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**INDUSTRY PROWESS RESULTS IN MAJOR SOLAR INVESTMENT  
FROM SCIENCE FOUNDATION ARIZONA**

***TÜV Rheinland PTL Offers Comprehensive Facility  
for Testing & Certification of Solar Energy Equipment***

TEMPE, AZ/June 16, 2009 — TÜV Rheinland PTL is the leading test organization for photovoltaic (PV) technology worldwide, providing testing for more than 60% of the PV technology on the market today. The company's unique joint venture with Arizona State University (ASU) – TÜV Rheinland PTL – has been selected as one of five entities among Science Foundation Arizona's (SFAz) most recent solar investments.

“This investment demonstrates that Science Foundation Arizona recognizes the professional capabilities and scientific acumen of TÜV Rheinland PTL and in our ability to enhance the position of the solar industry in Arizona by offering unique services and creating job opportunities,” said Dr. Govindasamy Tamizhmani (Dr. Mani), President of TÜV Rheinland PTL.

TÜV Rheinland PTL was chosen to receive this support as part of a larger SFAz program called PEPER, Photovoltaic Environmental Performance and Reliability for the Arizona-Wide Electric Grid. The program partners include Arizona State University, the University of Arizona and TÜV Rheinland PTL along with a number of other industry organizations and government entities. PEPER's goal is to help identify better performing solar products and address industry testing and certification barriers related to the market introduction of solar products.

TÜV Rheinland PTL is a comprehensive, state-of-the-art facility for testing and certification of solar equipment worldwide, facilitating full-scale PV testing and certification across the entire component chain of photovoltaic systems.

### **About TÜV Rheinland PTL, LLC**

Based in Tempe, Arizona, TÜV Rheinland PTL, LLC is a leading provider of safety and performance testing, and market certification serving every sector of the photovoltaic marketplace, from the supply chain through installation. TÜV Rheinland PTL is a unique partnership between Arizona State University, an institution with more than 50 years of research on solar energy and extensive solar testing know-how, and TÜVRheinland®, a \$1.5 billion global provider of independent testing, assessment, and certification services. With an international network across six continents, TÜVRheinland® maintains the largest network of Solar Energy Laboratories worldwide, with five major laboratories on three continents. For more information, visit [www.tuvptl.com](http://www.tuvptl.com).

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