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OYA SOLAR BREAKS GROUND ON FIRST UTILITY SCALE ROOFTOP SOLAR PROJECT IN WINDSOR-ESSEX AND ANNOUNCES NEW MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS

Windsor and Essex County, Friday, November 20, 2009 – OYA Solar (OYA), a Windsor based renewable energy developer, held a reception today to break ground on its first utility-scale rooftop solar project in the Windsor-Essex region. OYA, a subsidiary of US based OYA Ventures LLC, designs, develops and operates solar energy projects that promote economic development across the globe. Having recently opened its Canadian Headquarters in Windsor, OYA will invest US \$180 million over the next two years to develop 30 Megawatts of rooftop solar power as part of its “Green Skies” program. To accomplish this, OYA has committed to working with a limited number of building owners and property developers in Southwestern Ontario.

Today, OYA announced Champion Products (Champion), a leading Windsor based industrial and janitorial products company, as one of its first “Green Skies” partners. Through the program, OYA will lease Champion’s rooftop space for a 20-year period in order to install, operate and maintain a 250 kW rooftop solar facility. “Champion has always maintained its commitment to the environment through our Enviro-Chem line of cleaning products as well as our packaging reduction initiatives. Partnering with OYA to develop a solar rooftop project gives us the opportunity to contribute to the growth of renewable energy and economic development in Windsor,” said Ashok Sood, President of Champion Products.

The groundbreaking ceremony unveiled OYA’s own 100 kW rooftop project, the first of 60 to 80 installations expected by OYA in the Windsor area over the next 12 months. The unveiling follows a recent launch of a 3.6 kW test system developed by OYA to collect regional data and test the product. OYA expects construction on its 100 kW system to begin in the first week of December.

OYA also announced strategic partnerships with the world's leading solar project developer, Conergy Inc, as well as Empire Roofing and Canadian Joist and Deck. Manish Nayar, Managing Partner at OYA Solar said, "Along with the announcement of our strategic partnerships, we are pleased to launch our subsidiary company today, Polar Racking Inc (PR). PR will exclusively focus its manufacturing operations in Windsor to assemble Solar Panel Mounting Systems. We expect that these partnerships will create 75-100 new jobs in the Windsor-Essex region. This is a historic moment for our company, the City of Windsor, and Ontario."

OYA is pleased to be making this announcement in partnership with the WindsorEssex Development Commission (WEDC). Patrick Persichilli, Vice President of the WEDC commented, "We are very excited and welcome today's announcement by OYA, and believe that renewable energy, particularly the solar energy sector, will play a major role in diversifying our regional economy. We will continue to work with companies like OYA to position the Windsor-Essex region as a leader in renewable energy technology and infrastructure."

The ceremony was attended by over 100 guests representing local business leaders, city officials and the media.

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