



BP Solarex Apollo Solar Modules Achieve Highest Power Performance Rating for Thin Film

Frederick, Maryland USA: BP Solarex announced today that its Apollo* thin film module achieved a record 8.3 percent efficiency with a corresponding power output of 72.2 Watts - the highest wattage for any monolithically integrated thin film module in the world. These results were verified by the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL).

The advances have been supported by NREL's Thin Film Partnership Program, a cost-shared government and industry partnership program with NREL and the US Department of Energy.

Since April 1999 when BP Solar and Solarex announced their merger, BP Solarex became the largest PV manufacturing and marketing company in the world offering the broadest line of solar electric modules available today.

As announced on April 6, 1999, BP Solarex will build on the current business activities of Solarex and BP Solar. Global market share of 20 percent and annual revenues of more than \$160 million position BP Solarex at the forefront of the international solar electric industry. With manufacturing operations in four countries - the USA, Spain, India, and Australia - BP Solarex produces over 30 megawatts of solar products each year.

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