



## **SOLARA ENERGY NAMED U.S. DISTRIBUTOR OF SMALL, LIGHTWEIGHT, FLEXIBLE SOLAR PANELS**

**Gilroy, Calif. – February 7, 2002** – Solara Energy, Inc. announced today that it has been selected to be the exclusive United States distributor for a revolutionary new line of small, lightweight, flexible solar panels manufactured in Germany by Solara AG. The two companies are not related. The small solar panels are designed for marine and recreational applications on boats of all kinds, recreational vehicles, and in places where traditional solar panels are impractical.

Solara AG's "M" Series solar panels can be easily mounted and shaped to match the form of what they are being attached to. The panels are lightweight and feature a unique synthetic surface that eliminates the potential of broken glass like that found in traditional heavy and inflexible solar panels, while remaining water proof and maintaining high efficiency.

"This is a phenomenal opportunity for us," said Mark Weiss, president of Solara Energy, Inc. "Solara AG's "M" series solar panels bring all the benefits of alternative energy in an affordable manner, to a range of applications that have been, until now, somewhat impractical for solar power."

Thomas Rudolph, CEO of Solara AG added: "We are pleased to be working with Solara Energy in bringing our products before the American people. The "M" Series product line creates new opportunities to utilize the clean power of the sun in many new and different ways."

Solara AG's "M" Series solar panels are being used on the monohull racing sailboats helmed by renowned sailor Ellen Macarthur, who has competed in, and successfully finished the solo race around the world. Mrs. Macarthur has stated the "M" Series panels are the most efficient and reliable panels she has ever used on her boats. Solara Energy, Inc., will have the "M" Series solar panels available for demonstration beginning February 21 at the Big Valley Boat and RV Show in Stockton, California.

### **About Solara AG:**

Solara AG researches, designs and manufactures advanced solar power systems and components. The company, based in Hamburg, Germany, also distributes small, low profile wind turbines also used in power generation. More information about Solara AG can be found on the company's website, [www.solara.de](http://www.solara.de).

### **About Solara Energy, Inc.:**

Solara Energy, Inc., is an alternative energy company based in Gilroy, California. Solara Energy designs, installs and maintains solar and wind generation systems, and develops stand-alone microturbine systems fueled by environmentally friendly biodiesel. Solara Energy also distributes biodiesel fuel for all diesel engine applications. More information on Solara Energy, Inc., can be found on the company's website, [www.solaraenergy.com](http://www.solaraenergy.com).

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