

STEAG continues to grow on the renewable energy market

Group subsidiary SENS to develop major photovoltaic project in Sicily

STEAG Solar Energy Solutions (SENS), the most recent subsidiary of the Essen-based STEAG Group, is growing steadily in the field of renewable energy. Last Tuesday, André Kremer, Managing Director of SENS, and Matej Lednický, Head of Transaction Management Infrastructure with the investment company KGAL Investment Management GmbH & Co. KG, confirmed their cooperation in Italy when they signed the contract in Milan.

In Sicily, the largest island in the Mediterranean, the joint venture will develop up to 440 megawatts (MW) of open-space photovoltaic capacity. This is the largest project volume that the Würzburg-based STEAG subsidiary has ever implemented. The installations will be able to provide over 350,000 households with CO₂-free energy.

This major project involves a total of six solar parks in Sicily. The installations will be erected in the provinces of Palermo and Trapani within a radius of around 40 kilometres. Construction of the first section is scheduled to start at the end of 2020. "Our latest subsidiary is getting off to a great start with this major order. Our confidence in the expertise of SENS on the market for photovoltaic systems is already paying off after only a short time as a member of the STEAG Group," says Joachim Rumstadt, Chairman of the Management Board of STEAG GmbH in Essen. By the end of 2021 all the parks are to be directly connected to the network of the Italian grid operator Terna by means of a newly-built transformer station.

"We are delighted to have such a prestigious partner and investor as KGAL for this demanding project in Italy," says SENS Managing Director André Kremer. For SENS and the investment company from Grünwald near Munich the project development in Sicily represents a further milestone in a long and successful partnership.

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"For many years we have trusted in the expertise of SENS for the construction, operation and maintenance of our PV systems. I am sure that we will once again work together efficiently and in a spirit of mutual confidence," says KGAL manager Matej Lednicky. In addition to the implementation of several large-scale PV installations in Italy, for more than ten years now the Italian SENS service team has been maintaining various installations on behalf of KGAL as the service provider with overall responsibility.

With this project in Sicily, SENS (formerly GILDEMEISTER energy solutions) is once again entering the Italian solar-park development business. After founding the subsidiary in 2009 with locations in Milan and Lecce, SENS has designed and constructed a range of large-scale PV projects. Today the company is one of the largest providers of technical services for PV systems in Italy and offers a comprehensive range of services with its own technicians nationwide.

The currently planned systems with their total capacity of up to 440 MWp are only the starting point for further activities: "Italy, Spain and Germany will be the three most important European markets for SENS in 2020. We see enormous potential here - and not just from our own developments," states Managing Director André Kremer.

About STEAG

STEAG GmbH has stood for efficient and secure energy supply for more than 80 years, both in Germany and abroad. As an experienced partner, we support our customers comprehensively during all phases of energy supply. We design, develop, implement and operate highly efficient power plants and market their energy and by-products. In addition to customized electricity and heat supply solutions, we offer a wide range of energy-related services.

About STEAG Energy Services

German engineering for over 100,000 MW of electrical power plant capacity of all technologies, currently over 7,300 MW of operation management for third parties and O&M management support for further 3,600 worldwide, and more than 2,000 delivered IT systems for plant design and optimization: we are one of the leading service providers for power plants worldwide. Thanks to our expertise of over 40 years of energy services for third parties we are among the best in the industry. The combination of operation management know-how, highly qualified engineering, and groundbreaking software solutions makes us unique.

About SENS – STEAG Solar Energy Solutions

SENS - STEAG Solar Energy Solutions is a global service provider in the field of renewable energies with headquarters in Würzburg, Germany. Its range of services includes the development and construction of turnkey solar parks, the maintenance and management of PV systems as well as the implementation of energy solutions for trade and industry - such as rooftop PV systems, e-charging stations and storage systems. SENS has been part of the STEAG Group since July 2019 and employs around 170 people at seven locations in Germany and abroad.