



## **Global Solar Council Announces Founding Corporate Members**

### ***Leading Corporations Lend Support to International Coordination of the Solar Industry***

April 4, 2016 – Today the Global Solar Council announced its Founding Corporate Members and launch of the Global Solar Council Leadership Forum.

“Leading corporations from around the world have joined hands to help the Global Solar Council (GSC) accelerate the deployment of clean, reliable, emissions-free solar energy,” said John Smirnow, GSC Secretary General. “This diverse group of companies will provide advice and counsel to the GSC on opening markets and building solar capacity.”

“We’re delighted to have the support of such a distinguished group of solar leaders,” said Bruce Douglas, GSC Chairman and Chief Operating Officer of Solar Power Europe. Founding Corporate Members include ABB, Canadian Solar, E.ON, Enel Green Power, Flex, GCL, JinkoSolar, REC Group, RWE, SkyPower Global, SolarEdge, SolarWorld, Unilever, Waaree and Wacker Chemie AG.

“In response to these companies’ commitment to ensuring the wide-scale adoption of solar energy around the world, we are launching the Global Solar Council Leadership Forum, which will host its first in-person meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at InterSolar Europe in Munich,” added Eitan Parnass, GSC Secretary and Board Member and Executive Director of the Green Energy Association of Israel, who will help lead the Forum’s activities. The Forum will provide dedicated space within the GSC for corporations to develop recommendations and engage with association members and national and international decision-makers.

#### About the Global Solar Council

The Global Solar Council is an international organization founded in 2015 to coordinate the efforts of the world’s solar photovoltaic associations. Its goal is to champion the rapid and wide-scale adoption of solar energy through cooperation, education and training.

The principal members of the organization are national and regional solar associations from both established and emerging markets, including:

- Asian Photovoltaic Industry Association (APVIA)
- Asociación Mexicana de Energía Solar Fotovoltaica (ASOLMEX)
- Australian Solar Council
- Brazilian Photovoltaic Solar Energy Association (ABSOLAR)
- BSW-Solar

Cámara Argentina de Energía Renovable  
China Photovoltaic Industry Association (CPIA)  
French Renewable Energy Association (SER)  
Green Energy Association of Israel  
International Solar Energy Society (ISES)  
ITALIA SOLARE  
Middle East Solar Industry Association (MESIA)  
National Solar Energy Federation of India (NSEFI)  
Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA)  
Solar Power Europe  
Solar Trade Association (STA)  
SOLARUNITED  
Swissolar  
Taiwan Photovoltaic Industry Association (Chinese Taipei)  
Unión Española Fotovoltaica (UNEF)

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