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Siemens puts solar farm in the south of France on line

In mid-October, Siemens Energy put the Les Mées solar farm in the department of Alpes-de-Haute-Provence in the south of France on line.



For this project Siemens installed a total of six turnkey photovoltaic (PV) power plants. Customer is the project developer Eco Delta Développement (EDD), whose subsidiary Delta Solar developed the photovoltaic (PV) farm in the district of Les Mées. The solar power plants, for which Siemens will also handle maintenance, will generate a combined peak output of 31 megawatts (MWp). Approximately 12,000 French households can thus be supplied with clean electricity.

The Les Mées solar farm, which is located at an elevation of 800 meters above sea level on the La Colle des Mées plateau, comprises a total of 112,000 solar modules covering an area of 70 hectares. Under the terms of turnkey installation of the six photovoltaic power plants Siemens was not only responsible for grid connection and the control systems but also for supply and installation of the inverters, low- and medium-voltage components, and transformers. Furthermore, Siemens was also responsible for the civil works and substructure, and will also perform maintenance on the solar power plants.

The Les Mées project demonstrates that we're the right partner for successful, on-schedule implementation of complete photovoltaic plants," said Martin Schulz, Vice President of the Photovoltaics Business Unit of the Siemens Solar & Hydro Division. Siemens erected the six PV plants in Les Mées in only ten months.

Components and solutions for photovoltaic power plants are part of Siemens' Environmental Portfolio. In fiscal 2010, revenue from the Portfolio totaled about EUR28 billion, making Siemens the world's largest supplier of ecofriendly technologies. In the same period, our products and solutions enabled customers to reduce their carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions by 270 million tons, an amount equal to the total annual CO₂ emissions of the megacities Hong Kong, London, New York, Tokyo, Delhi and Singapore.

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