

PRESS RELEASE

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Würth Solar acquires SolarMarkt AG

Stuttgart, 11 August 2010 – Würth Solar GmbH & Co. KG, the world's leading manufacturer of CIS solar modules, has acquired all shares in SolarMarkt AG, Freiburg. The takeover includes the SolarMarkt subsidiary Creotecc GmbH, as well as all foreign and project companies. Luther Rechtsanwalts-gesellschaft mbH advised Würth Solar.

Würth Solar GmbH & Co. KG, which belongs to the Würth Group, is the world's leading manufacturer of CIS solar modules and also a provider of complete solar installations.

SolarMarkt AG with its registered office in Freiburg, Germany develops and sells technical solar installations and components as well as photovoltaic installations. In addition, the company constructs and sells solar plants on a turn-key basis. In 2009, SolarMarkt generated a turnover of €113m.

Through this transaction, Würth Solar GmbH & Co. KG not only becomes a player in the photovoltaic wholesale market but, through the SolarMarkt subsidiary Creotecc, has additionally acquired a specialist company for assembly systems.

The transaction also comprises all other participations and project companies of SolarMarkt AG in Germany, Europe, and the USA.

The transaction is subject to approval by the responsible antitrust authorities.

On behalf of Würth Solar GmbH & Co. KG:

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