

Press release

BayWa r.e. commissions 41 MWp solar farm in France

Munich, 11 January 2017: BayWa r.e. has commissioned the Lacs Médocains solar farm near Bordeaux in France. The plant has a total capacity of around 41 MWp, enabling it to supply around 20.000 households with green power. BayWa r.e. is planning to secure long-term Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) with terms of up to 20 years for the project.

“Thanks to our project management expertise and BayWa r.e.’s own system design, we were able to complete the project on schedule, despite the very limited timeline for construction imposed by the environmental prescription and the commissioning deadline,” says Benedikt Ortmann, Managing Director at BayWa r.e. Solar Projects GmbH. *“Next to providing a reliable source of green energy, we are pleased to announce that we will implement an educational and environmental programme on site.*

Following the completion of the project, a nature trail is being implemented on the premises. This trail will not only provide information on the plant and the flora and fauna in the area but also on solar energy and its benefits in general. In addition to visitors from the region, the path will also be intended for use by local school classes – this offer will be supported financially by BayWa r.e.

The completion and operation of this project is in line with the French government’s goals to significantly increase renewable energy generation in respect of the environment. In addition to an ecological management plan of the solar plant involving a shepherd and a herd of sheep, various long-term measures are implemented on the project site and in the local area for the preservation of the environment.

BayWa r.e. renewable energy GmbH (BayWa r.e.):

As a wholly-owned subsidiary of BayWa AG, BayWa r.e. renewable energy GmbH combines the activities of the solar energy, wind energy, bioenergy and geothermal energy business sectors. Based in Munich, BayWa r.e. is a globally active company. As a full service partner with over 1,300 employees and more than 25 years of market experience, BayWa r.e. develops, implements, consults and supports projects in the renewable energy sector. The company also provides the operational management and maintenance of plants. Other business activities include the trade with photovoltaic components and the purchase and marketing of energy from renewable sources.

The parent company BayWa AG is an international trading company and service provider whose core segments are agriculture, energy and construction.

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