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A Note from John Gorman CanSIA President & CEO

Best wishes to everyone for a prosperous and happy new year.



January was a busy time at CanSIA while we worked with a new Board of Directors to strategize and prioritize for the year ahead. We are very fortunate to again have a very high caliber group of individuals to govern our Association ([visit our website to see who sits on the Board in 2015](#)) through 2015 which will be a year of continued positive change and growth.

Each month I speak at conferences and events to spread the word about the exciting opportunities that solar energy provides. Last Friday, I delivered a presentation "[Low Capital Costs and Cost of Capital for Utility-Scale Solar: Implications for Developers, Lenders and Political and Regulatory Decision-Makers](#)" at the 6th annual Canadian Power Finance Conference in Toronto. My key message was that solar is becoming the dominant source of new electricity generation globally and Canada will be no exception. In February,

I'll be sharing this message also with key political decision-makers in provinces across Canada. I'll let you know how it goes in the coming weeks.

Please read on for some other policy, regulatory and market updates:

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Kindest regards,
John Gorman

CITT determines module Dumping case will proceed

On February 3rd, the Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT) determined that there is enough evidence for the Anti-dumping and Subsidizing Case against China to go ahead. Pursuant to the import legislation (Special Import Measures Act, subsection 37.1(1)), the CITT found that imports from China have caused or are threatening to cause injury to the Canadian Industry.

This is a significant decision towards the imposition of antidumping and subsidizing duties, which at preliminary stage will be known 30 days from today. Any potential antidumping and subsidizing duty may be retroactive to the date of the commencement of the, "Preliminary decision of dumping / subsidization."

For further information, read the CITT's "[Preliminary Determination of Injury](#)", their [news release](#) here and [coverage in the media](#). CanSIA will continue to keep members advised of developments as they become publically available.

Politics and Elections in Alberta

The Government of Alberta has seen some politically turbulent times of late and an early election during the first half of 2015 is becoming increasingly likely. Premier Prentice is known to be reviewing a special report on the province's Climate Change Strategy whose renewal is likely to now be launched in mid-2015 following continued industry consultation. CanSIA is working to identify and implement a strategy in response to these new dynamics which will include a campaign to encourage messaging on solar and renewable energy in the Progressive Conservative's election platform. First step: understand the political dynamics. [A presentation delivered by IMPACT Consulting](#) to CanSIA's Alberta Working Group sets the scene.



IESO Enhances microFIT and FIT Programs in Ontario

CanSIA has made two submissions to the Independent Electricity System Operator in response to their recent Discussion Papers on potential enhancements to the province's microFIT and FIT programs which will lead to up to 290 MW

of solar (≤ 500 kW) being procured in 2015. In each case, CanSIA consulted widely with Members and relevant stakeholders to make robust representations. CanSIA will continue to communicate our positions broadly to industry and Government and will advocate strongly for our recommendations to be accepted. Preparations for further consultations on the transition to net-metering and of the renewal of the Long Term Energy Plan scheduled both later in 2015 are also

beginning to take place. CanSIA's Queen's Park Day on May 25th will be instrumental in communicating all of these areas of activity to elected officials. Read the [FIT Program Enhancements](#) and [microFIT Program Enhancements](#) submissions.

Ontario's Large Renewable Procurement Continues to Advance

Ontario's Large Renewable Procurement which will procure 140 MW of utility-scale solar later this year in a competitive process continues to advance with the release of the program's documentation expected following final consultation in the coming weeks. The IESO recently held stakeholder sessions in January and the [archived sessions may be viewed online](#).



Newfoundland and Labrador Consider Net-Metering Policy

The Department of Natural Resources, Government of Newfoundland & Labrador have recently released a report prepared by Navigant Consulting Ltd entitled Net-Metering Industry Practices Study. The report includes a jurisdictional review of Net-Metering in all Canadian provinces and territories and six US states, as well as a high level review of international experience and considerations for a Net-Metering policy for the province.

[The report may be viewed on the Department's website.](#)



Determining the Future of Nova Scotia's Electricity System

The Government of Nova Scotia is currently undertaking a review through which Nova Scotians will help determine the future of the province's electricity system. The review is currently in its initial phase where technical studies have been published for review and comment. The report on emerging technologies covers presents information on the perceived value and status of solar in the province in comparison to other renewable energy technologies.

[The report may be viewed on the Department's website.](#)

CanSIA Reaches Out for Annual PV & ST Market Data

On behalf of Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) and the CanSIA, we are inviting you to [participate in the 2014 Canadian submission to the International Energy Agency's \(IEA\) Photovoltaic Power Systems Programme \(PVPS\)](#).

ClearSky Advisors are currently undertaking the Survey of Active Solar Thermal Collectors on behalf of NRCan. The questionnaire can be completed through a telephone interview, [online](#) or using a [document version](#). Contact: Julia Simone,



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