



Kanematsu to Exhibit UNI-SOLAR(R) Products at PV Expo 2012 in Japan

Exhibition highlights strategic partnership for the Japanese market

United Solar's Dr. Subhendu Guha delivers presentation as part of the Technical Conference Program

AUBURN HILLS, Mich., March 1, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- United Solar, the global manufacturer of *UNI-SOLAR*[®] lightweight, flexible solar modules and a wholly owned subsidiary of Energy Conversion Devices, Inc. (ECD) (OTC:ENERQ.PK), announced that Kanematsu Corporation will be exhibiting *UNI-SOLAR* products at the 5th International Photovoltaic Power Generation Expo (PV Expo 2012) in Tokyo, Japan from February 29th- March 2nd.

PV Expo 2012 is being held at the Tokyo Big Sight venue. The Kanematsu booth is located in the solar/module zone of the exhibit hall at booth number E41-47. The booth features all of *UNI-SOLAR*'s unique photovoltaic (PV) solutions, including the *PowerBond*[™] enhanced photovoltaic laminate (ePVL), *PowerMembrane*[™] and *PowerPlate*[™]. Also on display is a solar-powered "Disaster Kit" designed and sold by Kanematsu, featuring a *UNI-SOLAR* ePVL-68 laminate, combined with an inverter, battery, cable, and storage box packaged together in one convenient kit.

"United Solar is proud to be exhibiting at PV Expo 2012 in Japan with our strategic partner, Kanematsu Corporation," said Julian Hawkins, President and Chief Executive Officer of ECD, United Solar's parent company. "This conference provides the perfect opportunity to demonstrate how unique and differentiated our solutions are among the commodity glass-based solar products."

In addition, Dr. Subhendu Guha, Chairman Emeritus of United Solar, delivered a presentation at the technical conference on the technological advancement of high-efficiency and low-cost thin-film silicon solar cells. His presentation took place on Wednesday, February 29th from 12:30-2:30PM in the Conference Tower and focused on the accomplishments and challenges of the thin-film silicon PV industry. Dr. Guha is a well-known authority in thin-film silicon PV and has authored/co-authored more than 300 papers. He was the recipient of the World Technology Award in 2005 and PVSEC award in 2009.

PV Expo 2012 is Japan's largest exhibition and conference for the PV industry. The annual event attracts over 120,000 exhibition visitors from all over the world. Held in conjunction with the PV Systems Expo, these two conferences attract parties from around the solar industry.

United Solar, with more than 25 years experience in the industry of solar power generation, is the largest manufacturer of lightweight, flexible solar panels in the world, and has been awarded nearly 70 United States patents for various technological advancements. For more information about United Solar or its *UNI-SOLAR* laminates, please visit our website at <http://www.uni-solar.com>.

About United Solar/UNI-SOLAR[®]

United Solar has been a global leader in building-integrated and rooftop photovoltaics for over 25 years. The company manufactures, sells and installs thin-film solar laminates that convert sunlight into clean, renewable energy using proprietary technology for which the company has been awarded over 70 U.S. patents. *UNI-SOLAR*[®] brand products are unique because of their flexibility, light weight, ease of installation, durability, and real-world energy production. For more information on United Solar visit uni-solar.com or follow *UNI-SOLAR* on <http://Facebook.com/unisolar> and http://Twitter.com/uni_solar.

United Solar and its parent company, Energy Conversion Devices, Inc., on February 14, 2012 filed voluntary petitions for Chapter 11 reorganization in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. More information about the Chapter 11 filing is available on the Internet at <http://www.energyconversiondevices.com/restructuring.php>.

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