



PV CYCLE ASSOCIATION aisbl
declares hereby that based upon the current commitment:

EVERGREEN SOLAR

USA

is Full Member of

*PV CYCLE Association aisbl which organizes for all their members the collection and recycling of End-of-Life photovoltaic modules.
The current status of the PV CYCLE System is as follows:*

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Information Note

Progress Report PV CYCLE and timeline 2010

For whom it may concern, please find hereafter the update on the current status of the collection and recycling programme of end-of-life photovoltaic (PV) modules as well as the practical next steps that will ensure the launch of the system in Germany since January 2010, to be then expanded gradually to the whole EU and EFTA countries.

1. Collection points in Germany: Fourteen installers and wholesalers have already been set up as collection points (see map on the right). Each collection point allows the owner of end-of-life PV modules to deposit them free of charge. Next steps are currently being developed to increase the network of collection points.

Registered Collection point



2. Logistics provider(s): The Board of Directors appointed on 14th December 2009 the company Hellmann Worldwide Logistics as supplier for the logistics in 2010 and 2011. In January 2010 every collection point shall be visited or contacted to implement the procedures.

3. Recycler provider(s): The deadline for the offers for the tender on recycling services was 18th of December 2009. The Evaluation Committee has evaluated all offers in a first round; the second round evaluation takes place on 19th February 2010. Soon afterwards the recycling company (-ies) shall be appointed.

4. Financial commitment of the members: At the last General Assembly meeting of PV CYCLE in September, members agreed to the payment of a contribution fee of 0.24€/kg for the 2% of PV modules that were placed on the market in 2008. This contribution fee will enable the financing of PV CYCLE's operations in 2010 and create the foundations of a reserve fund for the operation of PV CYCLE over the long term. This fund will assure the financial means to collect and recycle end-of-life modules in the future even if a producer would become insolvent and therefore cease to exist.

5. Financial study: PriceWaterhouseCoopers was appointed to perform a study on the most suitable funding mechanism, from the taxes and the legal point of view, for all our members and the association itself. The study has been delivered by the end of 2009 and is currently the basis for discussion on the most suitable funding mechanism for future collection and recycling.

6. PV industry commitment: PV CYCLE has 72 members on 1st of January 2010, including 61 producers and as such represents more than 85% of the European market. In 2009 alone, 16 companies joined PV CYCLE. The start of 2010 is promising whilst again 19 producers joined the Association.

7. Environmental Agreement: After signing a joint declaration with the European Union in December 2008, the members of PV CYCLE voted on 15th December 2009 in favor for the text of an Environmental Agreement. This Agreement shall first be disseminated to all members with the invitation to sign before 30th of March 2010. At the same time the members shall analyze and conclude out of the PriceWaterHouse Study the setting for financing as from 2011 and onwards.

8. Transparency and monitoring: Whilst voting the Environmental Agreement, the PV CYCLE members established a Monitoring Committee to ensure that the objectives of the scheme are met in a measurable and transparent manner. A database is being compiled in view of the annual report on the functioning of the scheme to be made available to interested parties.

Prof. Jef Poortmans, a respected and acknowledged PV specialist from IMEC Research Center in Belgium, has been appointed as the President of this Monitoring Committee. The black-box to handle the collection and storage of confidential data from member companies was set up in August 2009 and will be managed by Recydata vzw.

About PV CYCLE

PV CYCLE, the European Association for the voluntary take-back and recycling of photovoltaic modules

PV CYCLE was created as a non-profit international management organization in July 2007 and is now composed of 80 members out of which 68 PV producing companies representing over 85% of the EU photovoltaic market, including major international players (EU, China, USA, Japan, India and Taiwan).

PV CYCLE mission is to promote an overall voluntary waste management and recycling policy of the PV industry which guarantees highest economically feasible collection and recycling targets by an appropriate treatment of waste PV modules.

