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Sanyo to increase production capacity for solar modules

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San Diego, Calif. — [Sanyo North America](#), Sanyo Electric Co., Ltd.'s regional headquarters for the North American market, has announced plans to increase the production capacity of solar modules at its Mexico Monterrey factory by nearly 2.5 times the current amount. This will expand the plant's annual production capacity of 20 megawatts (MW) to 50 MW for the HIT solar module assemblies.

The increase in production targets rising demand for solar power in the North American market. Operations are expected to start in December, reaching full capacity within this fiscal year (FY).

Sanyo also continues to augment its facilities with advanced production equipment and is constructing new facilities for future growth in response to increasing market demand, to reach the goals set to more than double its annual production capacity from the current level of 260 MW to at least 600 MW by the close of FY 2010.

Sanyo is also accelerating efforts to increase production of its HIT photovoltaic modules to meet requirements in three major markets: Japan, the United States, and Europe.

In addition to today's announced production increase at the Mexico Monterrey Plant, Sanyo previously announced plans to more than double its solar ingot and wafer production capacity, fundamental components of the HIT solar cell, by building a new plant in Salem, Oregon.