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Innolas and 4JET announce Cooperation – Total Solutions for Structuring and Ablation of Thin-Film Solar Cells

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German machine suppliers 4JET GmbH (Alsdorf near Aachen) and Innolas Systems GmbH (Krailling near Munich) announce a cooperation agreement.

The suppliers of machinery for mechanical and laser based processing of thin-film solar panels intend to cooperate in global sales, technical after-sales service and selected R+D programs.

Both companies have gathered an extensive track record in the thin-film industry over the past years. Innolas is a worldwide leading supplier of systems for mechanical or laser based structuring of thin-film solar panels, while 4JET has specialised on laser edge deletion, removal of contact pads and laser based drilling of solar glass. With a combined customer base of over 30 thin-film panel manufacturers on 3 continents, the companies have a solid basis for future growth. No other supplier of the relevant processes offered has such a wide range of production equipment proven in multiple installations. Solutions are offered for all dominant thin-film technologies (a-Si/ μ c-Si, CiS/CIGS and CdTe).

The cooperation will cover several areas. In selected markets, especially in some Asian countries, joint sales and service structures will be created. On a technical level, customers of Innolas and 4JET can now benefit from matching solutions for selected processing tasks, as well as unified peripherals.

About Innolas:

InnoLas Systems GmbH is specialised on laser microprocessing with a strong emphasis on the photovoltaics market. The company supplies production equipment both to manufacturers of thin-film as well as crystalline solar cells.

About 4JET

4JET develops and manufactures laser systems for treatment of technical surfaces. The company supplies laser equipment to the thin-film solar industry, as well as the tire and automotive industry. In the Alsdorf based company a team of physicists and engineers develops laser process technology as well as turnkey manufacturing equipment for industrial use.