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# Meyer Burger solar modules successfully certified according to important standards IEC 61215 and IEC 61730

- Meyer Burger receives certification for all its solar module products from VDE Renewables
- Meyer Burger's high-performance solar modules show significantly lower degradation compared to market standard
- To promote quality leadership of European solar modules, Meyer Burger and VDE agree on close partnership
- Test laboratory commissioned at Freiberg site for continuous quality assurance

The high-performance solar modules manufactured by Meyer Burger Technology Ltd in Germany have received their necessary certifications as planned. The process included testing according to IEC 61215 and IEC 61730 standards and was conducted by the internationally recognized certification partner VDE Renewables ("VDE").

"With the certification measurements, we were able to determine that Meyer Burger's modules exhibited significantly lower degradation when measured against the market standard," said VDE Managing Director Burkhard Holder. In addition to the products, the VDE also audited Meyer Burger's solar module production facilities at the Freiberg (Saxony) site. Holder: "This audit as well confirmed Meyer Burger's internationally leading quality standard."

For future quality assurance and certification, Meyer Burger has now also selected VDE as a partner for further global cooperation. "The key criteria for selecting VDE have been its high level of expertise and reliability as well as its high level of recognition among financial institutions and insurance companies," said Gunter Erfurt, CEO of Meyer Burger Technology Ltd. "This high recognition of VDE among financing partners for solar projects is essential for Meyer Burger, as it facilitates our planned entry into the business in the solar power plant segment." Another key unique selling point of VDE's holistic approach to renewable energy is its focus on sustainability and recyclability of products, he said.

Together, Meyer Burger and VDE want to work towards even higher quality and reliability standards for the benefit of end customers of solar modules worldwide and thereby contribute to fair competitive conditions. In this way, Meyer Burger would like to defend its quality leadership, which it has already proven as a technology supplier, in module production as well.

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Meyer Burger has also acquired the assets of the former central laboratory for quality assurance of solar modules of Solarworld AG in Freiberg and has taken it back into operation. This fully equipped quality assurance laboratory will become part of the network of premium laboratories qualified worldwide by the VDE. This will enable Meyer Burger to continuously ensure the highest quality standards worldwide and achieve high speed and flexibility in the introduction and continuous improvement of its products.

Operating its own fully accredited quality assurance laboratory is virtually unique in the industry and underscores Meyer Burger's claim to quality leadership. CEO Gunter Erfurt: "I am very much looking forward to the close cooperation with the VDE. Also, we will be able to demonstrate our high quality standards even better to our customers in the future during visits to our quality assurance laboratory."

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### About Meyer Burger Technology Ltd

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Meyer Burger is starting production of high-performance solar cells and solar modules in 2021. Its proprietary heterojunction/SmartWire technology enables the company to set new industry standards in terms of energy yield. With solar cells and modules developed in Switzerland and manufactured in Germany according to high sustainability standards, Meyer Burger aims to become a leading European photovoltaic company. The company currently employs around 600 people at research facilities in Switzerland, development and manufacturing sites in Germany and sales offices in Europe, the USA and Asia.

Meyer Burger was founded in 1953 in Switzerland. As a provider of production systems, the company has shaped the development of the global photovoltaic industry along the entire value chain in recent

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decades and has set essential industry standards. A large part of the solar modules produced worldwide today are based on technologies developed by Meyer Burger.

The registered shares of Meyer Burger Technology Ltd are listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (ticker: MBTN).

## About VDE and VDE Renewables

VDE, one of the largest technology organizations in Europe, has stood for innovation and technological progress for more than 125 years. VDE is the only organization in the world that combines science, standardization, testing, certification and application consulting under one roof. For 100 years, the VDE symbol has been synonymous with the highest safety standards and consumer protection. We are committed to promoting research and young talent and to lifelong learning with on-the-job training opportunities. 2,000 employees at over 60 locations worldwide, more than 100,000 volunteer experts and around 1,500 companies are shaping a future worth living in the VDE network. The headquarters of VDE (Verband der Elektrotechnik Elektronik und Informationstechnik e.V.) is in Frankfurt am Main.

VDE Renewables offers services for quality assurance in the energy sector. Together with customers and partners, VDE Renewables brings renewable energy projects to fruition. VDE Renewables ensures that the criteria for bankability, investability and insurability are met. For this purpose, VDE Renewables offers neutral certifications and audits as well as technical due diligence and independent/owner's engineering services.