

SOLAR NATION® INSTALLS SOLAR-ELECTRIC SYSTEM ON FACTORIES CONNECTION IN PORTLAND, OREGON

PORTLAND, OR, January 31, 2011: Solar Nation has announced the installation and commissioning of a 47.5 kilowatt solar-electric system on the Factories Connection, Inc. facility in Portland, Oregon. The family-owned business installed solar power to reduce and stabilize energy costs and to follow through on its long-standing commitment to protecting the environment.

The Factories Connection installation includes 264 photovoltaic modules covering 3,362 square feet of roof space on the industrial building. This solar-electric system will offset 96% of the company's electrical needs. It is estimated that over its 25-year warranted life, the Factories Connection solar-energy system will keep 951 tons of CO₂ from entering the environment. This is the equivalent of driving an automobile over 1,211,806 miles or the annual CO₂ offset of over 38,150 trees.

"Factories Connection has been in this community for nearly 25 years. We are continually looking for ways to produce and use green energy. Solar Nation did an excellent job of understanding our needs, educating us on our options, and seeing the task through to completion, while keeping us informed every step of the way," said Jenny Lee, co-owner of Factories Connection. "We have become a stronger company by installing solar."

"Businesses that install solar-electric systems consume most of the power that they produce, effectively increasing the overall capacity of the grid without the need for new power plants or transmission lines. There is an immediate cost savings to these businesses which in turn makes them stronger businesses, all while reducing carbon emissions and improving the environment," said Paul Hodge, chief executive officer of Solar Nation. "It has been a pleasure working

with Factories Connection. We are proud to be working with a company that is so forward-thinking and committed to sustainable, renewable energy.”

About Solar Nation, Inc.

Headquartered in Portland, Oregon, Solar Nation, Inc. is a science and engineering company specializing in the design, engineering, installation, and construction of solar-energy-systems and solutions for business, government, and non-profit organizations. Since its founding in 2008, Solar Nation has expanded its operations from the Northwestern United States across North America.

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About Factories Connection, Inc.

Specializing in import and wholesale trades since 1987, Factories Connection is located in the industrial district of Northwest Portland. They are dedicated to supplying quality products for everyday business needs at competitive prices to both retail and wholesale customers.

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