



SMA Solar Technology AG – Press Release

## **SMA Offers Complete Package for Large Scale PV Power Plants in the United Kingdom**

**Niestetal/Milton Keynes, September 26, 2014—SMA Solar Technology AG (SMA) is actively responding to large scale PV system developers and investors in the UK to complete their PV projects before the subsidy changes in April 2015. With the SMA system solution package tailored to meet requirements in the UK market, PV power plants can be completed and connected to the grid quicker and without any complications.**

The UK Department of Energy and Climate Change has announced that it will remove support for Renewable Obligation Certificates (ROCs) earlier than planned. Large Scale PV plants over 5 MW were originally set to receive ROC subsidies until 2017. However, the deadline to have new systems up and running has been moved to April 1, 2015. System developers and investors face the challenge of meeting the existing requirements for planned PV projects by March 31, 2015, otherwise they will have to apply for support under the new mechanism Contracts for Difference (CFD).

To support its customers in the UK, SMA is offering a complete package, with its scope, delivery schedule and technical advice optimally tailored to the current market dynamics there. In addition to inverters and the proven SMA medium voltage solutions, the system solution now includes a transfer station.

“With our complete package, covering everything from the String-Combiner to the grid connection, we want to ensure that our customers in Great Britain can implement their photovoltaic projects quicker and without any complications. In addition to expanding our system solution to include the grid transfer station, we are also shortening delivery times and supporting project developers and investors with technical advice and a full range of services,” said Boris Wolff, Executive Vice President of the Utility Business Unit at SMA. According to Wolff, SMA plans to add the grid transfer station to the system solution and launch it in additional markets over the medium term.



## **About SMA**

The SMA Group generated sales of more than €930 million in 2013 and is the global market leader for solar inverters, a key component of all PV plants. SMA offers innovative key technologies for future power supply structures. It is headquartered in Niestetal, near Kassel, Germany, and is represented in 21 countries. The Group employs more than 5,000 people worldwide. SMA's broad product portfolio includes a compatible inverter for every type of module on the market and for all plant sizes. The product range includes both inverters for grid-connected photovoltaic plants as well as off-grid and hybrid system technology. The product portfolio is supplemented by comprehensive services and operational management of utility-scale PV plants. Since 2008, the Group's parent company, SMA Solar Technology AG, has been listed on the Prime Standard of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange (S92) and also in the TecDAX index.

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