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To Whom It May Concern

SOLARWATT GmbH is a 28 year old company based in Dresden, Germany. We are the market leader for glass-glass solar panels, which we produce in our own factory in Dresden.

All of our employees work under German labour law, which is considered to be amongst the most social in the world. In addition, we comply with European environmental standards that are amongst the strictest in the world. To ensure these environmental, social and high quality standards in our production site in Dresden, we have an integrated management system, which includes the following certifications: ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management, ISO 14001:2015 Environmental Management, ISO 45001:2018 Occupational Health and Safety Management and ISO 50001: 2018 Energy Management.

We are competing in a system of free trade. So free in fact, that products which are imported into the European Union do not have any obligation to comply to the same social standards that we impose on ourselves, for which we pay taxes and many other costs that relate to the way we have built up our society and its related values. The more one moves away from these standards, the cheaper products become. The further away, the more difficult it is to verify. Of course this doesn't only apply to the solar industry.

A lack of political support for the European solar industry caused this innovative sector to collapse. In the past decade, the solar industry moved almost entirely to China. Solar cells are almost solely available from China. The European solar industry almost vanished, from a world leadership position held less than 10 years ago. This happened because all solar components were considered equally sustainable, and the price was the main driver over years. Only recently is this being questioned. Labour conditions and CO₂ emissions related to the production are becoming more important differentiators in the eyes of the general public.

This is why investments in European manufacturing are increasing again, and SOLARWATT is also investing in new capacity, new jobs and increased sustainability for the solar industry. Since last year, SOLARWATT established the position of a Corporate Social Responsibility Manager within the company in order to further advance ecological and social aspects and to establish them in SOLARWATT's core business.

As a European manufacturer, we comply with European and German law and respect all human rights. **We at SOLARWATT clearly distance ourselves from forced labour and any abuse of human rights.** Currently SOLARWATT does not have any direct suppliers from Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region. To ensure high quality products and labour conditions, SOLARWATT performs regular monitoring of its direct suppliers.

In addition to our internal efforts, we are active in stakeholder forums to address these topics. Among others Solarwatt is a member of SolarPower Europe and regularly participates in the Sustainability Workstream, in which a Solar Sustainability Best Practices report, including a section on forced labour, has just been worked out.

SOLARWATT strives to be one of the leading, most trusted, providers of innovative and reliable solar panel solutions. We are committed to achieving excellence with sustainable products.


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