

Solar company to create 100 jobs in Newmarket

NEWMARKET, Ontario, December 6, 2010 — North America's largest solar energy services provider, SunEdison, has just announced that its parent company MEMC Electronic Materials, Inc. (NYSE: WFR), will begin producing solar panels in Newmarket, Ontario. Partnering with Flextronics (NASDAQ: FLEX) – a multi-billion dollar electronic manufacturing services provider – SunEdison will manufacture [solar photovoltaic panels](#) at 213 Harry Walker Parkway South in Newmarket starting in the spring of 2011.

“We are delighted to welcome SunEdison to Newmarket, and are excited to report that approximately 100 skilled jobs will be created in our community as a result,” says Newmarket Mayor Tony Van Bynen. “The establishment of SunEdison in Newmarket aligns perfectly with the Town’s commitment to the environment, to our economic development strategy and to creating more home-grown jobs in our town,” adds Regional Councillor John Taylor.

Earlier this year, SunEdison began the process of selecting an Ontario partner for its Canadian presence so that it could meet the requirements of [Ontario’s feed-in tariff program](#) (FIT) – North America’s first comprehensive guaranteed pricing structure for renewable electricity production.



Images: Roof-mounted solar panels produced by SunEdison (photos courtesy of www.sunedison.ca)

According to the Ontario Power Authority, the FIT Program encourages the development of renewable energy in Ontario by:

- helping Ontario phase out coal-fired electricity generation by 2014 - the largest climate change initiative in Canada
- boosting economic activity and the development of renewable energy technologies
- creating new green industries and jobs

The Newmarket plant will produce solar panels that will be used exclusively by SunEdison. This will enable SunEdison and its project partners to exceed the 60 per cent domestic content requirement of Ontario’s FIT Program for its solar photovoltaic (PV) projects, a regulation which will come into effect in 2011.

“SunEdison is pleased to be producing its first Canadian-made solar panels in Newmarket. The town’s skilled labour force, prime location, affordability, and the supportive and responsive nature of the municipality all make Newmarket a desirable location for our business,” says Jason Gray, Vice President and Country Manager of SunEdison.

“As a leader in advanced clean tech manufacturing, Flextronics enables the competitiveness of our customers both globally and also in local markets such as Ontario,” said E.C. Sykes, president of Flextronics Industrial. “Working together with our trusted partner MEMC, we look forward to creating new jobs for the local community.”

In the Town’s economic development strategic plan, advanced manufacturing, the environment and the knowledge sector are identified as key growth areas for Newmarket. “SunEdison’s business model delivers on all of these areas – it is a real win for our community and for the region,” says Chris Kallio, Economic Development Officer for the Town of Newmarket. “Through its Investment Attraction Program, York Region is currently promoting its many advantages to leading Clean Tech companies,” he continues.

A subsidiary of MEMC Electronic Materials, SunEdison finances, installs and operates distributed power plants using PV technologies. The company delivers solar energy to commercial, government and utility customers. Solar energy is an environmentally-friendly, renewable resource used to provide heat, lighting and electricity. Through the use of PV solar cells, sunlight is converted to electricity. The PV panels operate silently, require little maintenance, and do not pollute making photovoltaic energy a very clean and safe method of power generation.

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