Solar-Log™ and Kitu Systems, Inc.

Boost Availability of Rule 21 Solutions in California

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Solar-Log™ and Kitu Systems, Inc. announce a collaboration to offer expert solar plant monitoring, control, and communication solutions which meet the new California's Rule 21 mandate. Starting on March 22nd, all smart inverters deployed with solar and energy storage installations in California are required to be capable of communications with the utility and provide a set of grid-support functions.

By combining Solar-Log's hardware-agnostic Solar-Log WEB Enerest™ enhanced solar monitoring, controlling and energy management software with Kitu Systems' CSIP-certified Spark™ client and Convoy™ aggregator, the two companies will accelerate the market availability of a new generation of renewable energy solutions capable of grid-support functions, benefitting both solar and storage providers and end customers.

In the initial phase, the cooperation between Kitu Systems and Solar-Log™ will focus on California and the US. An extension of the cooperation to other markets with the same or similar requirements in accordance with the Rule 21 will take place within the framework of the market and product strategy of both companies.

"Our company is committed to further the development of clean energy and we strongly believe this requires the concerted operation of distributed energy resources with the electrical grid," said Rick Kornfeld, the CEO of Kitu Systems. "One of the main challenges is to rapidly reach a large scale in terms of connected resources: Solar-Log™ enables a significant market coverage from day one".

Brigitte Beck, CEO of Solare Datensysteme GmbH (Solar-Log™ Headquarters), added that "With the integration of Kitu Systems' technology, we can provide added value to providers and end customers from the get-go, offering Rule 21 interconnection through a large variety of devices. But more importantly, the improved metrology and coordination capabilities open the way to a host a new services and business models."

About Kitu Systems

Kitu Systems accelerates adoption of solar, battery storage, and electric vehicle charging by enabling a new generation of interconnection. Kitu Systems' solutions provide communications and coordination capabilities between customer-owned devices and grid management systems to ensure the security, safety, reliability and efficiency of the electrical network. Kitu Systems' open and standards-based software embeds intelligence into energy device, enables scalable aggregation in the cloud, and delivers smart grid management interfaces to utility operators.

Solare Datensysteme GmbH (SDS)

Solare Datensysteme GmbH (SDS), based in the German city of Geislingen-Binsdorf, is one of the leading companies in the areas of smart energy, feed-in management and PV monitoring with global service for operators and installers. Since August 2015, SDS is a subsidiary of BKW AG (Bern, Switzerland) – a global company for energy and infrastructure with around 10,000 employees.

SDS has developed and distributed their Solar-Log™ product range since 2007, currently installed in 138 countries – monitoring more than 300,000 plants with a total output of 14.63 GWp. Solar-Log™ is compatible with 130 different component manufacturers and more than 2,300 different inverter models. SDS solutions make an important contribution to the successful integration of renewable energy into an intelligent power grid and help to make the successful transition to clean energy a reality. More information about the company can be found at www.solar-log.com.

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