

## **SCHOTT Solar Extends POLY Module Warranty to 25 Years**

- **Warranty extension reinforces company's position as a high quality, reliable manufacturer**

*September 3, 2009 (Albuquerque, NM)* -- SCHOTT Solar today announced that it is extending the performance warranty on its Solar POLY™ Modules from 20 years to 25 years.

SCHOTT POLY™ modules are among the industry leaders in power output tolerances and provide high-energy output with unparalleled stability. The SCHOTT POLY™ module produces power classes of 225, 220, 200, 217, and 210. The output performance tolerance of SCHOTT Solar's high quality modules is minus zero watts (as measured at the end of the production process). This means every module will meet or exceed the minimum power specification, thus ensuring every watt paid for is delivered.

"This warranty extension further reinforces SCHOTT Solar's position as a high quality manufacturer of photovoltaic modules," said Mark Finocchario, President and CEO of SCHOTT Solar. "We are able offer our customers a 25-year performance warranty because of our strict manufacturing controls. Independent tests have proven time and again the excellent longevity and performance stability of SCHOTT Solar's quality modules."

## **Expanding production to meet growing demand in U.S. market**

In July, SCHOTT Solar expanded production at its state-of-the-art U.S. manufacturing facility in Albuquerque, New Mexico by starting production on the facility's second concentrating solar power (CSP) receiver line. With the launch of the second production line, the facility can produce enough receivers to meet the demands of up to 400 megawatts (MW) of CSP power plants per year.

SCHOTT Solar's Albuquerque facility is the first in the U.S. to produce receivers used in parabolic trough, utility-scale, concentrated solar power plants (CSP), and the first in the world to produce both receivers for CSP along side photovoltaic modules.

SCHOTT Solar also announced in July that it had received CSA International Certification for its SCHOTT POLY™ photovoltaic (PV) module produced in Albuquerque, NM, opening up a new product line for the company to sell into power projects both in the United States and Canada. CSA International tests products for compliance to national and international standards, and issues certification marks for qualified products. It is a Nationally Recognized Testing

Laboratory (NRTL) and one of North America's leading centers for testing and certifying solar energy equipment.

### *About SCHOTT Solar*

*SCHOTT Solar, with its high quality products, enables the potential of the sun as a nearly inexhaustible source of energy to be utilized. SCHOTT Solar produces important components for photovoltaic applications and solar energy power plants. In the photovoltaic industry, the company is one of the few integrated manufacturers of crystalline silicon wafers, cells and modules. The production of the wafers is ensured by the WACKER SCHOTT Solar joint venture, which also secures the supply of silicon, enabling long-term growth. In thin-film technology, SCHOTT Solar also describes itself an advanced supplier due to having over twenty years of experience. And in the production of receivers for solar power plants, SCHOTT Solar sees itself as a market and technology leader. Receivers from SCHOTT Solar are key components in large-scale power plants that generate electricity from solar energy centrally on the basis of parabolic trough technology and are able to supply entire cities with power. SCHOTT Solar has production facilities in Germany, the Czech Republic, the USA and Spain. The innovative power and technological competence of the company date back to the late 1950s. SCHOTT Solar is a wholly owned subsidiary of the international SCHOTT Group. SCHOTT develops special materials, components and systems for the household appliance, pharmaceutical, solar energy, electronics, optical and automotive industries. With approximately 17,000 employees, the SCHOTT Group generated a worldwide turnover of about 3 billion USD in fiscal year 2007/2008.*