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## **Solarvalue Buys Production Plant in Slovenia**

### **Future Production of Solar Grade Silicon Secured in the Long Term**

**Solarvalue Proizvodnja d.d. has bought a large part of the TDR factory in Ruse, Slovenia. Solarvalue also plans to take over about 60 long-term TDR employees. A subsidiary of Solarvalue AG in Berlin, the Slovenian company will be using the newly purchased buildings, the arc furnace and facilities for the future production of solar grade silicon. "With this strategic investment, we now have the entire infrastructure necessary to produce solar grade silicon available as part of our own company," says Claudia Boehringer, Chief Executive Officer of Solarvalue AG.**

Following a detailed risk assessment and cost-benefit analysis of the existing concept, including the lease for the facilities, Solarvalue decided to buy a part of the factory. A core component of the production equipment is a high-performance submerged-arc furnace, which is ideally suited to meet the technical requirements for the production of solar grade silicon. In addition, Solarvalue now has the necessary infrastructure for its energy and water supply. The company plans to take on about 60 TDR employees with excellent know-how of the entire value added supply chain. "With these experts we will be able to cover all areas of Supply Chain Management (SCM) – from the procurement of raw materials and production through to logistics and distribution," says Claudia Boehringer.

The size of the purchased production area exceeds the space leased before. The fact that the individual buildings and facilities are connected is an advantage since internal logistic efforts will now be greatly simplified. The new transport routes of e.g. raw materials and liquid metal are much shorter, making them more efficient.

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“The purchase of the production area allows us the long-term planning reliability necessary for the years to come,” explains Claudia Boehringer. “We are now in a better and more flexible position than before, whilst showing our long-term commitment in the region. The expansion of our production, particularly in terms of quantity and further value added steps, is now secured.”

Solarvalue AG was established in June 2005. The main purpose of the company is the manufacture of solar grade silicon. Its long-term goal is the development of the entire value chain of an integrated PV enterprise.

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