

Press release

The largest private solar power plant in the UK starts operation with Sputnik inverters

Biel, 02.11.2010. Today, Solarsense UK Ltd. starts operating Britain's largest private solar power plant. Solarsense has installed the 200 kilowatt plant on the cowhouse of the Worthy Farm in the town of Glastonbury in southern England. The grounds are used as a venue for Europe's largest open-air music festival, attended by roughly 200,000 guests from all over the world.

"Our portfolio perfectly matches the individual segments of the important British photovoltaic market. That is why we are so pleased that this impressive project has also been fitted with SolarMax inverters," said Daniel Freudiger, General Manager of Sputnik Engineering International AG and Head of Sales & Marketing at the company's Swiss headquarters in Biel. Solarsense has purchased the inverters from Sundog Energy Ltd., one of the leading British companies for renewable energy systems.

In Glastonbury two SolarMax TS series central inverters convert the direct current from more than 1,100 solar modules into grid-compliant alternating current. The yield is enough to supply 40 households with energy. In addition, the solar plant eliminates 100 tons of carbon dioxide emissions every year.

"We decided in favour of Sputnik Engineering for our inverters because of their high quality," explains Kerry Burns, General Manager of the company which operates the system, Solarsense UK Ltd. "Besides, the price/performance ratio of the devices and the plant monitoring convinced us as well." Solarsense installed the internet-based data logger MaxWeb xp which warns Burns and his employees by SMS in case of an error.

The solar plant is our figurehead," says Michael Eavis, the owner of the Worthy Farm and initiator of the Glastonbury Festival. "This has brought us one big step closer to our goal of operating the farm as ecologically as possible."

Specifications

Power output	200.88 kWp
Modules	1,116 Romag modules
Inverters	SolarMax 80TS and SolarMax 100TS
Inclination and orientation	Inclination 5°, South
Expected annual yield	160.704 kWh
Commissioning	2 November 2010



About Sputnik Engineering AG

Sputnik Engineering AG, a Swiss company, is one of the world's leading manufacturers of grid-connected solar inverters. Under the name SolarMax the company develops, produces and sells inverters for every facility – from photovoltaic systems on single-family homes whose kilowatt output is modest, to the solar power plants whose output is measured in megawatts. The inverter is a key component of the solar plant, transforming the generated direct current into grid-compliant alternating current. Superior efficiency and long service life are the hallmarks of SolarMax products, whose technology is always state of the art, because of their reliable Swiss quality.

Today, Sputnik Engineering has a staff of 330 at its Swiss corporate headquarters and its subsidiaries in Neuhausen (Germany), Madrid (Spain), Milan (Italy) and Saint Priest (France) and at their branch locations in Brussels and Prague.

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