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SunPower, SunRay complete largest solar plant in Italy

SunRay Renewable Energy, and SunPower Corp. announced that the Montalto di Castro solar photovoltaic, or PV, power plant, the largest in Italy, has been completed and is contributing clean, renewable solar power to Italy's national electric grid. The two companies announced the completion of the system at an interactive conference on renewable sources, Re-Event, being held this week in Rome. The plant, located in Italy's Viterbro province, Lazio, was connected to the grid on November 30, several weeks ahead of schedule. According to SunRay, the plant produces enough power for 13,000 homes, and avoids the emissions of 22,000 tons of carbon dioxide per year. This project is the first phase of a planned 85-megawatt development that is expected to be fully operational in 2010.