

# Solarfun Reports 2007 Full-Year and Fourth Quarter Results

SHANGHAI, China, Mar 27, 2008 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Solarfun Power Holdings Co., Ltd. ("Solarfun" or "the Company") (NASDAQ:SOLF), a vertically integrated manufacturer of silicon ingots and photovoltaic (PV) cells and modules in China, today reported its unaudited financial results for the fourth quarter and the year ended December 31, 2007.

### 2007 ANNUAL RESULTS

\* Net revenue was RMB 2.395 billion (US\$ 328.3 million), up 280% from 2006

\* Total PV module shipments as reported were 78.4 MW, up 310% from 19.1 MW in 2006 (Note: Full year shipments were actually 80.6 MW. However, due to certain conditions which require future deliveries of products in order to secure payment for the shipments made in 4Q07, we have deferred revenue recognition until the future deliveries have been made and the cash has been collected.)

\* The average selling price was \$3.74 for 2007

- \* Gross profit reached RMB 397.8 million (US\$54.5 million), rising over 116% from 2006
- \* Gross margins reached 16.6% for the full year 2007, showing continuing improvement beginning in 2Q07

\* Net income was RMB 148.0 million (US\$20.3 million), rising 40% from 2006

\* Earnings per basic ADS were RMB 3.081 (US\$ 0.42), down from RMB 4.76(US\$0.60) in 2006. There was a 132% increase in basic shares outstanding as a result of the Company's initial public offering in December 2006

Mr. Yonghua Lu, Chairman of Solarfun commented, "The year 2007 was a period of significant progress for the Company and I believe established a foundation for further growth in the burgeoning PV industry. Our financial results met our expectations and showed progress in key measures such as revenue and profit growth. They are also a reflection of our increased scale, vertical integration, broadened customer base, and successful ability to secure supply of key raw materials to meet our growth objectives."

"Specifically, we expanded manufacturing capacity to a year-end level of 240 MW, acquired and began production of ingots at our 52 %-owned ingot manufacturing facility - Jiangsu Yangguang Solar Technology Co. Ltd., increased our customer base more than six-fold, and signed five significant supply contracts totaling \$1.4 billion, four of which were with suppliers outside of China."

"We also achieved a few other significant milestones over the past year. We significantly strengthened our senior management team with a group of executives with relevant industry experience and global expertise and improved our internal management structure and discipline to keep pace with our rapid growth. Additionally, we believe that the increased share ownership of Good Energies provides us with access to significant additional industry expertise and will contribute to the long-term success of our business," concluded Chairman Lu.

### FOURTH QUARTER 2007 HIGHLIGHTS

\* Net revenue was RMB 987.8 million (US\$ 135.4 million), a 304% increase over 4Q06 and a 31% increase from the 3Q07

\* PV module shipments as reported totaled 28.1 MW, which was nearly three times higher than 4Q06 and continued successive quarter-over-quarter shipment increases. Module shipments were 27.3 MW in 3Q07 (Note: 4Q07 shipments were actually 30 MW. However, as mentioned above, due to certain conditions which require future deliveries of products in order to secure payment for the shipments made in 4Q07, we have deferred revenue recognition until the future deliveries have been made

and the cash has been collected.)

\* The average selling price ("ASP") was \$3.85, which rose from \$3.66 in 3Q07

- \* Gross profit rose 45.3 % from 3Q07 to RMB 174.5 million (US\$ 23.9 million)
- \* Gross margin reached 17.7%, the third consecutive quarter-over-quarter increase.

\* Operating expenses as a percent of sales were 8.3%, which was a decrease from 12.4% in 4Q06, but a rise from 7.0% in 3Q07.

- \* Exchange losses of RMB 3.3 million (US \$ 0.5 million) were up from RMB 2.2 million in 4Q06 and RMB 0.70 million in 3Q07.
- \* Net income was RMB 66.4 million (US\$ 9.1 million), a rise of 101% over 4Q06.
- \* Earnings per basic ADS were RMB 1.38 (US\$ 0.19), an increase of 4.2% from RMB 1.32 (US\$ 0.18 in 3Q07.

