



Akuo Energy, the French Caisse des Dépôts, Solaire France International, Solaire France and the Pool Centrale Solaire Saint Charles International have completed financing of the largest roof integrated photovoltaic power plant in the world.

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In May 2009, French company Saint Charles Solaire will commence construction of the largest roof-integrated photovoltaic power plant in the world, located in Perpignan, France. The power plant will be integrated into the roofs of the warehouses of Saint Charles International, which is a leading European hub of fruit and vegetables distribution, transportation and logistics.

Once the construction phase is complete, the roofs of the logistics center will be integrated with approximately 95,000 innovative solar tiles. In this way, the roof of the logistics center will become a power plant with a generation capacity of 9 Megawatts of power, accounting for almost 10% of the power consumption requirements of Perpignan.

The full construction of the roof-integrated solar plant will last 30 months, but the plant will be put into service in phases, with the first phase already going into operation in early 2010.

The Project was conceived and developed by French company Solaire France, and the St. Charles Solaire project recently closed its financing with a total investment of 56,350,000 €. The project is owned by a consortium of groups, including Akuo Energy (53%), Caisse des Dépôts (22%), Solaire France International (15%), Solaire France (5%), Pool Centrale Solaire Saint Charles International (5%)

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