

## **PVA TePla AG and ErSol AG agree cooperation**

**(Aßlar, 20.04.2006) – ASi Industries GmbH (ASi), Arnstadt, a wholly owned subsidiary of the listed ErSol Solar Energy AG, and Crystal Growing Systems GmbH (CGS), Aßlar, a subsidiary of PVA TePla AG, signed 13 April a contract for approximately EUR 20 million for the supply of crystal growing systems and for cooperation on the development of crystal growing at ASi. The supply of systems for drawing monocrystalline silicon crystals is to start in the second half of the year and is to be concluded by the end of 2007.**

Peter Abel, CEO at PVA TePla AG, is pleased to have this key customer in the European photovoltaics market in the direct vicinity of the CGS production location in Jena and states "With ASi, the supplier of wafers for solar cells with the best efficiency levels, we want to obtain synergies, not only from the regional proximity of our companies in Thuringia, but also from the world's most state-of-the-art solar wafer plants for monocrystalline solar cells in Germany."

"With this cooperation, we are securing our requirements in respect to high-quality silicon crystal drawing systems for our next stage of development with annual production of solar cells for approximately 180 megawatts from the end of 2007," stated Jürgen Pressl, member of the board at ErSol AG and responsible for the Wafer division. "I am very pleased about this long-term cooperation with the technology leader for these production facilities, CGS."

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The cooperation initially extends to supplying systems until the end of 2007 and to provide support for the optimisation crystal production for maximum output and automation. However, CGS GmbH has ensured ASi of its support in event of a possible capacity extension at ErSol AG CGS GmbH after 2008.

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