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Brandenburg an der Havel, Germany: Johanna Solar and IFE Projekt to Construct Chinese Thin Film Plant

Johanna Solar Technology GmbH has granted a first license to Chinese company, Shandong Sunvim Solar Technology Co Ltd for the construction of a thin film solar module production plant using its CIGSSe technology.

Johanna Solar Technology and Oldenburg based project development company, IFE have been jointly awarded the contract for the planning and turnkey delivery of the factory. It will utilize CIGSSe technology developed in South Africa and refined by Johanna in its Brandenburg an der Havel production plant.

The Chinese plant is to be built in two phases and production capacity of 60MW. Total investment is around 160 Million. The production plant and machinery will be supplied almost entirely by German manufacturers.

"This is the start of a new era from IFE and Johanna Solar Technology" declared Marius Eriksen at the celebratory contract signing ceremony held late last month.

"We firmly believe that we are taking the right steps towards the future with this project in China and will fulfil the great expectations placed on us," added Peter Forch, IFE's managing director.

"We consider Asia not only as a major production location, but also a future consumer market," declared Jeroen Haberland, Johanna Solar Technology's managing director.

The new plant will be built in Gaomi in the Chinese province of Shandong. Work on the project was already well advanced, so simultaneous with the formal contract signing, the first ground was broken on the site in the presence of high ranking representatives of Shandong Province.

"Whilst contract negotiations were still in full swing, we were able to finalize plans for the facility and so we can now immediately start construction," reported Peter Forch, adding that "over the past year's negotiations our customer, the Sunvim Group, has shown itself to be a highly competent partner. Now the real work begins for our project team, of whom a large number will be based in China for the long term. We will also be looking to expand our team to recruit qualified professionals with international experience."

Further details about: [Johanna Solar Technology GmbH](#)

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