

KACO NEW ENERGY announces US production facility

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SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — **KACO to produce blueplanet inverters in the USA**

KACO new energy, one of the world's largest inverter manufacturers - with nearly 3 GW of PV inverters in the field to date – will begin full-scale production of the blueplanet inverter line in San Jose, California.

KACO will produce 60 MW of the popular blueplanet brand inverter at the Sanmina San Jose, CA facility beginning in January of 2011. The 1502xi and 2502xi models will be available in the first quarter of the year and the 3502xi and the 5002xi will be available during the second quarter. KACO's North American customers will be able to order products with similar SKUs and there will be no technical changes to the product portfolio as of the date of this release. The motivation of the company to produce in San Jose is twofold. California remains one of the strongest and most promising markets for photovoltaics and the central location to major national distribution will make this production development strategically beneficial for the solar market of the US. KACO expects to announce significant price reductions to their partners. The new nameplate for the blueplanet inverter will make clear that the products are assembled in the USA.

"The popularity and increased demand for the blueplanet 02xi series of inverters is one key reason for this facility. Additionally, we are proud to have developed an inverter *Made in the USA*. Our quality German design will now be made right here in the States." says Vince Lucia, Vice President of Operations. This additional production will help KACO maintain a leadership position as one of the most reliable and immediate providers of PV inverters. This additional capacity will help to guarantee that KACO will meet previously announced goals of over 3 GW of worldwide inverter production in 2011 and approach a manufacturing capacity of 10 GW.

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ABOUT KACO:

KACO new energy is one of the most significant global manufacturers of grid-feeding solar inverters. Its product portfolio encompasses a full array starting from PV installations for detached private houses through to solar parks in the megawatt range. Since 1999, the Neckarsulm-based company has delivered solar inverters with a cumulative power of more than two gigawatts. Taking a pioneering role in the field of photovoltaics, KACO has been the first company to initiate CO₂-neutral production of its blueplanet inverter series. Far beyond grid- and battery-coupled solar inverters, the company's technological bandwidth spans from solar inverters for combined heat and power units (CHP), fuel cells and concentrator modules through to solar water treatment and power generation systems.

Want to know more?

Visit KACO's booth at the CANSIA Solar Expo in Toronto Canada in booth #1406.

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