

Press release

Sonel commissions the largest Slovenian photovoltaic plant equipped with SolarMax inverters.

Biel, 5 February 2010. The Slovenian wholesaler Sonel has built the largest PV plant equipped with SolarMax inverter in the northern Slovenian town of Gornji Petrovci . With a total capacity of 81 kilowatts the free-standing system is also the largest in the region Prekmurje. In spring, Sonel and Sputnik Engineering will officially inaugurate the plant. Sonel employee Andreja Knez expects that the system will produce more than 80,000 kilowatt-hours with environmentally-friendly solar power.

Two SolarMax central inverters with rated capacities of 35 and 20 kilowatts transform the direct current produced by 386 polycrystalline solar modules into grid-compatible alternating current. The project was subsidised by the European Union and the Slovenian government. In addition, the operator receives the subsidised feed-in rate of 35.97 cents (in euros) for every kilowatt hour delivered for 15 years.

Swiss quality is convincing. Since 2008, Sonel has fitted its photovoltaic plant exclusively with inverters made by Sputnik Engineering AG. To date, Sonel and its partners in Slovenia have already built plants whose combined capacity is 650 kilowatts. "This year in Slovenia we hope to realise solar plants with a combined capacity of megawatt," says Knez, who continues to rely on inverters made by SolarMax.

About Sputnik Engineering AG

Sputnik Engineering AG was founded in 1991. 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 240 employees at its Swiss headquarters as well in its subsidiaries in Neuhausen (Germany), Madrid (Spain) and Milan (Italy), and Paris (France).



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