

Séchilienne-Sidec inaugurates the largest rooftop photovoltaic power plant in France

Séchilienne-Sidec, the alternative energy producer, announces the inauguration of the largest rooftop photovoltaic power plant in France, located in Saint Pierre, Réunion.

Situated on the roofs of the CILAM and SODICO buildings, this new photovoltaic installation, with a 2MWc capacity, will benefit from the very favourable meteorological conditions of the island. The plant was fitted and installed by the Réunion-based SCE, *Société de Conversion d'Énergie*, a 95% subsidiary of Séchilienne-Sidec Group, which has ensured the exploitation since January 2009.

On the technical side, the construction of the 14,815m² (135Wc per m²) solar field was made possible thanks to the placement of 9,940 photovoltaic modules and the installation of roughly 80km of cables, representing a total investment of 11 million euros.

The installed power output of 2MWc will enable the plant to produce 2,571MWh per year, equivalent to the annual consumption of 1,130 Réunion households, and will prevent the emission of 2,150 tons of CO² into the atmosphere.

This programme complements the existing installations developed since 2007 by SCE in Saint Pierre. The complex is currently the largest rooftop photovoltaic power plant in France with a total installed power output of 4.4MWc (equivalent to the annual consumption of 2,500 Réunion households) and preventing the emission of 4,700 tons of CO² into the atmosphere.

About:

Séchilienne-Sidec (ISIN : FR0000060402 – SECH) is an alternative energy producer that is 43.1% owned by Financière Helios. The Group builds and operates thermal, wind and solar power plants in Europe, the Indian Ocean and the Caribbean for a total operating capacity of 569 Megawatts at 30 September 2008.

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