

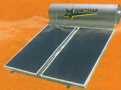


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characteristic analysis, the company says. The most recent additions to the testing lab are a climate chamber used to conduct accelerated aging tests, a Permatran-W system to measure the moisture transmission rate, and a vacuum laminator that provides the ability to produce small modules.

## ANSI Partners With IREC

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI), coordinator of the U.S. voluntary standardization system, has entered into a partnership with the Interstate Renewable Energy Council (IREC) that is designed to help bolster the U.S. workforce for the growing number of clean energy jobs of the future.

Under a memorandum of understanding, ANSI and IREC will pursue an independent, joint accreditation program for credit and non-credit certificate programs related to energy

efficiency and renewable energy (excluding hydropower) that are offered in formal educational institutions and other legal entities. The initiative is being undertaken with advisory support from the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

## Upsolar Named PowerWrap Provider

Upsolar, a provider of solar PV modules, says its products have been accepted into the newly formed PowerWrap Systems Performance Guarantee Program from PowerGuard Specialty Insurance Services.

As one of the firm's first pre-approved providers, Upsolar now enables developers using its modules to receive discounted rates on the PowerWrap Systems Performance Guarantee.

The PowerWrap insurance policy guarantees the output of a solar project. Developers of projects in North

America and select projects in Europe using Upsolar modules will receive rate and pricing credits in the process of underwriting the PowerWrap coverage and determining the cost of coverage, Upsolar says.

## Sungevity Expanding Headquarters

Ellis Partners, on behalf of Jack London Square Ventures, and residential solar firm Sungevity have signed a lease agreement for Sungevity to expand its headquarters at Jack London Square in Oakland, Calif., to 68,000 square feet.

The expanded office space includes its current square footage in the historic 66 Franklin St. building, as well as increased space located in the newly constructed 55 Harrison St. building.

Sungevity says it is adding the space to facilitate its rapid business and workforce growth, due in part to the company's successful East Coast expansion and new partnership with home improvement retailer Lowe's.

## Ascent Solar Enters Alliance

Ascent Solar Technologies Inc. says it has entered into a partnership with China-based TFG Radiant Group that includes investments by TFG Radiant in Ascent, as well as a joint development agreement to establish manufacturing facilities in East Asia.

Under the agreement, TFG Radiant has committed \$165 million for the initial East Asia fab, bringing the total deal value to about \$450 million plus royalties. This fab is expected to have an initial annual production capacity of 100 MW.

## Trina Solar Receives Module Certificates

Trina Solar Ltd. says its Mono and Multi Module Series have received the ammonia gas resistance certificate from TÜV Rheinland, and its Multi Module Series has received the salt-mist certificate from Intertek Testing Services.

The salt-mist certification was conducted by Intertek according to IEC 61701, and the ammonia gas resistance certification by TÜV according to IEC 62716. These tests verify

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