Scapa wins Outstanding Achievement Supplier Award from leading solar panel manufacturer United Solar

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Scapa Group Plc. (LDN: SCPA.L) has won the Outstanding Achievement Supplier Award by United Solar, a leading global manufacturer of lightweight, flexible thin-film solar modules and a wholly owned subsidiary of Energy Conversion Devices (NASDAQ: ENER). Scapa was presented with the flagship award in recognition for its effort, dedication and support in the validation, qualification and supply of specialist bonding and film solutions used in the manufacturing process of UNI-SOLAR photovoltaic (PV) modules.

Scott Joseph, Purchasing Manager at United Solar, said “The Scapa / United Solar cross-functional team has set the benchmark in our organization for all future projects. The development teams worked very well together, and their persistence, dedication and attention to detail were pivotal in creating long-term, sustainable solutions. This team should be proud of their work and achievements.”

The specialty adhesive and film solutions designed for United Solar have resulted in improved performance and efficiency of UNI-SOLAR flexible PV modules. The award is the recognition of both companies’ partnership in successfully commercializing the next generation components to enhance their solar panels.

Michael Muchin, Global Industrial Business Unit Director, commented: “We are very proud to receive this award – and appreciate the hard work and efforts by our collective team in launching these specialty products. Being recognised by a client and partner in this way is a real achievement.”

Scapa provides adhesive, film, foam and heat seal solutions for the PV module market. The company has the expertise to develop innovative custom technologies for the demanding and constantly changing photovoltaic market beyond adhesive tape technology. In the most challenging applications, where components must endure more than twenty years in high temperatures and all kinds of environmental attacks, Scapa has consistently developed superior bonding and sealing solutions that allow solar companies to improve their overall performance and warranties.

Scapa has a full range of products, including junction box mounting, edge sealing tapes, and cell positioning tapes, as well as cable management and adhesives used for internal bonding or frame mounting. Scapa’s products maintain their performance during exposure to heat, cold and humidity. The products are regularly tested, and backed up by industry standards including IEC 61215:2005, IEC 61646 and UL 746C (UL 1703).
About Scapa Group plc
Scapa is a worldwide leading manufacturer of bonding products and adhesive components for applications in the medical, electronics, industrial and automotive markets. Scapa works closely with leading global partners in its target markets, developing specialised adhesive tape bonding solutions for OEM’s, distributors and consumers. To contact Scapa, please send an email to marketing@scapa.com
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About Energy Conversion Devices/United Solar
Energy Conversion Devices (ECD) (NASDAQ: ENER) is a leader in building-integrated and rooftop photovoltaic’s. The company manufactures, sells and installs thin-film solar laminates that convert sunlight to clean, renewable energy using proprietary technology. ECD’s UNI-SOLAR® brand products are unique because of their flexibility, light weight, ease of installation, durability, and real-world efficiency. The company also designs, manufactures and installs rooftop photovoltaic systems, which enable customers to transform unused space on the rooftop into a value-generating asset. In addition, ECD’s Ovonic Materials Division is the pioneer in NiMH battery technology, and is developing low cost fuel cells, hydrogen production from bioreformation, and hydrogen storage technologies. For more information, please visit energyconversiondevices.com.