

Press Release

## **Solar energy for Thuringia**

*IBC SOLAR and maxx-solar & energie inaugurate solar park in Grossenlupnitz*

**Bad Staffelstein / Germany, November 25, 2011 – One of the largest on roof photovoltaic projects in the free state of Thuringia was inaugurated on November 21<sup>st</sup>. The State Environment Minister Juergen Reinholz officially inaugurated the solar plant on the roof of the agricultural cooperative of Grossenlupnitz. Maxx-solar & energie installed the 3.000 modules and 42 inverters supplied by IBC SOLAR together with two local craft businesses. The solar plant was installed in just two months following an extensive renovation to remove the asbestos in the roof.**

The solar plant makes effective use of 7.000 square meters of roof by producing about 600.000 kilowatt hours of solar energy per year saving 370 tons of carbon dioxide emissions, which would occur if this amount of energy was produced through conventional sources.

### **Thuringia supports solar energy**

“The free state of Thuringia is committed to renewable energies and the number of photovoltaic systems continues to grow”, explained Dieter Ortmann, General Manager of the photovoltaic specialist maxx solar. “However, the potential of the region has not been fully utilized yet. This project effectively demonstrates the benefits of solar plants of this scale in our state.”

As the PV plant was finalized and connected to the grid in 2011, the energy it supplies will be compensated with 25.86 Euro Cent per kilowatt hour. Juergen Reinholz, Environment Minister of the free state of Thuringia, summarized: “The investment in the agricultural cooperative is a leading example for the state of Thuringia and shows that the switch to renewable energy supply is not just a political assignment, but also a mission for companies and citizens. I’m especially proud to see regional partners working together on such a beacon project for the region.”

### **About maxx-solar & energie**

The maxx-solar & energie GmbH & Co. KG has been active for many years in the technical and economic advancement of the solar industry as pioneer in the installation of photovoltaic systems for private, commercial and agricultural use in central Germany. With a strong focus on consulting and high quality products, maxx-solar & energie provides the complete range of services to deliver turnkey photovoltaic systems, including planning, calculation, supply and installation, as well as the operation and monitoring of its customers in central Germany.

### **About IBC SOLAR**

IBC SOLAR is a leading global photovoltaic specialist for photovoltaic systems, offering complete solutions for power production from solar energy. The firm covers the entire spectrum, from planning to the turnkey handover of photovoltaic installations. Globally, IBC SOLAR has already implemented more than 100,000 turnkey photovoltaic systems with a total power of more than 1.6 gigawatt (GWp). The scale of these installations ranges from large photovoltaic



power stations and solar parks, which feed electricity into the grid, to off-grid systems. IBC SOLAR sells its photovoltaic components and systems over an extensive network of trade partners. As general contractor, IBC SOLAR plans and implements large scale solar projects. Through maintenance and monitoring, IBC SOLAR ensures an optimal performance of the solar park.

IBC SOLAR was founded in 1982 in Bad Staffelstein. IBC SOLAR is represented by several subsidiaries around the world and currently employs around 400 employees, of which approximately 290 work in Germany. The international business group IBC SOLAR is directed from its headquarters in Bad Staffelstein.

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