

Tracking the sun in Italy

It all started with the construction of their first photovoltaic park in Oberellenbach, Germany, in 2003 when Lars Kirchner and Karsten Dippel, co-founders of sonnen_systeme Projektgesellschaft, had to realise that the tracking system they had chosen from an external supplier had some severe disadvantages. Consequently they developed their own trackers. That was the birth of the sonnen_systeme tracker – the producer of one of the world's safest and most precise tracking systems. Due to the multitude of sophisticated details it displays, it has soon made its way into the portfolio of a large number of suppliers as an OEM system.

sonnen_systeme's biaxial trackers stand out due to their extraordinarily precise mode of operation and an entirely robust design. In addition, sonnen_systeme ensures a very secure and safe tracking in photovoltaic technology. Hence sonnen_systeme tracking systems are suitable for every type of modules.

Today, the company is active on most of the important markets. Its US subsidiary sonnen_systems Inc. will allow developing projects and selling tracking systems for the North American market. In addition

sonnen_systeme has an office in Valencia, Spain, and two more in Africa, namely in Uganda and the Ivory Coast. There are representatives in Benelux, Greece and Turkey. In Italy the company started off both as a reseller with particular attention to domestic and industrial PV system installers as well as a developer of large and medium sized PV installations. The company offers complete turnkey products including services such as installation consultancy, material supply, maintenance, site management and operations, monitoring and reporting.

Currently sonnen_systeme Italia is assessing the construction of various systems in the regions of Piedmont, Emilia Romagna and others with a total of approximately 12 MWp. Working on more than 35 projects, most of them between 100 and 500 kWp, the Italian staff consists of ten members and the forecast for the fiscal year 2008/2009 is around € 40 million; this data gives an immediate impression on how fast the market is growing in this country.

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