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A new investor for Johanna Solar Technology GmbH Majority shareholders close deal with Robert Bosch GmbH

Brandenburg an der Havel, 03.08.2009. Robert Bosch GmbH („Bosch“) has closed a deal with the majority shareholders of Johanna Solar Technology GmbH („Johanna“) to acquire their shares in the company. At the same time, Bosch has signalled its interest in making the shareholders of aleo solar AG („aleo“) an unsolicited takeover bid. aleo holds approx. 17% of the shares of Johanna and remains a shareholder of the company.

Once the deal is complete, Johanna will have secured an excellent strategic majority shareholder. According to Gerhard Bookjans, a director of Johanna, “Bosch is the ideal partner for Johanna in order to drive forward the future technological development and competitiveness of the Johanna products”.

Bosch has established itself as a leading competitor in the global photo voltaic market with its acquisition of ersol Solar Energy AG, following which it has consolidated its solar activities into one new business division. The proposed majority shareholdings in Johanna and aleo are the next steps in expansion plans for this sector of the business.

„We consider the Bosch takeover of Johanna to be an especial acknowledgement of the technological potential developed by Johanna and its team“ says Peter Forch, director of Johanna, whilst the company’s technical director, Dr. Volker Probst, considers „the Bosch takeover represents a major opportunity for Brandenburg”.

Johanna develops and produces CIS-thin film solar modules based on copper, indium, gallium, sulphur and selenium. It completed construction and fit out of its production plant in Brandenburg an der Havel at the end of 2007 and started manufacturing thin film solar modules in November 2008.