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## **New Concept for “Solar Summit Freiburg 2011” held on November 14th - 15th, 2011**

### **Annual Overview of Most Important Solar Technologies**

#### **Topic of Focus 2011: Organic Photovoltaics**

On November 14th -15th, 2011, the “Solar Summit 2011 – International Conference on Highlights and Trends in Solar Energy” takes place in the Kongresszentrum Konzerthaus Freiburg, Germany. A new concept defines the fourth occasion of the international conference series. Up to now, the congress has concentrated on a single topic which varies each year. In the future, the conference will present an up-to-date annual overview of all solar energy conversion technologies. Presentations on current research and development results will be accompanied by discussions on market and political issues. In addition, time is reserved for special emphasis on one particular topic that alternates annually. In 2011, the emphasized topic will be organic photovoltaics.

Top-class international speakers as well as experts from the Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems ISE are to take part in the “Solar Summit Freiburg 2011” program. Prof. Eicke R. Weber, scientific leader of the conference, sees it as an excellent platform for all segments of the relevant branches. “From the beginning, the Solar Summit conferences were always characterized by the lively exchange among the participants, in an atmosphere conducive to discussions and introductions. Whether decision makers from industry and politics; research and technology experts; or investors, bankers or journalists, the new concept of the Solar Summit Freiburg offers up-to-date

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collective information from the solar branch. This comprehensive informational overview has high technological, political and economic relevance for the looming energy changeover“, remarks the Institute Director of Fraunhofer ISE. Dr. Bernd Dallmann, the Chief Executive of Freiburg Wirtschaft Touristik und Messe GmbH (FWTM), which is the main sponsor of the Solar Summit Freiburg, welcomes the new concept of the conference series: “The Solar Summit will play an even more important role for the solar branch in the future. At the same time they underline Freiburg’s Green City concept as a role model for the worldwide development of solar technology.”

On November 14th, the first day of the conference, presentations giving an overview of the trends and newest results of silicon photovoltaics, alternative photovoltaic technologies and PV system technology are planned. Also, organic photovoltaics, the topic of focus at this year’s conference, will be handled on the first day. On November 15th, the focus will turn to solar thermal energy systems – from applications in the low temperature range through to solar thermal power stations and storage technology. As in past years, the popular evening gala, “Freiburger Solarnacht“ will take place at Fraunhofer ISE on November 15th.

A particular highlight of the fourth “Solar Summit Freiburg“ is the publication of a “PV Status Report“ through Fraunhofer ISE. This report describes the worldwide development of the photovoltaic industry up to the present.

Fraunhofer ISE is again hosting the “Solar Summit Freiburg“. The event is supported by the FWTM and the Messe München. PSE AG in Freiburg is responsible for the organization. More conference information can be found at the website:

[www.solar-summit-2011.org](http://www.solar-summit-2011.org)

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