Motech new solar-cell capacity in China already fully booked

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While Motech Industries’s is slated to soon begin volume production of solar cells at its Suzhou, China plant, industry sources have indicated that capacity is already fully booked, and the company has announced additional investments for China.

Motech responded to the sources claims by stating that its order landing status is okay, as it has always been.

Motech announced on July 21 that its company board of directors approved to raise the investment amount for its China plant from US$11.7 million to US$16 million. The adjustment was made to fuel operation funding, as well as to prepare for expansion in 2009, according to Motech.

Construction at the solar-cell production line at Suzhou is completed, with pilot runs slated for August and official volume production to begin in September. The plant is designed with an annual capacity of 65 peak megawatt (MWp).

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