



IBC SOLAR donates photovoltaic system to orphanage in Kenya

Bad Staffelstein, 24th September 2012 – The Dutch subsidiary of IBC SOLAR AG has been showing its generous side: The solar company has donated a 14.4 kilowatt (kW) solar system to provide Lewa Children's Home in Eldoret, Kenya, with clean solar power. The complex comprises the orphanage, which houses up to 120 children aged from a few months up to 18, the Kipkeino elementary school and Baraka farm. The farm serves as a source of income and contributes towards making the site self-sufficient.

A total of 120 solar modules and six inverters make up the facility's new photovoltaic system. The 13,000 kilowatt hours of solar power generated will be shared proportionately between the orphanage, the school and the particularly energy-intensive farm. The donation has taken place at the initiative of Peter Meijers, Managing Director of IBC SOLAR B.V. and Udo Möhrstedt, founder and board chairman at IBC SOLAR AG in Germany.

"We were very keen to support this excellent facility. It is very moving to see and feel how worthwhile the intensive planning of the past few months and the challenging installation have been," explains Ronald Jaspas of IBC SOLAR B.V. Together with a Belgian friend and installer, he and his colleague Mokhtar Abrak dedicated themselves to ensuring successful implementation of the project on site. The installation of the grid-connected system took a total of two weeks.

"We used to pay around 1,200 euros a month for electricity. This requirement will now be covered by the installed solar modules," smiles farm manager Jos Creemers. Phyllis Keino, founder and director of Lewa Children's Home complex, adds: "Thanks to this cost saving, we have more left over for care and modernization of the facility. Everything that we save with our photovoltaic system will be used to benefit the children."

Baraka farm runs its own cheese production plant, which has particularly high energy requirements. Some of the cheese and other agricultural products are sold, and the proceeds are given back to the orphanage. The elementary school provides free meals for the children. Accommodation and school teaching are as well entirely free for the LEWA children. The project is funded by donations and the income of the farm alone.

About IBC SOLAR

IBC SOLAR is a leading global specialist in photovoltaic systems, offering complete solutions for power production from solar energy. The firm covers the entire spectrum, from planning to the turnkey handover of photovoltaic installations. Globally, IBC SOLAR has already implemented more than 120,000 turnkey photovoltaic systems with a total power of more than 2.0 Gigawatt (GWp). The scale of these installations ranges from large photovoltaic power stations and solar parks, which feed electricity into the grid, to off-grid systems. IBC SOLAR sells its photovoltaic components and systems over an extensive network of trade partners. As a general contractor, IBC SOLAR plans and implements large scale solar projects. Through maintenance and monitoring, IBC SOLAR ensures an optimal performance of the solar parks.

IBC SOLAR was founded in 1982 in Bad Staffelstein, Germany. IBC SOLAR is represented by several subsidiaries around the world and currently employs around 440 people, 300 of which work in Germany. The international business group IBC SOLAR is directed from its headquarters in Bad Staffelstein.

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