

Contract Manufacturer Samco Solar Announces New Ontario facility

Ontario Premier McGuinty celebrates opening and creation of new green jobs

Toronto, Ontario – May 17th, 2011 – [Samco Solar](#), a leading Canadian mounting systems and module accessories contract manufacturer for the Solar PV Industry, announced today that it has opened a new 35,000 sqft manufacturing and warehousing facility in Scarborough, Ontario to support the expanding Ontario and North American solar markets as part of its ongoing growth strategy.

Premier Hon. Dalton McGuinty, who initiated the creation of the Green Energy Act in Ontario, was accompanied by Ontario Energy Minister Brad Duguid to inaugurate the facility, which brings Samco Solar's Ontario footprint to 155,000 sqft.

"We have literally doubled our workforce this year as a result of the McGuinty government's vision to create the Green Energy Act" said Bob Repovs, President and COO of [Samco Machinery Ltd.](#) "It helped rejuvenate our business from a global equipment supplier, focused on the automotive and construction industries, to a Green company".

Since the launch of the Solar Division in November 2009, annual capacity has tripled each year culminating with today's announcement of 175 MW of capacity for fabrication of steel and aluminum products for residential, commercial, institutional and utility solar PV projects.

"The FIT and Micro-FIT programs have allowed us to secure numerous contracts with Canadian, US and European companies with racking and tracking systems solutions. They were looking for a strong and reliable partner able to manufacture their products domestically but also export them cost competitively to the US market" added David Pichard, General Manager and VP Global Business Development.

"All these people have their jobs because of the Green Energy plan. This business now relies on 23 Ontario-based suppliers. If you'd talk to each of those suppliers, you will find out how many people found jobs because of this particular business," said the Ontario Premier at the inaugural event. "I'm very proud of what you're doing here and I want to encourage you, keep driving it forward," concluded McGuinty to the 140 employees gathered with Samco's partners, suppliers as well as representatives from CanSIA (Canadian Solar Industries Association) and OSEA (Ontario Sustainable Energy Association).

About Samco Solar

Samco Solar is a leading turnkey fabricator of PV solar mounting systems and module accessories for rooftop and ground-mounted applications. Services include product development support, procurement, manufacturing, logistics and project management. Leveraging forty years of international experience in leading edge and high precision roll forming, stamping, bending, machining and fastening technologies, Samco Solar seeks partners interested in having steel and aluminum mounting and framing solutions manufactured and delivered just-in-time to the highest quality standards.

Samco Solar is a division of Samco Machinery Ltd., a global ISO:9001 certified company incorporated in 1972 and headquartered in Toronto, Ontario, with established manufacturing capabilities in Canada, the United States, Germany, the United Kingdom and India. Samco Solar is a corporate sponsor of CanSIA.

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Upcoming 2011 Events

Samco Solar will be represented at Intersolar Europe (Munich), Intersolar NA (San Francisco), Solar Power International (Dallas), Solar Canada (Toronto) and Intersolar India (Mumbai).