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WindsorEssex Economic Development Corporation Welcomes New Solar Components firm to the Windsor-Essex Region

Windsor and Essex County, Saturday, April 3, 2010- –The WindsorEssex Economic Development Corporation (WEEDC) announced today that **Schletter GmbH**, Solar Mounting Systems, a leading German-based renewable energy component manufacturing company specializing in the manufacture and distribution of solar mounting systems has chosen the Windsor-Essex region as a location for their new manufacturing facility. Schletter Canada Inc. has secured a manufacturing location in the City of Windsor, with plans to start ramping up their operation by mid-May.

This expansion is required to best service the growing demand for Schletter's solar mounting systems. The Canadian office expands the company's ability to offer local sales and distribution support services to its fast growing base of customers and prospects in Canada. In addition, the expansion will allow Schletter to more easily support their clients' needs, and meet local-content requirements as a result of Ontario's feed-in-tariff program. Schletter plans to hire local employees to work in the operations centre, which will house manufacturing, order fulfillment, customization and customer care services.

"We are extremely pleased to be announcing that our newest manufacturing facility will be located in the Windsor-Essex region. The region's highly skilled workforce, its proximity to the United States, and the Province of Ontario's Green Energy Act all contributed to this important business decision," said Ryan Kelly, General Manager of Schletter Canada Inc.

"We are thrilled to welcome Schletter and their investment to the City of Windsor. Schletter GmbH is an internationally recognized leader in the manufacturing of components for the solar industry. What makes this announcement even more significant is that this is one of the first investments by a European solar mounting systems manufacturer in the Province, and we look forward to continuing to support their growth and success in this market," said City of Windsor Mayor, Eddie Francis.

According to Ron Gaudet, CEO of the WindsorEssex Economic Development Corporation, "This is a further sign of how Ontario's Green Energy Act and feed-in-tariff program, as well as the Windsor-Essex region's highly capable workforce, and competitive business environment can be leveraged to take advantage of the growth in the renewable energy manufacturing sector. This is an important part of the supply chain development process."

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ABOUT US – The WindsorEssex Development Commission provides valuable services to the Windsor-Essex Region by attracting new business, capital investment and other assessment and employment-creating enterprises. We strive to aid in the strengthening, diversification and growth of existing business and maintain an attractive business and economic environment through constant contact with the appropriate government agencies and community groups to promote our region as a desirable location. Please visit www.choosewindsorsex.com to learn more.

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About Schletter

Schletter is an internationally recognized manufacturer of solar mounting systems, and has a long history as an industry pioneer, since its founding, by Mr. Ludwig Schletter, Sr. in 1968. Their world headquarters is located in Kirchdorf, Germany, and today, Mr. Ludwig Schletter, Jr., continuing in his Father's footsteps, overseeing all company operations.

Schletter operations encompass over 40-years in the design and manufacturing of steel and aluminum products, and rose to be the largest provider of solar mounting systems in Europe, supplying utility-sized PV-projects. In the last 4-years, over 1000 employees have designed, developed and produced PV-racks for more than 4.5 GW of installed module capacity on roofs and ground mounted systems. In addition to solar mounting systems, Schletter produces exhibition stand and booth designs; sales promotion systems; products for the railway, car, and bus industry; light box advertising systems; profile designs for special uses; as well as many other applications in aluminum.

In 2008, armed with its long history and success as an industry pioneer, Schletter expanded its global footprint to the United States, and selected Tucson, Arizona, as the home for our first US operations and manufacturing facility. The commitment to the continuing quality is one of the cornerstones of their business, and they are committed to developing products and services that have technological and market leadership, and consistently strive to focus on meeting and exceeding their customer's and partner's needs.

Schletter solar mounting solutions are designed as a modular unit assembly system, with universally applicable high-value components (aluminum / stainless steel) and usually enable installers to install any modules in almost any mounting situation.

For more information visit: www.schletter.ca