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Information regarding the portfolio company Solar Industries AG

Solar Industries AG raises CHF 5 million in capital

The New Value portfolio company Solar Industries AG (Niederurnen, Switzerland) has successfully raised CHF 5 million in capital. New Value invested CHF 2 million, slightly increasing its share of the company's capital stock to 33.1%. The new funds will be used to actively expand existing industrial holdings and enlarge the organization at the Niederurnen site. Solar Industries is establishing a group of companies that cover the entire value chain of solar module manufacturing and is working to achieve a competitive industrial integration of these companies.

Since the spring of 2008, Solar Industries has been working together with the successful MX Group in Italy. MX Group operates a production facility for solar modules which has more than doubled its annual capacity this year, from 22 MWp to 48 MWp. Solar Industries is also currently investing significantly in the construction of production facilities for silicon (Italsilicon) and solar cells (Solarcell). These efforts are focused on the fast-growing Italian market, which will serve as a platform for long-term expansion at a later time into other European markets as well as overseas. Solar Industries is run by an experienced management team, and its organization is marked by lean and efficient structures.

In order to actively expand its existing industrial holdings and increase its medium-term involvement in the entire value chain of the solar power industry, Solar Industries has raised CHF 5 million in capital. Of this, CHF 2 million was invested by New Value, slightly increasing its equity in the company from 31.3% to 33.1%. The remaining funds were provided by institutional and private investors.

Additional information regarding Solar Industries:

www.solarindustries.ch

Information about New Value AG

New Value, officially listed at the SIX Swiss Exchange, invests directly in promising private companies in Switzerland and neighbouring German-speaking countries with above-average market and growth potential. As an investment company, New Value promotes innovative business models with venture capital and accompanies those to market success. The portfolio covers companies of different stages of development, starting with the market introduction phase up to medium-sized enterprises with stable profits. A broad investment approach is deliberately followed regarding industry sectors. The portfolio contains companies active in renewable energy, medical technology, health, information technology and new materials. New Value assigns great value to ethical business concepts and good corporate governance while selecting their portfolio companies. Criteria such as meaningfulness, social responsibility and ecological sustainability are considered by New Value as decisive competitive advantages, which affect and enhance the quality of products and services offered and thus, facilitate an above average increase of value potential. Since the formation of New Value, EPS Value Plus AG, Zurich, has served as investment manager.

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