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**Suntech Solar Panels to Power The North Face 1MW Solar System**

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**San Francisco, CA, USA: Suntech Solar Panels to Power The North Face 1MW Solar System**

Suntech Power has been selected to supply 5,445 Suntech solar panels for a 1MW solar electricity system at The North Face® West Coast distribution center in Visalia, California. The system will be installed by EI Solutions, on RayTracker(TM) GC single-axis solar trackers.

"We are very pleased that Suntech solar modules have been selected for this project and value our association with the quality of The North Face Brand. We look forward to our collaboration with EI Solutions and Recurrent Energy on the innovative design and installation of the project," said Roger Efird, President of Suntech America.

The new system, based on EI Solutions' innovative design, will be installed over a storm water retention area located on the property, allowing for its dual use and providing a buffer to adjacent properties. By protecting the retention function of the area, the design negates the need for a new draining system while at the same time providing a clean, noise-free use of the land and financial savings.

'By combining Suntech's high efficiency solar panels and RayTracker(TM) solar trackers, we were able to maximize the power output of the solar system for The North Face," said Andrew Beebe, President of EI Solutions. "This single system will generate over 2 million kWh kilowatt-hours per year and reduce carbon emissions by over 1,300 metric tons annually."

Scheduled to be completed by the end of this year, the system will be financed, owned and operated by San Francisco-based Recurrent Energy. 100% of the electricity will be sold to The North Face under a power purchase agreement.

Further details about: [Suntech Power](#), [EI Solutions](#), [Recurrent Energy](#)

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