Harold Hoskens, CEO of Solarfun, noted "The fourth quarter concluded an outstanding year for the Company with sequential momentum in shipments, ASP's and gross margins. We had a non-recurring trend of increased G&A expenses during the quarter, due largely to a ramp-up in our infrastructure costs, including the consolidation of Yangguang, legal expenses associated with becoming a public company, including SOX compliance and audit fees, as well as a larger management infrastructure and non-cash items such as stock-based compensation."

### FINANCIAL POSITION

As of December 31, 2007 the Company had cash and cash equivalents of RMB 273 million (US\$ 37.4 million) and working capital of RMB 959.8 million (US\$ 131.6 million). Total bank borrowings were RMB 980 million (US\$ 134.3 million). Note that on January 29, 2008 the Company placed US \$172.5 million of Convertible Senior Notes due 2018.

Net accounts receivable decreased to RMB 430.69 million (US\$ 59 million) due to continued focus on cash management practices. Days sales outstanding (DSO's) improved to 51 days from 62 days in 3Q07.

### MANAGEMENT CHANGES

On January 3, 2008 the Company announced the appointment of Harold Hoskens as CEO beginning on February 25, 2008. Mr. Hoskens joins Solarfun from TPO Displays Corporation, Chunan, Taiwan, where he recently served as Deputy CEO. Harold began his career with Royal Philips in 1988, and moved to the Royal Philips' Mobile Display Systems (MDS) division in Hong Kong, serving as CEO beginning in 2003.

Mr Lu continues to serve as Chairman and will remain actively involved in areas of strategic importance to Solarfun.

### **BUSINESS OUTLOOK**

### **FIRST QUARTER 2008**

Based on current operating trends and other conditions, Solarfun is providing first quarter 2008 and full year 2008 guidance as follows:

\* Although the first quarter is not yet concluded, management believes that shipments for 1Q08 will continue to improve. Volumes are expected to be at least 35 MW. ASP's should remain strong and relatively constant.

\* The Company was affected by the winter weather in China in February and continues to be affected by the relatively tight supply and increasing costs of polysilicon. Therefore, management would expect these factors to have some downward pressure on gross margins for the first quarter of 2008.

# FULL YEAR 2008

\* Based on existing sales and pricing, contracted supply agreements, and other expected business and industry conditions, management provided the following guidance for the full year 2008: The Company has sales contracts totaling over 160 MW (a level that is over double last year's 78.4MW) and expects prices to be flat or slightly higher from the \$3.74 recorded for the full year 2007. Solarfun has secured supply of polysilicon on a contracted basis slightly exceeding its contracted sales volume.

\* Capacity will increase from 240 MW to 360 MW by mid-year 2008.

\* Management has seen a continued tightness of polysilicon supply and escalating prices on the spot market. With these conditions expected to exist throughout most or all of 2008, management believes some continued negative impact on gross margins from the level achieved in 2007.

CEO Harold Hoskens concluded, "2008 is a mix of opportunities and challenges. We believe Solarfun is well-positioned to continue to gain market share, expand scale, improve our manufacturing efficiencies, penetrate new markets, and develop and expand our supply chain in both China and elsewhere. Our management team, Board of Directors, and key shareholders are determined and committed to building shareholder value over the long term "

Conference Call:

Management will host a conference call to discuss the results at 8:00 am U.S. Eastern Time (8:00 pm Shanghai time) on March 27, 2008.

The dial-in details for the live conference call are as follows:

- U.S. Toll Free Number:	+1 877 847 0047
- International dial-in number:	+852 3006 8101
- China Toll Free Number:	800 876 5011
Passcode: Solarfun	

A live webcast of the conference call will be available on the investor relations section of the Company's website at: <u>http://www.solarfun.com.cn</u>. A replay of the webcast will be available for one month.

