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All solar electricity at a glance

- ***EPIA publishes the world's largest photovoltaic pictures on-line database***

Brussels, 25.07.2005 / With 733 pictures from all types of photovoltaic applications, manufacturing equipments and industry processes, the European Photovoltaic Industry Association has just published on-line, the world's largest photovoltaic pictures database. The EPIA picture gallery enables anyone, anywhere in the world to view the many applications of solar electricity or the manufacturing processes that are used to produce solar modules components.

The most important part of the collection shows remarkable building integrated photovoltaic realisations either in new buildings or refurbished ones. The pictures accessible on-line can give a clear idea on how PV can be introduced in the built environment. Applications in rural areas such as water pumping systems, mini-grids show how photovoltaic energy can bring access to electricity in the most remote areas of our planet. The manufacturing processes in the photovoltaic sector are similar to the electronic industry, most of the phases required to produce PV modules are shown in this gallery.

This very comprehensive database, the widest worldwide, can be a very useful tool to help showing to the public how PV look like and what are the many applications where solar electricity can be used.

The picture gallery is accessible here: <http://www.epia.org/04Media/Pictures.asp>. Pictures are accessible to anyone on the web? Should you want to use them for publication, please ask us for authorisation by sending a mail to epia@epia.org.

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About the European Photovoltaic Industry Association:

With 73 Members drawn from across the entire solar electricity sector, EPIA represents over 95% of the European photovoltaic industry. The Association's mission is to deliver to its Members a distinct and valuable service driven from the strength of a single European photovoltaic (PV) voice.

The Association is governed by an elected Board of Directors. Its current composition is President: Dr. Murray Cameron (Phönix SonnenStrom AG), Vice-Presidents: Ernesto Macias (Isofoton), Dr. Winfried Hoffmann (RWE Schott Solar), Directors: Eric Laborde (Photowatt Information), Anton Milner (Q-Cells AG) and Albert Edelmann (Conergy AG).

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