

SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC PANELS IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC



Both commercial and private customers are showing increased interest in solar power generation in the Czech Republic. There are about 1400 – 1700 hours of sunlight a year in the Czech Republic.

In the Czech Republic law was adopted which gives the suppliers of solar generated electrical energy security of their investment within 15 years – it secures them with buyout price which is always higher than for commonly generated electricity (coal,...). In 2006 several smaller plants were put into operation, others are in the pipeline.

There are about 20 companies in the Czech Republic who manufacture solar photovoltaic panels. The biggest part of their output is exported.

Manufacturers of solar photovoltaic panels in the Czech Republic:

Foreign investments:

Kyocera Solar Europe s.r.o.

Address: Kralovsky vrch 1977, 432 01 Kadan, Czech Republic
Telefon: +420 474 352 013
Fax: +420 474 352 101
Year of establishment: 2004, factory opened in October 2005
Owners: Kyocera Fineceramics GmbH, Germany-99%
Kyocera Corporation, Japan - 1%
Representatives: Mitsuru Imanaka, Rafael Schroer, Sakae Koiwai, Shiro Inoue, Tatsumi Maeda
Number of employees: 250 (year 2006), target: 300 employees
Investment: \$10,000,000
Yearly production of panels: 100 MW

Kyocera Solar Europe s.r.o. shares 16% of European market of solar photovoltaic panels and 11% of world's market, company plans to increase these numbers. Kyocera is one of the biggest manufacturers of solar panels worldwide.

RWE SCHOTT Solar CR

Address: Valasske Mezirici, Czech Republic
Investment: \$ 68,000,000
Number of employees: 300

RWE SCHOTT GmbH, the biggest producer of solar photovoltaic panels in Germany, started to manufacture solar panels in the Czech Republic in 2007.

O & M Solar s.r.o.

Address: Zeleznicni 512/7, 779 00 Olomouc, Czech Republic
Year of establishment: August 2006
Owner: ONAMBA CO., LTD. - Japan
Representatives: Yoshitaka Minamiguchi, Shigeaki Suzuki
Funds: \$10,000
Number of employees: 50 (year 2006)
Initial investment: \$2,000,000
Notes: CzechInvest was helping with this investment

Domestic producers:

Energy 21 a. s.

Address: Konevova 2660/141, 130 83 Praha 3, Czech Republic
Tel: +420 255 707 686
Fax: +420 255 707 687
E-mail: info@energy21.cz
Web site: www.energy21.cz (English version is not available)
Year of establishment: 2007

Owners: Mr. Radovan Mihalik, Mr. Tomas Buzrla
Funds: \$100,000

Energy 21 a.s. invested \$4,500,000 to operate a plant with installed capacity of 900 kWh/year (location: Jaroslavice, Southern Moravia). Overall, it plans to operate 3 projects from 2007 with 3 MW capacity (inv. 10 M USD). Energy 21 is financially backed by the Natland Group. Energy 21 co-owns CE Solar (www.cesolar.eu), which operates as a system operator and builder of photovoltaic plants. CE Solar also plans to start with production of panels.

HiTechSolar, s.r.o.

Address: Stojanova 508, 686 01 Uherske Hradiste, Czech Republic
Tel.: + 420 572 554 223, + 420 608 448 324, + 420 736 250 650
Fax: + 420 572 552 937
E-mail: obchod.solar@hitech.cz
Web site: www.hitechsolar.cz (English version is available)
Year of establishment: July 2007
Investment: \$ 2,000,000

HiTechMedia Systems, s.r.o. finished a development of the biggest solar power plant in the Czech Republic in July 2007.

Propuls s.r.o.

Address: S.K.Neumanna 2708, 530 02 Pardubice – Zelene predmesti, Czech Republic
Cell phone: +420 777 770 986, +420 777 770 992
Fax: +420 464 625 903
E-mail: propuls@propuls.cz
Web site: www.propuls.cz (English version is available)
Year of establishment: 1993
Owners: Ing. Hvizdala Jaromir (67%), Ing. Stefan Pavel (33%)
Number of employees: 10 – 19
Yearly turn-over: \$ 250,000 – 500,000

EKOSOLARIS, a.s.

Address: Jozky Silneho 2684, 767 01 Kromeriz, Czech Republic
Tel: +420 573 330 344
Fax: +420 573 330 343
E-mail: info@ekosolaris.cz
Web site: www.ekosolaris.cz (English version is available)
Year of establishment: 1990

Chairman of the board: Ing. Svoboda Zdeněk
Number of employees: 22 (year 2005)
Yearly turn-over: 3,600,000 (year 2004)
Import: total 40% (from USA, Italy)

VERMOS s.r.o.