A telephone replay of the call will be available for twenty-four hours after the conclusion of the conference call. The dial-in details for the replay are as follows:

-	U.S. Toll Free Number:	+1 877 847 0047
-	International dial-in number:	+852 3006 8101
	Passcode: 280293	

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

SOLARFUN POWER HOLDINGS CO., LTD. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Amounts in thousands of Renminbi ("RMB") and U.S. dollars ("US\$"), except for number of shares and per share data)

	2006	December 31 2007 (Unaudited) RMB	2007
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	1,137,792	272,928	37,415
Restricted cash	33,822	42,253	5,792
Accounts receivable, net	147,834	430,692	59,043
Inventories, net	372,504	728,480	99,866
Advance to suppliers	238,178	640,118	87,752
Other current assets	75,525	218,917	30,011
Deferred tax assets	3,400	3,026	415
Amount due from related parties	153	920	126
Amount due from shareholders	578	-	-
Total current assets	2,009,786	2,337,334	320,420

Non-current assets Fixed assets - net Intangible assets - net	207,449 12,897	702,884 94,282	
Deferred tax assets	-	4,767	
Long-term deferred expenses		209,946	
Long-term investment	300	300	41
Total non-current assets	220,646	1,012,179	138,757
TOTAL ASSETS		3,349,513	
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Current liabilities Short-term bank borrowings	379,900	980,002	134.346
Long-term bank borrowings, current	0, 2, 2, 200	200,002	1017010
portion	16,000	-	-
Accounts payable	51,452	141,709	19,426
Notes payable	14,020	-	-
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	22 610	135,395	18,562
Customer deposits	17		
Amount due to related parties	32,058		
Total current liabilities	527,066	1,377,473	188,835
Non-current liabilities			
Long-term bank borrowings, non-			
current portion	15,000	_	_
Deferred tax liability	-	9,038	1,239
Total non-current liabilities	15,000	9,038	1,239
Commitments and contingencies			
Minority interests	10,151	100,420	13.766
Shareholders' equity Ordinary shares (par value US\$0.0001 per share; 400,000,000 shares authorized; 239,994,754 shares and 241,954,744 issued and outstanding at December 31, 2006			
and 2007, respectively		194	
Additional paid-in capital		1,601,853	
Statutory reserves		37,548	
Retained earnings		222,987	
Total shareholders' equity	1,678,215	1,862,582	255,337

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SOLARFUN POWER HOLDINGS CO., LTD. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Amounts in thousands of Renminbi ("RMB") and U.S. dollars ("US\$"),

except for number of shares and per share data)

Net revenue Photovoltaic modules Photovoltaic cells Photovoltaic cells processing	December 31 2006 (Unaudited) RMB 244,163	(Unaudited) RMB 752,613 1,227	December 31 2007 (Unaudited) RMB 804,164
PV modules processing Others	-		5,876 127,706
Total net revenue	244,668	753,840	987,771
Cost of revenue Photovoltaic modules Photovoltaic cells Photovoltaic cells processing PV modules processing	(178,626) (435) (40)	-	(653,667) (47,476) - (2,014)
Others			(110,110)
Total cost of revenue Gross profit		(633,715)	
Operating expenses			
Selling expenses G&A expenses	(20,629)	(20,158) (28,971)	(50,153)
R&D expenses	(3,800)	(3,277)	(8,506)
Total operating expenses	(30,289)	(52,406)	(81,826)
Operating profit	35,278	67,719	92,678
Interest expenses Interest income Exchange losses Other income Other expenses	(4,547) 834 (2,223) 416 (362)	(6,683) 4,333 (698) 5,806 (6,957)	(11,293) (1,805) (3,307) (7,552) (2,032)
Value of embedded foreign currency derivative Government grant	919 212	- 700	- 1,369

