



Press Release

## **juwi Sells Solar Park to Plain Energy**

**The photovoltaic power plants Hostovice and Trebovice provide clean solar energy for 2,000 four-person households in the Czech Republic.**

**Prague / Wörrstadt, October 24, 2011. Good to have the sun! This is what 8,000 Czechs feel now that their energy needs are met with clean solar energy produced directly at their front door. Thus, they avoid more than 4,000 tons of the climate-damaging greenhouse gas CO<sub>2</sub> per year. After the solar park has successfully been commissioned and been in operation for ten months, it has now been sold to the power producer Plain Energy.**

The juwi group, located in Wörrstadt in Rhine-Hesse, planned the high-tech power plant. Although the Czech Republic hesitates to support renewable energies, Jochen Magerfleisch, COO of the specialist for renewable energies, is still convinced of the Republic's potential in this respect: "Solar power is the central element of a comprehensive supply with renewable energies. Without the construction of further free-field PV plants, Europe will not be able to reach the so much needed power supply based on renewable energies."

Constantin Schwab, managing director of Plain Energy GmbH, considers the purchase of the power plants as an important step towards pan-European diversification. According to him, a long-term engagement in renewable energies, especially in times of insecure markets, guarantees reliable returns to investors.

64,000 First Solar thin-film modules with a nominal capacity of 4,800 kilowatts peak (kWp) were installed at the sites Hostovice I + II approximately 130 kilometers east of Prague. Since December 10 2010, the plant feeds electricity into the Czech grid. The future yield will be about 5.4 million kilowatt hours (kWh).

In Trebovice 13,300 modules with a capacity of 997.5 kWp were installed. The plant was commissioned on December 22 2010 and is supposed to produce more than one million kWh clean solar energy within one year.

### **About the juwi group**

juwi is one of the world's leading specialists for renewable energy. The company ([www.juwi.com](http://www.juwi.com)) was founded in 1996 by Matthias Willenbacher and Fred Jung. The CEOs have developed juwi from a two-man office to a company acting worldwide with more than 1,500 employees and a revenue of approx. 800 million Euros (2010). Besides solar, wind and bio energy, company activities include hydropower and geothermal energy. In the wind energy sector juwi has constructed more than 485 wind turbines with an output of more than 800 MW; in the solar sector more than 1,500 solar power plants with a total output of more than 850 MW. The juwi group is headquartered in Germany and has subsidiaries in France, Italy, Spain, the Czech Republic, Greece, Poland, Great Britain, India, the USA and Costa Rica. juwi is one of Germany's best employers. In 2010 and 2011, the company was among the TOP 20 in the renowned competition "Great Place to Work". juwi developed into one of the most sought-after employers in the energy sector. Only in 2010, we received approx. 18,000 job applications.



### **About Plain Energy GmbH**

The Plain Energy GmbH was founded in 2005 and has quickly developed into an internationally acting power producer. With substantial investments in Germany, the Czech Republic, Bulgaria and Italy, Plain Energy can already generate revenues in all European core markets. For the next five years, Plain Energy plans equity investments of more than 50 million Euros.

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