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Despatch Industries Reveals New Dual Lane UltraFlex(TM) Firing Furnace at Photovoltaic Technology Show

Minneapolis, Minn., U.S.A. – March 25, 2010- Despatch Industries, a leading process technology provider for the solar industry, will be exhibiting at the upcoming Photovoltaic Technology Show. The show takes place April 27-29 in Stuttgart, Germany. Despatch's exhibit will be located in Hall 6, Stand G2.

At the exhibition, Despatch will be featuring their latest innovative product offerings including the new dual lane UltraFlex™ a next generation dryer and firing furnace. This new, state-of-the-art tool is designed to provide next generation capabilities in performance, profile flexibility and reduced cost of ownership.

Despatch has already sold over 30 UltraFlex™ units throughout Europe and Asia. The 30 furnaces amount to more than 1GW of firing furnace production capacity. Adoption of both the single-lane and high-capacity dual-lane furnaces indicates growing industry acceptance along with escalating solar production opportunities worldwide.

"The new dual lane UltraFlex™ products are representative of the next generation in technology innovation," states Brian Bunkenburg, Despatch Solar CTO. "They are designed to provide our customers with immediate performance improvements while enabling the flexibility to quickly take advantage of relevant industry advancements."

The UltraFlex can achieve rapid thermal ramping and cooling rates of up to 250 degrees Celsius per second. And Despatch's new Microzone Technology provides infinite profile flexibility independent of belt speed, including the ability to tailor peak temperature while minimizing the time above a set temperature. Microzone lamps are configured to create the sharp divisions and tight control needed to adapt to changing cell architectures, new pastes and selective emitters.

The UltraFlex™ incorporates the company's patented, push-button chamber design, and now features a smooth, easily cleanable interior to minimize maintenance time. The new Ultraflex edge-contact belt design results in less thermal transfer and no marking. The tool's efficient configuration incorporates a four meter drying section that provides optimal drying at faster belt speeds, and yet, the UltraFlex™ system is two and a half meters shorter than comparable systems. A new, patent-pending VOC Thermal Oxidizer is integrated into the dryer to provide virtually maintenance free elimination of VOCs at point-of-generation.

Despatch Industries designs and engineers market-leading tools and technology for the solar cell manufacturing industry. The company's regional offices and complete global service network allow Despatch to provide local sales and product support to all customers worldwide. Despatch equipment is consistently recognized for exceptional performance and process quality, optimal cell efficiency, maximum uptime and reduced operating costs.

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