

SMA Supplies Technology to the Largest PV Power Plant in West Africa

Niestetal/ Paris, December 03, 2018 – SMA Solar Technology AG (SMA) will supply 21 SMA Medium Voltage Power Station to the biggest PV power plant in West Africa. In Paris, representatives from SMA and Akuo Energy – France’s biggest independent producer of renewable energies – have now signed contracts. The 50 MW KITA solar farm in Mali is scheduled to be connected to the utility grid in 2019.

“We’re delighted that this project was implemented with SMA Medium Voltage Power Station,” said Boris Wolff, Executive Vice President of SMA's Utility business unit. The components of this robust container solution are perfectly harmonized and the MVPS is supplied in turnkey form to the PV power plant. It includes powerful Sunny Central inverters, perfectly coordinated medium-voltage technology and a medium-voltage switchgear for direct connection to the utility grid. The 50 MW PV power plant will make a key contribution to the energy supply in Kayes a western region of the country and promote its economic development.”

“With SMA, we have a strong partner at our side – a partner that we’ve already worked with successfully on a number of projects around the world,” said Iamena Crolla, Structuration and Execution Director at Akuo Energy. “Thanks to their longstanding, global experience, they not only offer reliable, high-quality technological solutions but they also possess the expertise required for this flagship project.”

The plan to construct the PV power plant was initiated by R20 - Regions of Climate Action, an organization founded by Arnold Schwarzenegger that supports countries, regions and initiatives all over the world in developing their own climate protection projects. Negotiations for the KITA project, which is financed by a number of African banks, lasted more than two years and were successfully concluded in October 2018. The solar power generated here will be procured by the Malian energy supplier Electricité du Mali, with which the PV power plant operator has concluded a 28-year power purchase agreement.

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commercial PV systems and large-scale PV power plants. To increase PV self-consumption efficiently, SMA system technology can easily be combined with different battery technologies. Intelligent energy management and digital energy solutions, comprehensive services and operational management of PV power plants round off SMA's range. The company is headquartered in Niestetal, near Kassel, Germany, is represented in 19 countries and has more than 3,000 employees worldwide, including 500 working in Development. SMA's multi-award-winning technology is protected by more than 1,200 patents and utility models. Since 2008, the Group's parent company, SMA Solar Technology AG, has been listed on the Prime Standard of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange (S92) and is listed in the SDAX index.

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