

# STEAG solar power continues to grow under the Spanish sun

SENS constructs a further 180 MWp in Andalusia

**Würzburg/Almeria. In the sunny country of Spain photovoltaics is to be given a massive boost - this was the goal set at the end of 2018 by the Spanish government, which then created the legal framework for its implementation. Würzburg's STEAG Solar Energy Solutions (SENS) GmbH, part of the STEAG Group since the summer of 2019, is supporting this strategic course towards a green energy future and is now once again involved in a major photovoltaic project in the south of Spain.**

In the Andalusian region of Almeria four ground-mounted solar parks with a total installed capacity of 180 megawatts (MWp) are to be constructed under the project name "Tinosa". This continues the successful development of the Madrid-based SENS subsidiary STEAG Solar Energy Solutions Iberica. The contract includes the planning and construction of turnkey installations and the associated 220 kilovolt (kV) grid connection. The PV parks will be built in a consortium with the project developer Aurinka International.

## Start of construction summer and autumn 2020

If the measures to combat the coronavirus pandemic permit this, construction of the first solar park will start in the second quarter of 2020. Two further parks are expected to follow in the autumn of this year, with construction work on the last section scheduled to start in the spring of 2021. Thanks to the geographical location of the sites, the yield forecasts are extremely promising. The plants will feed a total of over 380,000 megawatt hours (MWh) of electricity into the grid each year. In purely mathematical terms, this is roughly equivalent to the annual electricity consumption of almost 110,000 households.

## Experienced in the Spanish market

The experts at SENS are not unfamiliar with the Spanish market - on the contrary, the company has been operating there since 2007 in both engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) contracting and in operation and maintenance. Since 2018 SENS has also placed a strong focus on its own

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development of PV projects: "We have always believed in the market, even in the difficult times, and are now all the more pleased that developments are picking up speed again," says SENS Managing Director André Kremer.

The Spanish market for renewable energies has seen a lot of change since the relevant royal decree was issued in 2018. Far-reaching liberalisation and the ambitious goals of the National Energy and Climate Plan have made a significant contribution to making the market more dynamic.

#### **Further representative office opened in Madrid**

SENS is also experiencing this growing demand both in the key account business and in the industrial customer sector, as well as in the internal-consumption field. In addition to EPC contracts, the company is currently also working on its own developments. SENS has recently strengthened its Spanish base with a further office in Seville, and the local team is growing steadily. Looking towards the future André Kremer states: "We are delighted to be able to continue our Iberian success story with this new project. At the moment, further projects are coming up and we expect to have installed around 500 MW in Spain by the end of 2021 - mostly based on our own developments".

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#### **About STEAG**

For more than 80 years STEAG has represented efficient and reliable power generation, both in Germany and internationally. As experienced partners we provide our customers with comprehensive support on all aspects of energy supplies. We plan, develop, implement, operate and market highly efficient power plants and their ancillary products. In addition to customised solutions relating to the supply of electricity and heating, we also offer a wide range of energy services.

#### **About STEAG Energy Services**

With more than 2,000 employees from 30 nations, STEAG Energy Services (SES) is a leading international service provider in the field of power generation plants. SES combines the know-how of an engineering company with the expertise of a software house specialising in IT solutions for power facilities and can look back on 40 years of experience. On behalf of its customers, SES operates and optimises power generation plants based on thermal and renewable sources with a total capacity of 7,300 megawatts (MW) and provides operational management support for a further 3,600 MW worldwide.

#### **About SENS – STEAG Solar Energy Solutions**

Based in Würzburg, SENS – STEAG Solar Energy Solutions – is a company with worldwide operations in the field of renewable energy. Its range of services includes the development and construction of turnkey solar parks, the maintenance and operational management of PV systems and the implementation of energy solutions for commerce and industry - such as rooftop PV systems, e-charging stations and energy storage systems. SENS has been part of the STEAG Group since July 2019 and employs approx. 170 people at seven locations in Germany and abroad.