

SolarWorld to Supply 17.5 Megawatts of Solar Panels for Nevada Desert Project

Project will be built from U.S.-made components

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HILLSBORO, Ore.--([BUSINESS WIRE](#))--[SolarWorld](#), the largest U.S. crystalline silicon solar manufacturer for more than 40 years, is supplying 17.5 megawatts of its high-efficiency [72-cell solar panels](#) for a project that the Valley Electric Association (VEA) is undertaking in the Mojave Desert town of Pahrump, west of Las Vegas near the Nevada border with California.

The project, composed of solar panels, inverters, racking and other materials manufactured in the United States, will comprise 51,562 340-watt modules made in SolarWorld's expanding factory at its headquarters for the Americas in Hillsboro, Oregon. It also is one of the biggest U.S. utility projects that SolarWorld has supplied.

Bombard Renewable Energy, a SolarWorld commercial and residential authorized installer and longtime business partner, is conducting engineering, procurement and construction for the project. Bombard Renewable Energy is a division of Bombard Electric LLC, an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of MDU Resources Group Inc. and a Nevada contractor since 1982.

VEA and Bombard have collaborated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to protect Mojave Desert tortoises inhabiting the 80-acre project site in northern Pahrump. Aside from design and construction innovations, resulting measures will include research and monitoring to gauge the impact of solar installations on plants, animals and birds.

"SolarWorld applauds the multiple ways that this project will fulfill the interests of sustainability," said Mukesh Dulani, U.S. president of SolarWorld. "First, of

course, the VEA is tapping the abundant energy falling from the sun onto its market territory. Second, it's taking extra steps to conserve the surrounding desert habitat. Finally, it's undertaking a system built of domestically produced goods, which not only avert needless shipping emissions but also embody the high labor, environmental and quality standards of American producers.”

Project completion is expected by summer.

About SolarWorld REAL VALUE: SolarWorld manufactures and sells high-tech solar power solutions and, in doing so, contributes to a cleaner energy supply worldwide. The group, headquartered in Bonn, Germany, employs about 3,800 people and carries out production in Freiberg, Germany; Arnstadt, Germany; and Hillsboro, Oregon, USA. From raw material silicon to solar wafers, cells and modules, SolarWorld manages all stages of production - including its own research and development. Through an international distribution network with locations in the United States, Europe, Singapore, Japan and South Africa, SolarWorld supplies customers all over the world. The company maintains high social standards at all locations across the globe, and it has committed itself to resource- and energy-efficient production. SolarWorld was founded in 1998 and has been publicly traded on the stock market since 1999. Connect with SolarWorld on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and www.solarworld.com.

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