

To the media

Date August 12, 2008
Contact Burkhard Böndel

Opening of Solar Pilot Line by Federal Councillor Doris Leuthard

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Solar technology and solar energy are currently enjoying a widespread breakthrough. Oerlikon Solar is one of the most important initiators of this change in the world. In Switzerland, this technology has been under development for years, sponsored by the National Coordination Agency for Technology and Innovation (KTI) as well as the Federal Energy Office (BFE), among others. Both official agencies have thus made a major contribution to the success of Swiss industry in recent times.

In order to meet the great demand and higher requirements for research and development, Oerlikon is further expanding its plant in Trübbach. The centrepiece is a pilot line which for the first time covers all stages of production up to the finished solar module, and required a total investment running into the double-digit millions.

This pilot line is going to be officially opened by Federal Councillor Doris Leuthard. We would like to extend a cordial invitation to you to be on hand – and to learn more about the future of Oerlikon Solar:

Date: **Monday, August 25, 2008**
Time: **1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**
Place: **Oerlikon Solar, Hauptstrasse 1a, 9477 Trübbach**

Please find the exact schedule attached. We would be very happy to be able to welcome you.

Sincerely yours,



Burkhard Böndel
Head of Corporate Communications

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Monday, August 25, 2008
 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
 Oerlikon Solar
 Hauptstrasse 1a
 9477 Trübbach

www.oerlikon.com/pilotlinie

12:30 p.m.	Opening aperitif	
1:00 p.m.	Welcome	Jeannine Sargent, CEO of Oerlikon Solar
1:10 p.m.	Opening address	Federal Councillor Doris Leuthard
1:30 p.m.	Speech	Dr. Uwe Krüger, CEO of Oerlikon
1:45-2:30 p.m.	Panel discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Franz Baumgartner <i>IMS Renewable Energy</i> • Dr. Walter Steinmann <i>Director of the BFE</i> • Dr. Josef Keller <i>Director, St. Gallen Economics Department</i> • Ingrid Kissling-Näf <i>Head of KTI</i> • Dr. Klaus Tschüscher <i>Federal Councillor, Liechtenstein</i> • Dr. Uwe Krüger <i>CEO of Oerlikon</i> <p>Moderation: Roland Schlumpf <i>Tages Anzeiger</i></p>
Begin 2:30 p.m.	Tour of pilot line	
Afterwards	Interviews	
	Aperitif	

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by Federal Councillor Doris Leuthard**

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- I shall attend the media conference
 I shall not attend

Medium

Last name / first name.....

Address

Post Code / City.....

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Remarks / Interview request.....

Please return by **Friday, August 22, 2008**, to:

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