

## **Press Release**

## Solar8 Energy AG issues corporate bond with 9.25% interest rate

- Volume of up to €10 million, 5-year term
- Subscription period from 18.03.11 to 31.03.2011
- Available and Trading on Dusseldorf Stock Exchange
- Creditreform Rating BB-

Ratingen, 15 March 2011 - Solar8 Energy AG, an International operator of Photovoltaic Power Plants, based in Ratingen, issues a corporate bond with a volume of up to €10 million. The Solar8 Bond (ISIN: DE000A1H3F87) has a fixed rate of 9.25% pa and has a 5 year term. The subscription period is from 18 −31 March and it is available for purchase on the Dusseldorf Stock Exchange or directly from the company (www.solar8.de)

Solar8 Energy AG is an International operator of Photovoltaic Power Plants in Southern Europe. All modules in Solar8 Power Plants are equipped with innovative tracking systems which ensure that the solar panels are constantly turning towards the sun. It is as a result of this patented technology, that Solar8 Energy's power plants are able to increase their annual electricity production by 25%. In the first quarter of 2011, the Company completed the installation of two 1.5MW Solar Farms in Lecce, Puglia, Southern Italy. The company also plans to complete further installations with a total capacity of 13MW by the end of this year.

"By investing with Solar8, bond holders are investing in the future market of renewable energy and achieve a very attractive annual yield of 9.25 percent" stated Solar8 Board member, Dr Andreas Hoynigg. "Solar8's business model is based on predictability, high yield, efficiency and security. Our photovoltaic power plants benefit from the compensation scheme which is guaranteed for the next 20 years by the Italian Government, through its 'Conto Energia' law" Funds raised from the issue of bonds will be used primarily to finance the construction of new and more efficient photovoltaic systems, especially our new projects in Puglia, (Southern Italy). In addition, it is thanks to the experience and know-how of our International Management Team, together with our worldwide network of contacts, that we are able to identify and configure other potential sites for installations.

Creditreform Rating AG assessed Solar8 Energy Ltd and awarded them an overall rating of BB-. They evaluated the company as having a stable economic outlook. During their assessment, the experts at Creditreform Rating AG valued the technological advantages of the patented Solar8 tracking systems, as well as the highly experienced management team. They reported that the International team has 'the ability to handle difficult and complex projects.' The location of the projects in sunny Southern Italy, together with the local high feed-in tariff were also valued as further strengths of Solar8.

Solar8's Executive Director, Dr. Andreas Hoynigg, stressed the importance of the Creditreform Rating: "We are proud to be the first start-up company in the Solar Industry to have received such a good rating. Our first two completed reference plants with a total capacity of 1.5 megawatts, together with the planned 5.5 megawatts plant in

Puglia, will generate superior returns over the coming years. Funding raised from the bond will enable us to continue to implement and expand other lucrative projects"

With a fixed interest rate of 9.25% per annum, a minimum investment of €1.000 and a 5 year term, the Solar8 bond is aimed at private and institutional investors. Trading of the bonds in the open market in Dusseldorf is also possible during the five-year term.

## **Bond Information**

Issuer: Solar8 Energy AG

**Security:** Bearer bond (non-subordinated) **ISIN / WKN**: DE000A1H3F87/A1H3F8

**Volume**: up to €10 million **Coupon**: 9.25% per annum

Duration: 04/01/2011 to 31/032016

Interest period: 01.04.2011

Early Redemption: possible after 3 years

Denomination: €1.000 Initial offering price: 100% Redemption price: 100%

Company rating: BB-Credit Reform

Subscription Period: 18/03/2011 to 31/03/2011

Availablity and Trading: Dusseldorf Stock Exchange; Solar8 Energy

AG

Listing: Dusseldorf Stock Exchange

## **Investors**

For more information on the bond, please call: +49 2102 420695 or visit our website at www.solar8.de.

The legally relevant securities prospectus is available for download on our website at <a href="www.solar8.de">www.solar8.de</a>, or it can be obtained free of charge by writing to:

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