

Press Release

Solar Development Inc. of Roseville, California has just completed the installation of the largest photovoltaic solar system on a commercial business in California. The system, a one mega Watt AC solar array covers an area the size of three football fields on the roof and grounds of Tony's Fine Foods in West Sacramento.

Thursday, June 27, at 11 a.m. at Tony's Fine Foods, Tony's management, PG&E, and Solar Development hosted a celebratory event to commemorate this milestone installation.

Terry Tamminen Special assistant to the Governor of California for Energy and Environmental Technologies, Kevin Davies of Solar Development Inc., and PG&E's CEO, Peter Darbee, attended the event in addition to Tony's owners and management, Solar Development management, and their subcontractors.

The solar system generates electricity to power Tony's extensive frozen and refrigerated food storage warehouse. When the solar array generates more electricity than Tony's needs it exports the electricity back to the electrical grid, causing Tony's electric meter to run backwards. Since the system was switched on earlier this month the meter has run backwards at Tony's for at least some portion of every sunny day.

Tony's Fine Foods use approximately 4 million kilo Watt Hours per year to operate their warehouse and office space. Based on annual average figures, the new solar array will generate sufficient electricity to reduce Tony's electric bills by more than \$22,000 per month.

Solar Development Inc. won this prestigious solar project in a competitive bid in the spring of 2005. Kevin Davies, the Project Manager for Solar Development, has over 30 years of engineering experience on projects all over the world and over 10 years of experience in the solar industry throughout the United States and California. Still, Kevin was thrilled with the completion of this job. Kevin said "This was the largest project we have undertaken so far, Tony's were a pleasure to work with, and our close cooperation made the project a success".

Scott Berger of Tony's Fine Foods said, "I could write a gigabyte of compliments about the work carried out by Solar Development, we are very pleased with the project".

This large solar project needed a total of 5,782 photovoltaic modules that are currently in short supply around the world. After a great deal of searching and a long period of negotiation Solar Development purchased modules from Sharp Electronics' manufacturing plant in Memphis.

Other major items of equipment purchased by Solar Development for the project included the module support structure obtained from SunLink in Larkspur California.

Solar Development subcontracted the installation services to Team Solar in McClellan to complete the job. Team Solar, headed by Rick and Angela Lavezzo have been installing solar systems since 2001.

Because the solar modules have a warranty for 25 years and the system is expected to generate electricity for many years after that, it was essential to include in the contract a new roof covering with a long life expectancy. The contract also included the cost of new energy efficient lighting for the warehouse, which further reduces electricity costs. The new roof covering was completed by Watson Roofing of Sacramento.

The contracted amount for the solar array, the new roof, and the lighting was 7 million dollars, offset by a rebate of 3.5 million dollars from the SGIP rebate provided by PG&E at the end of the project, bringing the final cost to Tony's Fine Foods to 3.5 million dollars for the solar system, the new roof and the new lighting.

For more information on Solar Development Inc. Visit their web site at www.solardevelop.com