

## Press Release

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# solarnova\*

Quality "Made in Northern Germany"

### **solarnova and Sonnenstromfabrik begin collaboration**

Wedel/Wismar, May 13, 2016 – As of now, solarnova will not only provide its customers with high-quality modules from its in-house production (Wedel bei Hamburg) but also with equally long-lasting products from Sonnenstromfabrik in Wismar. CS Wismar GmbH had already announced in mid-April that they will absorb this production volume into their 525 MWp factory.

In the future, solarnova will produce additional modules on a line at Sonnenstromfabrik and therefore expand its own capacity to around 100 MWp. This puts the Wedel company in a position to produce greater quantities of modules within a short time frame as well. The elements can be adapted to each customer's requests: 48, 54, 60 or 72 cells, with or without a frame, glass-foil or glass-glass – the variants are nearly as diverse as the applications. If you are looking for even more individuality, solarnova designs and produces building integrated photovoltaics (BIPV) in Wedel. For 20 years, the company has been a part of a very small circle of worldwide manufacturers of aesthetic, high-quality and, mainly, tailor-made BIPVs.

CS Wismar GmbH and solarnova Deutschland GmbH are two collaborating photovoltaic producers that are among the few remaining manufacturers left in Germany. Both partners set equally-high quality standards. For two decades, Wismar has produced modules that have an astonishingly-low complaint rate of 0.02 percent per year. 25,000 standard modules came off the production line in Wedel last year; only a few drew complaints (0.004 percent).

Ever since both production plants were founded in 1996, there has consistently been synergies for collaborations that produced technically-sophisticated products. "We are excited about this new form of strategic collaboration and the associated pooling of North German strength," says Sylvia Schmenk, General Manager for solarnova Deutschland GmbH. "Both brands stand for high-quality, "Made in Germany" photovoltaics that once again see a noticeable increase in demand on the market."

### **About Sonnenstromfabrik**

The Sonnenstromfabrik is the solar module factory for CS Wismar GmbH. The factory is among the largest and most efficient production plants in Europe with its 525 MWp production capacity. Its product range includes long-term modules with a glass-glass design, standard modules, off-grid modules and modules for roof integration. The machines, partially developed in-house by the Sonnenstromfabrik team, are specifically-tailored to the production program.

### **About solarnova**

solarnova Deutschland GmbH in Wedel bei Hamburg has been producing high-quality photovoltaic modules (PV) since 1996. The erstwhile company founders came from AEG-Solartechnik, which had constructed one of the first PV production lines in Wedel by the early 1980s. Since then, solarnova Deutschland GmbH has mainly earned a premium reputation worldwide as a manufacturer of individual modules for building-integrated photovoltaics (BIPV). BIPV not only supplements classic construction materials, but also replaces them. In addition to producing power, building-integrated photovoltaics (BIPV) also assume functions such as shading, weather, sight and noise protection and even heat insulation as an insulating glass. solarnova's references include single and multi-family homes along with the EWE ARENA in Oldenberg, the UMA Plaza in Herzogenaurach and the Public Safety Building in Salt Lake City (USA). Furthermore, solarnova is a reliable OEM partner, manages an in-house, high-performance standard module series and operates worldwide in the TURNKEY FAB business segment as a competent service provider for constructing turnkey module factories.

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