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Solar Energy Leader MiaSole Participates in Chevron's Project Brightfield Solar Installation

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SANTA CLARA, Calif., March 22, 2010 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ ----MiaSole, a leading manufacturer of Copper Indium Gallium Selenide (CIGS) thin-film photovoltaic solar panels, today announced the installation of thin-film modules providing 200 kW of power at Project Brightfield, a 740KW solar energy demonstration facility owned by Chevron Corporation at their former refinery site near Bakersfield, California.

Project Brightfield brings together seven emerging solar photovoltaic companies for the testing and evaluation of 7,700 solar panels, making it one of the most comprehensive sites in the United States. The site will measure the amount of energy produced by each solar technology and monitor how weather elements - such as temperature, rain, wind and humidity - affect the panels' performance.

"Solar energy is one of the most cost effective, efficient sources of energy on earth and we are pleased to be a part of a project that shows not only the power of solar energy, but also how efficient and reliable MiaSole's CIGS thin film solar technology is," said Joe Laia, CEO of MiaSole.

The project is a milestone for MiaSole, marking the company's first commercial project in California.

MiaSole's CIGS thin-film photovoltaic solar panels convert 10.5% of sunlight into electricity and have some of the highest efficiency rates for thin film solar technology in the world. The products are designed specifically for large-scale rooftop and ground mount installations for utilities, independent power providers and industrial scale deployments.

About MiaSole

MiaSole is a pioneer and leading developer of Copper Indium Gallium Selenide (CIGS) thin-film photovoltaic solar panels, one of the lowest-cost, highest efficiency solar panels in the world. MiaSole's primary mission is to advance the extraordinary potential for harnessing solar power as a competitive, sustainable energy source and enable grid parity by 2012. Based in California, MiaSole currently operates two manufacturing facilities with plans to open a third facility in 2010.

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