

INVESTMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Renewable energy is proving to be a major player in offering the solution to the growing energy needs of industry, commerce and the domestic sector. Many innovative organisations have been pioneers in implementing photovoltaic technology. Apart from the scientifically proven benefits of reducing carbon dioxide emissions from polluting power stations and helping the environment, organisations are now drawn to the affordable prices and fantastic returns on their investments. The photovoltaic industry has really kicked off and is playing its part in trying to reach the 2020 target set by the EU.

Companies such as Central Cement Ltd have taken the initiative and full advantage of the ERDF funding scheme and the local legislation to consume or sell the energy generated by the PV system. By installing 261 Hyundai photovoltaic panels, the company is benefitting from a very advantageous return on investment, which few other financial investments can offer. In so doing it shoulders the responsibility for its own consumption, while contributing positively to the environment.

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tions are becoming increasingly common, and such investments have prompted enough interest from Hyundai Heavy Industries' regional manager Sean Kim in South Korea to pay a visit and monitor progress, while getting a first hand impression of the quality of installations. Karl Azzopardi, Marketing Director at Solar Solutions Ltd, sole authorised dealers for Malta and Gozo, gave Mr Kim a tour of some recent installations. Mr Kim was

impressed by the high output of the Hyundai modules, and also commented positively about the quality of materials used and the neatness of the installation. The photo depicted here is a perfect portrayal of contrast. The Enemalta chimney at the back shows the reality and the situation that such companies are trying to overcome, whereas the photovoltaic panels are the direct implementation of the solution to reduce pollution. ■



Mr Karl Azzopardi and Mr Sean Kim at Central Cement

Photo by Lino Arrigo Azzopardi



In 2011, Solar Solutions Ltd took a big step towards actualising its beliefs and became the first and only renewable energy company to have achieved ISO9001 and ISO14001 certification

SOLAR SOLUTIONS LTD MILESTONES

2005: Solar Solutions Ltd is formed. Karl Azzopardi, Jesmond Farrugia and David Zammit go green and create what will go on to become the leading energy company on the island.

Solar Solutions Ltd partners with Kyocera and SMA; two leading companies in the photovoltaic industry.

Siemens becomes Solar Solutions' hottest investment. The much sought after solar thermal brand becomes the exclusive property of Solar Solutions Ltd.

2006: All the hard work pays off. The company's first photovoltaic system is installed at the Ministry for Resources and Rural Affairs. Subsequently, Solar Solutions is awarded a contract which entitles it to set up any installations on any ministry of the Maltese Government. Solar Solutions becomes the first energy company to dedicate itself entirely to the solar market.

2007: Educational initiative at St Benedict College. Solar Solutions Ltd installs the first photovoltaic system as part of an ambitious environmental programme to have all schools in Malta reach a zero carbon footprint.

2009: Expansion and diversification lead the company to partner up with another world leading brand: Hyundai Heavy Industries for the supply of photovoltaic panels.

Another first as Solar Solutions Ltd installs the biggest photovoltaic system on the island. 90.72kWp with over 400 Kyocera panels are installed on the Michael Debono Group (Toyota) showroom in Zebbug.

2010: The company grows to 26 members of staff on a full-time basis. Each member of staff is trained and nurtured to deliver the best in customer satisfaction.

2011: The leading energy company takes a big leap towards its beliefs and becomes ISO9001 and ISO14001 certified. Solar Solutions Ltd again installs the biggest photovoltaic system on the island. A 150kWp system with 700 Hyundai panels installed for Nectar Group makes this a groundbreaking event in the history of Solar Solutions.

2012: The company grows to 30 members of staff on a full-time basis. This year marks the 4MwP of photovoltaic installed milestone, and in so doing Solar Solutions Ltd retains its status as the leading renewable energy company on the island.



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