

Annual General Meeting of PVA TePla AG in Wetzlar

(Wettenberg, Germany, June 30, 2009) – The Annual General Meeting of PVA TePla AG took place on June 29, 2009 in Wetzlar Town Hall and was attended by 51% of the Company's shareholders

The Chairman of the Board of Management Peter Abel said in his speech to shareholders and guests of PVA TePla that fiscal 2008 was the Company's most successful year since its reverse IPO. The restructuring of its divisions at the beginning of 2009 was described in detail. This will lead to better customer focus and more transparency for the capital market. The Company's move to Wettenberg last year was a significant step in its ongoing corporate development. State-of-the-art production facilities for optimized logistics processes and new spaces for sales, development and related areas ensure PVA TePla's future viability. The newly-built competence center for industrial crystal growing systems (CCIC) helps it focus more closely on customer requirements, while PVA TePla's expertise in crystal growing can be communicated accordingly. The Company's owners were able to form their own impression of the new headquarters before the Annual General Meeting with a plant tour. The CFO Arnd Bohle provided a comprehensive overview of the consolidated financial statements for 2008 and the figures for the first quarter of the current fiscal year. Consolidated sales grew by 48% to €168.6 million in 2008 (previous year: €113.7 million) and EBIT for 2008 increased significantly as against 2007 to €15.0 million (previous year: €10.0 million). The EBIT margin increased slightly to 8.9%. Consolidated sales rose from €34.6 million in the same quarter of the previous year to €38.6 million in the first quarter of 2009, while EBIT improved from €2.2 million to €4.7 million.

In closing, Peter Abel gave shareholders an outlook of the current fiscal year and again confirmed the forecast for 2009. Annual consolidated sales for 2009 are expected to be at the same level as the previous year. The EBIT margin is expected to be between 9% and 11%. The global financial and economic crisis was discussed and its effects on weak incoming orders in the first quarter were presented. Business is expected to pick up in the second half of the year. Numerous interesting photovoltaics projects give the Company cause for optimism in the second half of the year.

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The current Supervisory Board members were confirmed in their positions by the Annual General Meeting. The other agenda items were also approved by a large majority.

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