

## **SCHOTT Solar Expands Production, Hires 60 in Albuquerque**

*Photovoltaic Production to be 24/7 by January 1*

*December 17, 2009 (Albuquerque, NM)* – Less than nine months after beginning production at its new Albuquerque facility, SCHOTT Solar today announced the expansion of its photovoltaic (PV) module production line. PV production will double, from two shifts to four shifts on a rotating schedule, effectively creating a 24 hour-a-day, 7 days-a-week production capacity at SCHOTT Solar's flagship facility.

In order to meet this increased production schedule, SCHOTT Solar has been hiring up to 10 new employees per week since the first of November; the majority of the new positions have been PV Production Technicians. In addition to more than doubling the ranks of Production Technicians, new Materials Handlers, and Tech Services/Facilities Technicians positions have also been filled. These 60 new employees will bring the PV production lines to full capacity of 160 employees by the end of December.

“Creating jobs in today’s economic environment is a tremendous achievement for any company,” said Dr. Gerald Fine, CEO & President, SCHOTT Solar, Inc. “To be able to almost double our PV workforce in such a short time is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the people who have been with us from the start. They put in the work that allows us to grow.”

In order to fill a large number of positions in a relatively short amount of time, SCHOTT Solar partnered with Manpower of Albuquerque.

“We have an ongoing relationship with Manpower,” said Lauren Lake, Director of Human Resources, SCHOTT Solar. “They provided a vital service when we first began hiring in early 2009. The skill level of candidates we bring on from Manpower is superb. For that reason, we have been able to hire a significant number of full-time employees from the Manpower ranks.”

SCHOTT Solar continues to build its Sales and Marketing team in the US, recently opening an East Coast sales office in Elmsford, NY, and relocating the West Coast sales office to San Jose, California. At the same time, Tom Hecht was appointed Executive Vice President of Sales & Marketing

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*components for photovoltaic applications and solar energy power plants. 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.*

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