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Net income (loss) before income tax and minority interest	30,527	64,220	68,058
Income tax benefit / (expenses) Minority interest		(1,331) 686	
Net income (loss)	33,051	63,575	
Net income attributable to ordinary shareholders	29,500	63,575	
Net income/ (loss) per share Basic Diluted	0.2602 0.1760	0.2649 0.2649	0.2759 0.2759
Shares used in computation Basic Diluted	113,370,310 187,820,841		
Net income/ (loss) per ADS Basic Diluted	1.3010 0.8799	1.3243 1.3243	
ADSs used in computation Basic Diluted	22,674,062 37,564,168		
	December 31 2006	the years en December 31 2007 (Unaudited) RMB	December 31 2007
Net revenue Photovoltaic modules Photovoltaic cells Photovoltaic cells processing PV modules processing Others	604,317 7,182 19,408 -	2,209,514 52,019	302,897 7,131 - 806
Total net revenue	630,907	2,395,135	328,344
Cost of revenue Photovoltaic modules Photovoltaic cells Photovoltaic cells processing PV modules processing Others	(5,983) (6,054) _ _	(1,835,886) (49,332) - (2,014) (110,123)	(6,763) - (276) (15,097)

Total cost of revenue	(446,530)	(1,997,355)	(273,813)
Gross profit	184,377	397,780	54,531
Operating expenses	(11 002)		
Selling expenses G&A expenses		(62,777) (113,756)	
R&D expenses		(113,750) (27,440)	
Rad expenses	(0,523)	(27,440)	(3,701)
Total operating expenses	(70,620)	(203,973)	(27,962)
Operating profit	113,757	193,807	26,569
Interest expenses	(8,402)	(25,978)	(3,561)
Interest income	1,326	16,244	2,227
Exchange losses	(4,346)	16,244 (25,628) 1,505	(3,513)
Other income	902	1,505	206
Other expenses	(836)	(9,670)	(1,326)
Value of embedded foreign currency			
derivative	(163)	-	-
Government grant	852	2,089	286
Net income (loss) before income	102.000	150.200	
tax and minority interest		152,369	
	3,132		
Minority interest	(301)	3,124	428
Net income (loss)	105,921	148,035	20,294
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Net income attributable to			
ordinary shareholders	98 695	148,035	20 294
ordinary sharehorders		==========	
Net income/ (loss) per share			
Basic	0.9524		
Diluted	0.7454	0.6163	0.0845
Shares used in computation			
Basic	103,631,832	240,199,520	240,199,520
Diluted	142,108,460	240,199,520	240,199,520
Net income/ (loss) per ADS			
Basic	4.7618	3.0815	0.4224
Diluted	3.7268	3.0815	0.4224
ADSs used in computation			
Basic	20,726,366	48,039,904	48,039,904

The conversion in this release of Renminbi into U.S. dollars is made solely for the convenience of the reader, and is based on the noon buying rate in The City of New York for cable transfers of Renminbi as certified for customs purposes by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as of December 31, 2007, which was RMB7.2946 to US\$1.00. No representation is intended to imply that the Renminbi amounts could have been, or could be, converted, realized or settled into U.S. dollars at that rate on December 31, 2007, or at any other date. The percentages stated in this press release are calculated based on Renminbi amounts.

#### Safe Harbor Statement

This news release contains forward-looking statements, as defined under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, such as the Company's business outlook for 2008, including first quarter and full year 2008 estimates for net revenue, PV product shipments, raw materials and product prices, PV cell production capacity and gross margins. Forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties and actual results may differ materially from such estimates depending on future events and other changes in business climate and market conditions. Solarfun disclaims any obligation to update or correct this information.

#### About Solarfun

Solarfun Power Holdings Co, Ltd. manufactures both PV cells and PV modules, provides PV cell processing services to convert silicon wafers into PV cells, and supplies solar system integration services in China. Solarfun produces both monocrystalline and multicrystalline silicon cells and modules, and manufactures 100% of its modules with in-house produced PV cells. Solarfun sells its products both through third-party distributors, OEM manufacturers and directly to system integrators. Solarfun was founded in 2004 and its products have been certified to TUV and UL safety and quality standards. SOLF-G

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