

Press release

## **20 years of reliability and continuous expansion**

**Within the framework of the Intersolar, the Swiss manufacturer Sputnik Engineering will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, present its extended warranties, and announce the foundation of a new subsidiary.**

*Biel, 7 June 2011.* The Swiss manufacturer Sputnik Engineering will celebrate its anniversary on the world's largest solar trade fair Intersolar. The inverter brand SolarMax has been standing for maximum reliability, Swiss quality, and experience for 20 years now.

### **New warranties**

Since May Sputnik offers new, extended warranties and thus emphasises the reliability of its devices. The standard warranty of five years for SolarMax string inverters can be extended to a maximum of 25 years now. This comprises both the technical support during troubleshooting and the replacement of faulty devices. Customers purchasing SolarMax central inverters can also conclude extended warranty contracts of up to 25 years with the options "Full" and "Limited".

Along with its new warranties, Sputnik will present the string inverters of the SolarMax S and MT series, the central inverters of the S, TS, and TS-SV series, as well as communication solutions for efficient system monitoring on its booth in Munich.

"We also refer 20 years of experience and our self-understanding of "Swiss Quality" to our service with the customer. With our new, customer-oriented warranty packages we protect the investments of our customers in an ideal manner", says Christoph von Bergen, managing director and founder of Sputnik Engineering AG.

### **Swiss quality in China**

Since the company was founded, Christoph von Bergen has continuously increased the number of sales offices in accordance with the market and customer needs. The aforementioned is now followed by the next expansion step. Sputnik Engineering has founded a new subsidiary in China. Headquartered in Shanghai, the company will support the emerging Chinese photovoltaics market as of 1 July.

"The Chinese market gathers speed now and we will participate right from the beginning", says von Bergen delightedly. "I am convinced that we will manage to establish our SolarMax inverters on the Chinese market as well in no time at all on the basis of our high-quality products and our long-term experience."

**You will obtain further details on Sputnik's expansion strategy and on the SolarMax product portfolio at Intersolar (hall B4, booth 110).**

## About Sputnik Engineering AG

Sputnik Engineering AG, a Swiss company, is one of the world's leading manufacturers of grid-connected solar inverters. Under the name SolarMax the company develops, produces and sells inverters for every facility – from photovoltaic systems on single-family homes whose kilowatt output is modest, to the solar power plants whose output is measured in megawatts. The inverter is a key component of the solar plant, transforming the generated direct current into grid-compliant alternating current. 20 years of experience are not only reflected in the Swiss quality, highest efficiency, reliability, and durability of the SolarMax products, but also in the way Sputnik offers its customers excellent international support in the field of after sales, comprehensive warranty services, and intelligent solutions for system monitoring.

Sputnik Engineering is positioned internationally and currently has approx. 330 employees. The company headquarters are located in Biel, sales and distribution are implemented via the subsidiaries in Neuhausen (Germany), Madrid (Spain), Milan (Italy), Saint Priest (France), Shanghai (China, as of July 2011), as well as the branches in Brussels, Prague, and London.

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