For more information:

For details on PV CYCLE progress towards the set up of an EU wide take-back and recycling scheme for end-of-life PV modules:

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Annex 1. List of PV CYCLE members (as of 1 February 2010)

Full Members (Producer, Importer, Rebrander , etc)

| Company name | Country | Q.cells se | Germany |
|---------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Abound solar | USA | REC | Norway |
| Aleo | Germany | Risen Energy | China |
| Arendi | Italy | Renergies italia | Italy |
| Avancis | Germany | Sanyo | Japan |
| Bosch | Germany | Scheuten solar glass | The Netherlands |
| Bp solar | Germany | Schott solar | Germany |
| Brandoni Solare | Italy | Schûco | Germany |
| Canadian solar inc. | China | Siliken | Spain |
| Ceeg | China | Sharp Electronics (Europe) GmbH | Germany |
| Chi mei energy | Taiwan | Solar Century | UK |
| Chauri Solar | China | Solaire direct | France |
| Conergy | Germany | Solarfabrik | Germany |
| Delsolar | Taiwan | Solarfun | China |
| EPTECH Solar | China | Solarworld | Germany |
| Et solar | China | Soleos solar | Germany |
| Eurener | Spain | Solon se | Germany |
| Evergreen Solar | USA | Solpower | Germany |
| First solar | USA | Solyndra | USA |
| Frankfurt Solar | Germany | Sovello | Germany |
| Ge energy | USA | Sulfurcell | Germany |
| Gloria solar | Taiwan | Sunpower | USA |
| Henot sas | France | Suntech | China |
| IBC Solar | Germany | Sunways | Germany |
| Isofoton | Spain | T-solar | Spain |
| Johanna solar technology | Germany | Tenesol | France |
| Kaneka belgium | Japan | Trina Solar | China |
| Korax solar | Hungary | United solar ovonic | USA |
| Kyocera | Japan | Upsolar | China |
| Ldk solar | China | Vipiemme solar | Italy |
| Martifer solar | Portugal | Wurth solar | Germany |
| Moserbaer photovoltaics | India | Xgroup | Italy |
| Nexpower technology corp. | Taiwan | Yingli green energy | China |
| PerfectEnergy | China | Yokhon energia | Spain |
| Photowatt international | France | | |

Associated Members

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| ASIF - Asociación de la Industria Fotovoltaica | Spain | Evasol | France |
| BSW - Bundesverband Solarwirtschaft | Germany | Photon Technologies | France |
| DSG - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sonnenenergie e.V. | Germany | Roth & Rau | Germany |
| ECN - Energy Research Center of the Netherlands | Netherlands | SER - Syndicat des Energies Renouvelables | France |
| EPIA - European Photovoltaic Industry Association | Belgium | Subsun | France |
| | | Sunnco | France |
| | | Total S.A. | France |

Annex 2. Collection points in Germany - Status 20 April 2010

| | Company Name | Postal Code | City |
|----|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | AS Solar GmbH | 30453 | Hannover |
| 2 | Calyxo GmbH | 6766 | Bitterfeld-Wolfen |
| 3 | Conzept-Solar GmbH | 97295 | Waldbrunn |
| 4 | E. U. Solar GmbH & Co. KG | 88662 | Ueberlingen |
| 5 | Hörmann Solartechnik | 86441 | Zusmarshausen |
| 6 | Hubert Schmidt | 87616 | Marktobersdorf |
| 7 | Photovoltaik Institut | 10997 | Berlin |
| 8 | Solartechnik Stiens | 34260 | Kaufungen |
| 9 | Soleos Solar GmbH | 50169 | Kerpen |
| 10 | Solpower AG | 88250 | Weingarten |
| 11 | Wagner & Co. Solartechnik | 35091 | Cölbe |
| 12 | Kretzmann GmbH | 91462 | Dachsbach |
| 13 | Ses 21 AG | 82398 | Oderding |
| 14 | Alba R Plus | 75031 | Eppingen |

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