Address: Havlickova 3057/147, 767 01 Kromeriz, Czech Republic
Tel.: +420 573 339 110, +420 573 331 661
Fax: +420 573 339 110
E-mail: vermos@vermos.cz
Web site: www.vermos.cz (English version is available)
Year of establishment: 1997
Contact person : Ing. Jiri Vlk (Cell phone +420 603 867 338, Tel.: +420 573 339 110,
E-mail:j.vlk@vermos.cz)
Yearly turn-over: \$50,000 – 150,000
Number of employees: 6 - 9
Funds: \$98,000

BALL Brno, v.o.s.

Address: Marxova 1760/44, 695 04 Hodonin, Czech Republic
Tel: +420 518 321 713, cell phone +420 602 862 114
Fax: +420 518 321 713
E-mail: rolinek@seznam.cz
Web site: www.ballbrno.cz (English version is available)
Owners: Mr. Martin Kokes, Mrs. Sarka Kokesova Rolinkova
Number of employees: 5

Ing. Otakar Kocourek - SOLAR PLUS s. r. o.

Address: 798 03 Prostejovicky 99, Czech Republic
Tel.: +420 582 393 299, cell phone +420 731 448 005
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Web site: www.solarplus.cz (English version is not available)

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Cell phone: +420 737 323 259 (Mr. Jaroslav Vostry)
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Web site: www.solarex.cz (English version is not available)
Owners: Mr. Jaroslav Vostry, Mr. Ladislav Polivka
Year of establishment: 2006
Funds: \$10,000
Number of employees: 2 - 5

SOLARTEC s.r.o.

Address: Televizni 2618, 756 64 Roznov pod Radhostem, Czech Republic
Tel: +420 575 750 030 sales department
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E-mail: solartec@solartec.cz;
obchod@solartec.cz
Web site: www.solartec.cz (English version is available)
Year of establishment: 1993
Contact person: Mr. Vilem Merka, Sales Manager (Tel.: +420 575 750 032, E-mail: obchod@solartec.cz)
Number of employees: 100
Yearly turn-over: \$2,750,000 (year 2000)
Export: 96% (Germany 80%, Europe)
Import: 5% (from Great Britain, Austria, Russia)

Strojirny Bohdalice, a.s.

Address: cp. 63, 683 41 Bohdalice-Pavlovice, Czech Republic
Tel: +420 517 326 621
Fax: +420 517 326 650
E-mail: sales@bohdalice.cz
Web site: www.bohdalice.cz (English version is available)
Contact person: Mrs. Milena Boranova, Sales Manager (Tel.: +420 517 326 633, Cell phone: +420 737 226 052, E-mail: boranova@bohdalice.cz)
Year of establishment: 1992
Yearly turn-over: \$5,000,000 (year 2001)
Number of employees: 120 (year 2001)
Export: 60% (Germany 90%, Jordan, Slovak Republic, Denmark, Norway, Great Britain, Austria, Netherlands)
Import: Italy, Germany

FitCraft Production s.r.o.

Address: VOP 025 Bludovice, 741 01 Novy Jicin, Czech Republic
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E-mail: info@fitcraft.cz
Web site: www.fitcraft.cz (English version is available)
Owner: Mr. Miroslav Safar (Tel.: +420 556 770 244, E-mail: safar@fitcraft.cz)
Sales Manager: Mr. Borek Riess (Tel.: +420 556 770 246, E-mail: riess@fitcraft.cz)
Year of establishment: July 2005

Prosolar s.r.o.

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Tel.: +420 777 636 262
E-mail: obchod@prosolar.net;
info@prosolar.net
Web site: www.prosolar.net (English version is available)
Year of establishment: 2006
Owner: Mr. Vladan Marcalik
Funds: \$10,000

ENVI, s.r.o.

Address: Dukelska 145, 379 82 Trebon, Czech Republic
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Secretary: Tel.: +420 384 706 111, Fax: +420 384 706 112, E-mail: envi@envi.cz
Year of establishment: 1992
Representative: Mr. Frantisek Hrubec, CEO
Funds: \$25,000
Number of employees: 50 (year 2006)
Yearly turn-over: \$ 2,400,000
Export: 10% (Slovak Republic)

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