

## Solar Frontier Opens UK Office, Continuing Global Expansion

*Global CIS solar energy solutions provider scaling up rooftop and power plant business in UK*

**Munich, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015** – Solar Frontier Europe, a subsidiary of the world’s largest CIS solar energy solutions provider, Solar Frontier, announced today that it has opened an office in the United Kingdom. The new office in London will enable Solar Frontier to scale up its residential and commercial rooftop and power plant business in the UK, meeting local demand for high quality solar energy solutions and services. This new branch demonstrates Solar Frontier’s continued strong commitment to the European market, in particular the UK, one of the fastest-growing solar markets in Europe.

“The UK office is an important step in Solar Frontier’s global expansion strategy to further grow our business in key global markets,” said Wolfgang Lange, Managing Director of Solar Frontier Europe. “We look forward to developing CIS solar power solutions alongside our partners in the UK with the high level of commitment and service that differentiates Solar Frontier even in its home market of Japan, where demands for quality are formidable.”

Solar Frontier has been active in the UK market since 2012. Notably, Solar Frontier supported Belectric, a leading solar EPC provider, with the delivery for a 16.5 MW ground-mounted installation in Turweston in 2014. Solar Frontier also recently entered into an agreement with New Energy for the World (NEW) to develop several solar projects in the booming UK market. The first of these projects, a 7.15 MW CIS solar power plant in Banwell, was recently sold to an alternative asset manager shortly after coming on-stream in March, 2015.

Solar Frontier modules have key performance advantages in the UK thanks to their CIS technology. CIS is well suited to the UK climate due to its excellent low-light performance as well as continued output under partial shading. These characteristics mean higher electrical output in real world conditions, which combined with precision module manufacturing, lead to excellent investment security for investors.



*Photo: 7.15 MW Banwell Project, UK*

#### **About Solar Frontier**

Solar Frontier K.K., a 100% subsidiary of Showa Shell Sekiyu K.K. (TYO:5002) ("Solar Frontier"), has a mission to create the most economical, ecological solar energy solutions on Earth. Building on a legacy of work in solar energy since the 1970s, Solar Frontier today develops and manufactures CIS (denoting copper, indium, selenium) thin-film solar modules for customers in all sectors around the world. Solar Frontier's gigawatt-scale production facilities in Miyazaki, Japan, integrate compelling economical and ecological advantages into every module: from lower energy requirements in manufacturing to the higher overall output (kWh) of CIS in real operating conditions. Solar Frontier is headquartered in Tokyo, with offices in Europe, the U.S.A., and the Middle East. Visit [www.solar-frontier.com](http://www.solar-frontier.com) for more information.

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