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Eastridge and Green Talent Staffing Partner with Soitec for San Diego Solar Power Initiative

San Diego staffing companies to lead recruitment efforts for the region's latest clean energy venture

SAN DIEGO, December 9, 2011— [The Eastridge Group of Staffing Companies](#) and its [Green Talent Staffing](#) division have been selected to provide staffing services for a San Diego-based solar module manufacturing project led by France-based Soitec, a world leader in generating and manufacturing revolutionary semiconductor materials for electronic and energy industries.

Eastridge and Green Talent have already started to recruit for Soitec's launch team consisting of at least forty new positions for its San Diego factory. Positions to be filled include engineering, maintenance and manufacturing leads for the manufacturing facility.

"We are thrilled to partner with Soitec on a project that has tremendous potential for the future of clean energy, while providing skilled manufacturing jobs to our region's economy," said [Seth Stein](#), Executive VP for Green Talent Staffing. "Candidates interested in opportunities are invited to visit www.greentalentstaffing.com and apply for positions expected to be filled in Q1 and Q2 2012."

The Group recently received regulatory approval from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), the regulatory Commission for public services in the state of California, for its five power purchase agreements concluded with San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E). These five projects represent a total capacity of 155 megawatts (MW) of solar energy, the electricity being generated by the solar power plants in the San Diego region thanks to the photovoltaic technology by Soitec's Concentrix™ (CPV). At the November 15 meeting, the Soitec Board of Directors decided to immediately implement the investment program relating to set up its solar system production and assembly capacities to be delivered for these different projects. The decision involves the acquisition of an industrial building in San Diego and the purchase of the equipment for an annual assembly capacity of 100 MW with the confirmation that more than 200 MW may be carried, subject to confirmation of other projects expected in the upcoming months.

The manufacturing facility alone is projected to produce 450 direct jobs and over 1,000 indirect jobs for the county.

In addition to partnering with Soitec, Eastridge and Green Talent will recruit for Reflexite Soitec Optical Technology, a joint venture formed with Soitec and Reflexite Energy Solutions, a U.S.-based global supplier of microstructured optics components for the lighting, solar power, instrumentation, and display industries. This unique alliance will produce silicone-on-glass (SOG) Fresnel lens plates, a key component used in Soitec's CPV modules. The joint venture will be located within the new manufacturing facility.

About The Eastridge Group of Staffing Companies

Founded in 1972, [Eastridge](#) is a privately-held staffing enterprise headquartered in San Diego with offices in multiple locations across six states nationwide. With nearly four decades of expertise and experience in the staffing industry and 20,000 employee placements annually, Eastridge operates with a driving purpose to provide people with opportunities and enrichment through work. Eastridge's specialized staffing divisions each serve a specific industry. The company has been named among the top 100 U.S. staffing firms and has ranked number one in temporary staffing by the *San Diego Business Journal*, six of the past seven years.

Divisions of Eastridge include: Green Talent Staffing; Eastridge InfoTech; Medical Resources Staffing Services; Pharmacy Placement Professionals; Contractors & Builders; Eastridge Administrative Staffing; Convention Staffing Solutions; Eastridge Direct-Hire; Eastridge InQ Contact Center Specialists; Eastridge Light Industrial; Essential Discovery; Exclusively Legal; HR Solutions; T3 Staffing and Wired Talent. Affiliated companies of Eastridge include: Abbott Staffing Group, Inc.; Complete Recycling; Secure Talent, Inc.; and TheraStaff LLC. For more information contact Eastridge directly at 619.260.2053 or visit www.eastridgroup.com.

About Green Talent Staffing

Green Talent Staffing serves the needs of the green industry and is invested in delivering the best talent to help innovative companies build a greener future. Industries served include: solar, wind, hydropower, biofuels, transportation, and sustainability.

Leveraging our success in placing the right people in the right job for nearly four decades, Green Talent Staffing is a specialty division of The Eastridge Group of Staffing Companies, founded in 1972. As part of a top 100 U.S. staffing firm, Green Talent currently serves the Cleantech industry through offices in California, Nevada, Arizona, Texas and New Jersey.

About Soitec

[Soitec](#) is an international manufacturing company, a world leader in generating and manufacturing revolutionary semiconductor materials at the frontier of the most exciting energy and electronic challenges. Soitec's products include substrates for microelectronics (most notably SOI : Silicon-on-Insulator) and concentrating photovoltaic systems (CPV). The company's core technologies are Smart Cut™, Smart Stacking™ and Concentrix™, as well as expertise in epitaxy. Applications include consumer and mobile electronics, microelectronics-driven IT, telecommunications, automotive electronics, lighting products and solar power plants for large-scale utilities. Soitec has manufacturing plants and R&D centers in France, Singapore, Germany, and the United States. For more information, visit: www.soitec.com.