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## Centrotherm Photovoltaics and Kinetics Germany to Build Africa's Largest Solar Module Production Facility

Centrotherm Photovoltaics and Kinetics Germany today signed an agreement with Société Nationale de l'Electricité et du Gaz (Sonelgaz), to construct an integrated solar module manufacturing facility in Rouiba, Algeria. When completed, the 43,000 square-meter site, located 30 km east of Algiers, will be home to Africa's largest solar module factory and have an annual production capacity of around 116 MW.

The scope of this factory will encompass the entire photovoltaic manufacturing chain, ranging from ingot production and crystalline silicon solar cell manufacturing, to the assembly of full solar modules. The high degree of integration in the production of solar wafers, cells and modules allows low production costs to be achieved, thereby resulting in high-quality modules at competitive prices.

Kinetics GmbH is responsible for engineering services, construction management, as well as the turnkey execution and technical fit-out of the building. Having a total revenue value of €63 million, the project is expected to go forward for a three-year period.

The integrated nature of the production process will allow the consortium to drive down costs for both themselves and their customers. Module production will begin in 2014, and help meet the consortium's combined order volume of €290 million.

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