



FOCUSIC AND SOITEC ANNOUNCE CHINA DEVELOPMENT BANK LOAN TO CONSTRUCT 20-MEGAWATT SOLAR (CPV) PROJECT IN XINJIANG PROVINCE

Financing deal is the first ever obtained from the China Development Bank for a multi-megawatt CPV project

Zhengzhou, China and Bernin (Grenoble), France, November 20, 2013 — Focusic New Energy Holding Co., Ltd., a Chinese developer of renewable-energy power plants, and Soitec (Euronext), a world leader in generating and manufacturing revolutionary semiconductor materials for the electronics and energy industries, today announced that Focusic has secured a loan for 200 million Yuan (approximately US\$32.7 million) from the China Development Bank (CDB) to finance a 20-megawatt CPV project* in Hami, a city on the edge of the Gobi desert in China's Xinjiang province. The project, of which the initial 3-megawatt pilot plant were announced by Focusic and Soitec in 2011, is the first utility scale project to be granted a CDB loan for Concentrating Photovoltaic (CPV) technology. This also marks the first CPV large power plant in China to secure financing.

Focusic is building the 20-megawatt power plant in partnership with Soitec, which had supplied the full dual-axis CPV systems for the first 3 MWs and will supply its new generation of high-efficiency modules for the entire project. The power plant is expected to begin contributing approximately 3 megawatts to the local power grid by the end of this year and then ramping up its output as the plant is built out with another phase completed in 2014.

"We are very excited to receive this very important bank loan to install our first 20 MWp CPV power plant," said Ma Wenxing, managing director at Focusic. *"The demo plant with Soitec technology has proven to be perfectly suited for the northwestern part of our country, we now look forward to getting connected to the power grid and beginning to generate electricity."*

"CPV can play a strong part in China's renewable-energy plans," said Gaetan Borgers, executive vice president of Soitec's Solar Energy Division. *"This represents a very important milestone in our development strategy and an evidence of the power of our technology. As we continue our work with Focusic, we look forward to developing a pipeline of projects in China."*

With its power-generating efficiency of more than 30 percent and low installation and maintenance costs, CPV technology is the most cost-efficient solution for high-volume power generation in regions with high direct normal irradiance (DNI). China contains an estimated 500,000 square miles of territory with high DNI ratings and has an enormous and growing demand for energy.

With installations in 18 countries around the world, Soitec's CPV technology is proving its competitiveness in generating solar power, largely due to its higher production yields throughout daylight hours. In addition, CPV technology's abilities to operate without cooling water, withstand hot ambient temperatures and have minimal environmental impact make it perfectly suited for use in environmentally sensitive desert areas. Soitec is well positioned to expand quickly in the world's sunniest regions, which also are the fastest growing market segments for the solar industry.

*As of today Focusic has ordered to Soitec 8,5MWp out of the 20MWp for which Focusic has secured the financing.

About Focusic: Headquartered in Zhengzhou, China, Focusic (China) New Energy Holding Co., Ltd. provides low-cost clean energy in solar-rich regions of China. The company is currently developing utility-scale power plants up to 50 MW using concentrator photovoltaic (CPV) systems. For more information, visit: <http://www.focusic.hk/English/index.html>.

About Soitec: Soitec is an international manufacturing company, a world leader in generating and manufacturing revolutionary semiconductor materials at the frontier of the most exciting energy and electronic challenges. Soitec's products include substrates for microelectronics (most notably SOI: Silicon-on-Insulator) and concentrator photovoltaic systems (CPV). The company's core technologies are Smart Cut™, Smart Stacking™ and Concentrix™, as well as expertise in epitaxy. Applications include consumer and mobile electronics, microelectronics-driven IT, telecommunications, automotive electronics, lighting products and large-scale solar power plants. Soitec has manufacturing plants and R&D centers in France, Singapore, Germany and the United States. For more information, visit: www.soitec.com.

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