



Photo Release -- UNI-SOLAR(R) Powers Largest Solar Power Plant in the French Riviera

Multi-Rooftop BIPV Project Highlights UNI-SOLAR Product Advantages in France

Partnership With Valsolar and Soprema Critical to Project Success

PARIS, April 4, 2011 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- United Solar, a wholly owned subsidiary of Energy Conversion Devices, Inc. (Nasdaq:ENER) and a leading global manufacturer of lightweight, flexible thin-film solar laminates, today announced that its *UNI-SOLAR* brand photovoltaics (PV) are powering the recently completed 570 kWp solar power plant atop the Nice Saint Isidore Eco-vallee Business Park in the city of Nice, France. The site, owned by the Nice Cote d'Azur Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI), is four buildings with a total of 9,000 m² of roof area fitted with *UNI-SOLAR* PV. The Nice CCI is converting the site into the region's first green energy producer. This PV installation generates clean, renewable solar energy while reducing the site's carbon footprint. Indeed the yearly production of 650,000 kWh is enough to power 260 French homes and saves 6,165 tons of CO₂ emissions.

A photo accompanying this release is available at <http://www.globenewswire.com/newsroom/prs/?pkgid=9443>.

Valsolar, a leading provider of PV solutions in the Cote d'Azur market with more than 30,000 m² of rooftop experience, was selected to construct the project. Valsolar was responsible for installing PV while ensuring that the building was waterproof and providing financing for the project.

In partnership with waterproof building materials manufacturer Soprema, Valsolar opted for the SopraSolar product which uses *UNI-SOLAR*'s flexible thin-film laminates bonded to a Soprema membrane substrate. *UNI-SOLAR* products are ideally suited for applications on roofs with low lift and low slope to which traditional glass-based PV panels cannot fit. In addition, the SopraSolar solution provides optimal sealing functionality for the roof. With this new seal, the roof takes advantage of a new 10-year guarantee.

"This multi-rooftop project highlights the unique capabilities of the *UNI-SOLAR* product for building-integrated applications," said Ted Amyuni, President-EMEA of United Solar. "Our *UNI-SOLAR* laminates are flexible, lightweight and durable, and can be integrated into any architecture while ensuring the waterproofing function of the roof. We look forward to continued success in the French BIPV market with partners like Soprema and Valsolar."

About Energy Conversion Devices/United Solar/Solar Integrated Technologies

Energy Conversion Devices (ECD) (Nasdaq:ENER), through its United Solar subsidiary, is a leader in building-integrated and rooftop photovoltaics. The company manufactures, sells and installs thin-film solar laminates that convert sunlight to clean, renewable energy using proprietary technology. ECD's *UNI-SOLAR*® brand products are unique because of their flexibility, light weight, ease of installation, durability and real-world efficiency. In addition, ECD's Ovonic Materials Division is the pioneer in NiMH battery technology, and is developing low cost fuel cells, hydrogen production from bioreformation, and hydrogen storage technologies. For more information, please visit energyconversiondevices.com.

About Valsolar

Valsolar is a Riviera company (Alpes-Maritimes, 06) and a subsidiary of Valindus, a solid industrial group (170 million of consolidated revenues, 100% family group). Valsolar relies on 40 years of building experience and the financial stability of Valindus to support major solar projects. Valsolar offers owners and local communities, PV projects that combine "green" power generation and overall building renovation. These projects are 100% funded by Valsolar, the owner has no investment to plan. To date, more than 70,000 m² of roof have been renovated by Valsolar in the PACA region.

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