



SUNIDARITY INITIATIVE: SOITEC TO DONATE A PLUG&SUN™ MINI-TRACKER TO THREE DEVELOPMENT AID ORGANIZATIONS TO SUPPORT THEIR ELECTRIFICATION PROJECTS

Bernin, France, December 13, 2011 –Soitec (Euronext), a world leader in generating and manufacturing revolutionary semiconductor materials at the frontier of the most exciting energy and electronic challenges, intends to provide remote locations in very sunny regions with a solution facilitating access to clean and reliable electricity thanks to its concentrator photovoltaic (CPV) technology. Today, Soitec is launching the first edition of its **Sunidarity** program for development aid organizations in order to support their efforts to promote economic and human development in these remote regions. Soitec will donate its innovative Plug&Sun™ product, which can be used to generate electricity completely autonomously where it is needed most, to the selected projects.

At present, 20% of the world's population does not have access to electricity, but the vast majority of the affected regions boast tremendous potential for solar energy. According to Soitec, greater use of solar energy can help to combat both climate change over the long term and energy poverty. This drive is reliant on technological innovation and on collective development aid initiatives.

Soitec will choose the three projects that stand out in terms of their innovation (achieving a genuine advance in local development), the difficulty of the challenge they overcome and their degree of integration within a global development project. All applications will be considered (education, information, communication, health, agriculture, etc.).

Soitec's mini-tracker is of special interest to all organizations looking for installations that can be transported and set up easily. Organizations can submit their applications by April 15, 2012 directly on Soitec's web site: www.soitec.com

As part of the Sunidarity initiative, Soitec is also setting up a partnership with Schneider Electric to contribute to its energy and electrification of isolated areas access program.

About the Plug&Sun

Plug&Sun™, the first stand-alone mini-tracker easy to install consisting of 3m² of highly efficiency modules offers today's best new integrated renewable energy solution. With efficiency close to 30 percent, each Plug&Sun uses a two-axis tracker to generate up to 2.3 kWp of clean and reliable electricity. It is compatible with the different electrical standards, allowing it to power common electrical devices simply and rapidly, 24 hours a day, seven days a week thanks to its batteries

About Soitec

[Soitec](http://www.soitec.com) is an international manufacturing company, a world leader in generating and manufacturing revolutionary semiconductor materials at the frontier of the most exciting energy and electronic challenges. Soitec's products include substrates for microelectronics (most notably SOI : Silicon-on-Insulator) and concentrating photovoltaic systems (CPV). The company's core technologies are Smart Cut™, Smart Stacking™ and Concentrix™, as well as expertise in epitaxy. Applications include consumer and mobile electronics, microelectronics-driven IT, telecommunications, automotive electronics, lighting products and solar power plants for large-scale utilities. Soitec has manufacturing plants and R&D centers in France, Singapore, Germany, and the United States. For more information, visit: www.soitec.com.

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