position in Germany and will help to expand the already existing network of collection, transport and recycling partners. The headquarters in Brussels will continue to handle all collection and recycling requests.

"Leveraging their tailor-made, one-stop-shop solutions, PV CYCLE can offer the most appropriate take-back and recycling services at an optimal price. I am excited to be part of a PV waste solution that has shown such a long track record of treating discarded PV modules", said Mr. Hess.

"The German PV waste sector is expected to become one of the most demanding when it comes to collection and administration. Several million tonnes of PV modules have been connected to the German grids to date. Bringing Mr. Hess on board will better enable us to manage this vast waste market in the future", said Jan Clyncke, Managing Director at PV CYCLE.

PV CYCLE as the independent, PV industry-driven take-back and recycling scheme has been offering comprehensive waste treatment solutions in Germany and the rest of Europe since 2010. To date, PV CYCLE has treated nearly 4,000 tonnes of PV module waste in Germany alone.

Note to editors

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](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Facebook](#).

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