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**CREATING JOBS: SOLAR MARKET SECTOR INVESTMENT ON THE RISE IN THE WINDSOR-ESSEX REGION**

Windsor and Essex County- Friday, June 26, 2009 –The WindsorEssex Development Commission (WEDC) is pleased to announce that Green Sun Rising (GSR) and Manor Tool & Die, both local Windsor-Essex based companies, have entered into a cooperation agreement with HUCH, a leading solar storage tank manufacturer from Germany. This partnership is a result of participation by the WindsorEssex Development Commission at the European Solar Thermal Energy Conference 2009 (ESTEC), and Intersolar Trade Fair in Germany last month.

“The solar industry in Windsor-Essex is positioned to grow significantly, due to favorable environmental conditions, changes in government policies, and the manufacturing capabilities in the Windsor-Essex region,” said Patrick Persichilli, Vice President of the WEDC.

Thomas Huch, Managing Partner of HUCH in Windsor-Essex today for the announcement said, “We are very proud to be a leading provider of solar storage tanks to the European and Asian markets and we believe that there are tremendous opportunities in Canada, and in North America.”

“Together, we have reached an agreement to form a jointly owned company for the local development and production of solar storage tanks for the Canadian and US market. The cooperation between the three companies will create a win-win situation for everyone, and will bring local jobs to Windsor-Essex as the solar market grows,” says Huch.

Klaus Dohring, owner of Green Sun Rising explained, “This new company will use the existing infrastructure and manufacturing capabilities at Manor Tool & Die to incubate and grow the new joint venture. There exist a tremendous amount of synergy in what each partner is bringing to this new project, and we expect this company to grow and to develop into a sizable stand-alone organization.”

Additionally, the WEDC is pleased to announce that scn energy AG, a German solar photovoltaic company, and Green Sun Rising have entered into an agreement, to jointly form, own and operate a new company, scn energy America (scnA), which will be headquartered in Windsor to offer photovoltaic solar systems solutions in North America.

WindsorEssex Development Commission has been actively pursuing renewable energy opportunities, and sees the region becoming a major renewable energy hub in North America. “Our regional assets including our geographical location, excellent logistics infrastructure, the availability of a highly skilled workforce and our proximity to the US market is a huge competitive advantage.” Says Rakesh Naidu, Director of Business Attraction for the WEDC.

The Ontario Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure’s recent announcement of the Green Energy Act and the proposed Feed-In-Tariff program has resulted in several global renewable energy companies considering starting operations in Ontario. WEDC is proactively working with these companies to capitalize on these possible investment opportunities and are very excited to help position our local manufacturing companies for diversification into this growing sector.

These two new partnerships are expected to create in excess of fifty new jobs over the next two years in the Windsor-Essex region.

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