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Desertec: Broad support from all sectors of the economy – A further 15 companies join the Desertec Industrial Initiative as Associated Partners

Munich – Support for the Desertec Industrial Initiative (Dii GmbH) is growing in all areas of business life. In total, 15 companies are now Associated Partners of the Dii, proof of industry's willingness to drive the transition to renewable energies, set in motion a long-term development, and foster new business potential. The Associated Partners of the Desertec Industrial Initiative are as follows:

- 3M Deutschland (www.3m.com)
- Bilfinger Berger (www.bilfingerberger.com)
- Commerzbank (www.commerzbank.com)
- Evonik Industries (www.evonik.com)
- First Solar (www.firstsolar.com)
- FLABEG (www.flabeg.com)
- IBM Deutschland (www.ibm.com)
- Italgel (www.italgen.it)
- KAEFER Isoliertechnik (www.kaefer.com)
- Lahmeyer International (www.lahmeyer.de)
- Morgan Stanley Bank AG (www.morganstanley.com)
- Nur Energie (www.nurenergie.com)
- OMV (www.omv.at)
- Schoeller Renewables (www.schoeller.org)
- TERNA ENERGY (www.terna-energy.gr)

The Desertec Industrial Initiative (Dii) aims to create the framework for generating sustainable and climate-friendly power in the deserts of North Africa and the Middle

East, supplying carbon-free energy to the producer nations and to Europe. Paul van Son, CEO of the Dii GmbH: “Our international industrial initiative continues to grow, sending an important message to the energy and economic policy decision-makers. The aim of our concept is to strike the right balance between long-term security of supply, economic viability and climate protection. We, our shareholders and Associated Partners are working together to turn the Desertec plans into reality.”

At the end of 2012, the Desertec Industrial Initiative will create an implementation scenario for the period up to 2050. Another of the Dii’s core objectives is to plan reference projects demonstrating the basic feasibility of the Desertec concept. Opening up the Initiative to Associated Partners extends the Dii’s network of experts and gives it greater scope, for instance, to prepare the necessary studies and surveys. As Associated Partners of the Dii, interested companies have access to the Dii shareholders, are informed about the Dii’s work and progress on its projects, and have opportunities to bring their expertise to bear in working groups. Currently, the Dii GmbH comprises 17 shareholders from eight countries: ABB, Abengoa Solar, Cevital, DESERTEC Foundation, Deutsche Bank, Enel Green Power, E.ON, HSH Nordbank, MAN Solar Millennium, Munich Re, M+W Group, NAREVA Holding, Red Eléctrica de España, RWE, Saint-Gobain Solar, SCHOTT Solar and Siemens.

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