

Solar Inverter Success in Slovenia

The Slovenian distributor Sonel is presenting products of the Swiss PV inverter manufacturer Sputnik Engineering at the biggest Slovenian trade fair from September 9 to September 16. In addition, the two companies developed the first central inverter installation, the First Solar Village and the highest PV Plant in Slovenia from September 2008 until July 2009.

Biel , 2 September 2009. At the biggest annual trade and business fair in Slovenia , the PV distributor Sonel d.o.o. is presenting SolarMax products of the Swiss inverter manufacturer Sputnik Engineering AG. The international trade fair MOS takes place from September 9 until September 16 in Celje. Last year, it attracted more than 1,700 exhibitors from 33 countries and nearly 170,000 visitors.



“We are very glad that we can take part in this impressive trade fair together with our important partner”, says Sputnik’s international sales manager Daniel Freudiger. Since 2008, Sonel and Sputnik have been developing several extraordinary projects together. In September 2008, Sonel installed the first central inverter in Slovenia – a SolarMax 35 S from Sputnik Engineering with a nominal power of 35 kilowatts. Two months later, the PV distributor put the highest PV Plant in Slovenia into operation – at 1,160 metres above sea level – using three SolarMax 3000S and three SolarMax 6000S string inverters. And between May and July of this year, Sonel set up PV plants with SolarMax inverters on eight farm roofs in Podgorje pri Slovenj Gradcu with a total power of 129 kilowatts. “This village became known as the ‘First Solar Village ’in Slovenia”, says Andreja Knez of Sonel. “But this is only the beginning – further projects in this village are in the pipeline”, she adds.



“Our business is growing and we are happy that we can grow together with such an excellent partner as Sputnik Engineering”, Knez says. “We aim to increase our distribution, to promote SolarMax to end customers and to remain a significant key player on the Slovenian PV market. We want to use only top quality products; therefore, we decided to install SolarMax inverters”.

Visit us in Celje , Slovenia from September 9 to September 16!

Sputnik Engineering and Sonel are pleased to invite all visitors and journalists to come to the trade fair MOS in Celje , Slovenia , Building L, booth no. 02.

SolarMax Day on September 11

Video presentation from Sputnik Engineering. Fabian Uhl, solar expert from Sputnik Engineering, will be available for technical, performance and installation questions at Sonel’s booth, Building L, booth no. 02.

For further information on the trade fair please see <http://www.ce-sejem.si>.

About Sputnik Engineering AG

Sputnik Engineering AG was founded in 1991 by Christoph von Bergen and Philipp Müller. Since then it has focused its activities exclusively on the development, sales and maintenance of inverters for grid-connected photovoltaic systems. With the SolarMax series, the company – headquartered in Biel , Switzerland – offers a highly diverse product range of string inverters for single

family houses and central inverters for solar power plants. Thanks to its many years of experience and constant optimisation of its products, Sputnik has developed devices distinguished by their state-of-the-art technology, high quality, reliability, maximum yields and very good value for the money.

Sputnik Engineering currently has around 230 employees at its Swiss headquarters as well in its subsidiaries in Neuhausen (Germany), Madrid (Spain) and Milan (Italy), and Paris (France).

About Sonel d.o.o.

Founded in 2006, Sonel d.o.o. was among the first companies on the Slovenian PV market. The company offers turn-key PV systems, planning and expert PV studies. In addition, Sonel is the Slovenian distributor for SolarMax inverters and solar modules from Kyocera.