



SMA Solar Technology AG—Press Release

## **South Africa: Local Production of SMA Central Inverters Launched and Second Megawatt PV Power Plant Completed With SMA Inverters**

**Niestetal/Cape Town August 5, 2014—After the successful early commissioning of the Kalkbult PV power plant last fall, the Linde 40-MW project with technology from SMA Solar Technology AG (SMA) has now been completed. At the end of July, SMA also commissioned a factory for Sunny Central inverters in Cape Town, South Africa. With this, the company meets the local content requirements under South Africa’s Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (REIPPP).**

“With an ambitious expansion target for photovoltaics and high solar irradiation, South Africa is a strategically important market for SMA. By beginning our local inverter production in time for the fourth round of the REIPPP Programme, we have once again strengthened our position as the preferred partner for project developers, EPCs and financing banks in this attractive emerging market,” said Thorsten Ronge, General Manager of SMA Sub-Sahara Production Pty Ltd. The flexible production facility for central inverters can be adapted quickly to changes in demand. In addition to a production line and storage facilities, the factory has a test center for central inverters.

For the Linde PV power plant in the Northern Cape province, SMA supplied 43 Sunny Central 850CP inverters, 258 locally produced Sunny String-Monitors for monitoring and 22 Transformer Compact Stations for connection to the medium-voltage grid. In the future, it will provide clean energy for 20,000 households. The Dreunberg PV power plant in the South African province of Eastern Cape is also near completion. Both projects were won by the Norwegian Integrated Independent Power Producer Scatec Solar in the second round of the South African REIPPP Programme and are being implemented with inverters from SMA. Additionally, SMA developed individually tailored communication solutions for each of the Kalkbult, Linde and Dreunberg PV power plants and will also take on the service and maintenance of all three PV power plants.

### **About SMA**

The SMA Group generated sales of more than €930 million in 2013 and is the global market leader for solar inverters, a key component of all PV plants. SMA offers innovative key technologies for future power supply structures. It is headquartered in Niestetal, near Kassel, Germany, and is represented in 21 countries. The Group employs more than 5,000 people worldwide. SMA’s broad product portfolio includes a compatible inverter for every type of module on the market and for all plant sizes. The product range includes both inverters for grid-connected photovoltaic plants



as well as off-grid and hybrid system technology. The product portfolio is supplemented by comprehensive services and operational management of utility-scale pv-plants. Since 2008, the Group's parent company, SMA Solar Technology AG, has been listed on the Prime Standard of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange (S92) and also in the TecDAX index.

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