

The Canadian solar industry applauds the Government of Saskatchewan and SaskPower's commitment to reduce emissions by targeting 50% renewable power by 2030 and taking steps to introduce utility-scale solar to the province

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Ottawa – The Canadian Solar Industries Association (CanSIA) applauds the Government of Saskatchewan and SaskPower's plan to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the province's electricity sector by limiting the use of coal and doubling the contribution of renewable sources from 25% today to 50% by 2030.

The competitive procurement of more than 60 MW of utility-scale solar beginning in 2016 and the review of the Net Metering program which enables Saskatchewan households, businesses and communities to participate in renewable energy are substantive first steps to exploring how solar energy can play a more meaningful role in the province.

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"The announcement from SaskPower is another example of the momentum that the solar energy industry is building in Canada" said John Gorman, President & CEO, Canadian Solar Industries Association. "Premier Wall has clearly demonstrated that he is on the forefront of the transition to the clean energy future with a growing number of leaders globally."

"SaskPower is focused on their customers, and they are committed to providing reliable and cost-effective electricity. The cost of solar electricity has decreased by more than 50% over the last five years and continues to decrease due to technological advancements. The province has barely even scratched the surface of their solar energy potential and when they run their competitive procurement, the price discovery will demonstrate the value that solar will bring to rate-payers for decades to come."

John Gorman, President & CEO of the Canadian Solar Industries Association

About CanSIA:

The Canadian Solar Industries Association is a national trade association that represents the solar energy industry throughout Canada. Since 1992, CanSIA has worked to develop a strong, efficient, ethical and

professional Canadian solar energy industry with capacity to provide innovative solar energy solutions and to play a major role in the global transition to a sustainable, clean-energy future.

In December 2014, CanSIA released our [Roadmap 2020](#). Implementing the objectives contained in this document will solidify solar as a mainstream energy source, and an integral part of Canada's diversified electricity mix. It will also ensure the solar electricity industry will be sustainable, with no direct subsidies, and operating in a supportive and stable policy and regulatory environment that recognizes the true value of solar.

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