

News Release

Xantrex™ introduces utility scale grid tie solar inverters in Italy

BERLIN, GERMANY, February 5, 2009 – Xantrex Technology Inc., a subsidiary of Schneider Electric, announces the launch of the Xantrex GT500E and the Xantrex GT250E Three Phase Grid Tie Solar Inverters for the Italian market.

These high power solar inverters are designed to meet the technical requirements of large scale applications for utilities and businesses. The 500 kilowatt (kW) Xantrex GT500E and the 250 kW Xantrex GT250E solar power inverters both use the latest switching devices to achieve industry-leading efficiency ratings. The inverters can be integrated into a 1 megawatt (MW) turnkey configuration.

“The launch of the GT500E and GT250E in Italy is an important development in our European solar strategy,” said Bernd Kohlstruck, Vice President, Wind and European Solar Business, Xantrex Technology Inc. “These products address the growing demands of the European market, and we already have substantial interest from Italian customers.”

Xantrex inverters convert the direct current (DC) energy collected by solar panels into high-quality alternating current (AC) power for use with the utility grid. The Xantrex GT500E and GT250E have obtained DK5940 approval and are listed with ENEL for use in Italy. Xantrex products offer superior performance, reliability, and efficiency. They are also easy to install, and come with a top-quality service program for large commercial and utility scale projects. Xantrex is a wholly owned subsidiary of Schneider Electric, with hundreds of megawatts installed worldwide.

For more information on Xantrex solar inverters and backup power systems, please visit www.xantrex.com/renewablesystems.

About Xantrex

Xantrex Technology Inc. (www.xantrex.com), a subsidiary of Schneider Electric, is a world leader in the development, manufacturing and marketing of advanced power electronic products and systems for the renewable and mobile power markets. The company’s products convert and control raw electrical power from any central, distributed, renewable, or backup power source into high-quality power required by electronic equipment and the electricity grid. Xantrex is headquartered in Vancouver, Canada, with facilities in the United States, Germany, Spain, and a joint venture in China.

About Schneider Electric

As a global specialist in energy management with operations in more than 100 countries, Schneider Electric offers integrated solutions across multiple market segments, including leadership positions in energy and infrastructure, industrial processes, building automation, and data centers/networks, as well as a broad presence in residential applications. Focused on making energy safe, reliable, and efficient, the company's 120,000 employees achieved sales of more than 17.3 billion euros in 2007, through an active commitment to help individuals and

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