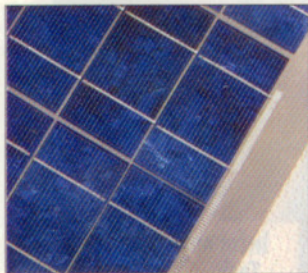


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Sanyo Building Solar Plant in Oregon



Sanyo North America Corporation, a subsidiary of Japan-based electronics giant Sanyo Electric Company Ltd., will invest \$80 million to construct a 860,000-

square-foot solar cell factory in Salem, Oregon. At least 200 jobs are expected at the new facility, which is expected to reach full operations in April 2010. *The Oregonian* newspaper reports that incentives offered to the company could reach \$40 million in tax credits over a two-year period, as well as discounted land costs, road improvements worth at least \$1 million, worker training and equipment grants, and a five-year exemption on property taxes.

International >>

Tata Abandons "Cheap Car" Plant

The Tata Group of India has abandoned a nearly completed factory in Singur, on the outskirts of Kolkata, that was slated to produce the world's least expensive car. Agence France-Presse reports that Rajan Tata, the company's CEO, told a news conference that weeks of violent demonstrations triggered by a dispute over land costs had become unmanageable:

"You cannot run a plant with police protection, you cannot run a plant when bombs are being thrown, you cannot run a plant when workers are being intimidated." The protests have been spearheaded by a regional leader who accuses the state of West Bengal's government of forcing farmers to give up their land for a low price so that the factory could be built. The company says it plans to relocate the factory to the more business-friendly state of Gujarat and that production will be delayed until early 2009, with the first vehicles coming out of other Tata Motors facilities.



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Aerospace Firm Takes Off in Arizona

Orbital Sciences Corporation, a manufacturer of space vehicles for commercial, military, and civil government entities, will expand its launch vehicle production facilities in Chandler, Arizona. Company officials say they plan to build an 82,000-square-foot office building adjacent to its current manufacturing facility that will have space for 330 workers, some of whom will be moved from current sites in the area. The expansion will ultimately bring the Virginia-headquartered company's facilities in Chandler to 232,000 square feet with capacity for 2,200 employees, nearly double the current work force. Construction is scheduled to begin later this month, with occupancy planned for sometime in late 2009. No information was released regarding financial investment or incentives.



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Food Maker Growing in New York

Friendship Dairies LLC, a manufacturer of cultured and pasteurized dairy products, will expand its plant in Friendship, New York, according to *Buffalo Business First*. The company will add 40 new jobs to its existing payroll of 218 employees, extending its operation to two full five-day-per-week shifts. Plans are to add 27,000 square feet to the manufacturing facility, renovate an additional 7,000 square feet, and invest more than \$3 million in new machinery and equipment. Friendship Dairies is a subsidiary of Texas-headquartered Dean Foods. Incentives offered to the company include a \$200,000 capital grant from the state.

