



Orb Energy Installs 'Solar Kiosks' throughout Karnataka for Comat

Bangalore December 28, 2009: Orb Energy ("Orb"), India's largest direct solar sales and service Company, today announced the installation of 5 innovative solar systems in rural areas for their client Comat Technologies. These systems were kindly donated by Mr. Tom Singh, a leading UK entrepreneur with interests in renewable energy, to demonstrate the enormous potential for solar energy to power Comat's kiosks that provide essential services in India's small towns and villages.

The solar kiosks were installed throughout Karnataka, specifically in: Sadalga in Belgaum district, Kerur in Bagalkote district, Ronur in Kolar district, Talaku in Chitradurga district and Moka in Bellary district.

Mr. Tom Singh said: 'It gives me great pleasure to donate these 5 solar systems to Comat for trial. I believe that solar energy is a viable alternative to supplying power to the IT kiosks that Comat runs on behalf of the Government in rural villages. These kiosks are the life-blood of essential administration in rural areas of India - supplying title deeds, birth certificates, death certificates, etc - and without reliable power, they cannot effectively service their customer base. In showing that solar can provide reliable power for these essential services, my hope is that the Government of India will follow suit, and support the use of solar power for all IT kiosk companies throughout India'

Damian Miller, the CEO of Orb Energy said: 'Solar kiosks are the ideal way to deliver essential services in rural India. Solar power is the most reliable form of electricity, and best suited for remote power applications. Powered by solar energy, these kiosks can function consistently for longer periods ensuring no disruption for Comat's customers to access critical services. We would like to thank Mr. Tom Singh and Comat, for this valuable initiative, and to use this example to encourage the Government of India to establish a program for solar kiosks throughout the country.'

Sriram Raghavan, the CEO of Comat said: 'Lack of sufficient power supply has perennially hampered the success of our rural kiosks. Solar power is the best solution as it ensures consistent power supply and our customers can have access to information regularly. We would like to thank Orb for collaborating with us on this initiative. With adequate support from the Government, we hope that the rest of the 800 centers located across Karnataka will be powered by solar energy.'

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About Orb Energy:

Orb Energy ("Orb") is India's largest direct solar sales and service company. Orb's main activities are product design, assembly, sales, installation and servicing of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems for reliable power, solar thermal systems for hot water, as well as lights and appliances for greater energy efficiency. Orb launched in India at the start of 2007 and is in the process of building a nation-wide network of branches to support solar customers and ensure quality of delivery, installation, and after-sales service. 90 branches have so far been established in Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh. Orb already employs more than 400 personnel and has surpassed 10,000 systems installed.

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Solar photovoltaic (PV) systems have mass appeal in areas with regular brown-outs, particularly in rural areas. Solar thermal systems are extremely cost effective, with 2 - 3 year payback periods for commercial and residential customers in both urban and rural areas.

In addition to the supply of solar products, Orb arranges for installation and after sales service, and facilitates easy finance for its customers through more than 20 partner banks. In parallel with its branch network, Orb has established an in-house 'commercial' division that designs, sells, and installs components and systems for builders and developers, corporations and institutions, and a variety of system integrators. Orb already exports its systems and components know-how to other high potential emerging markets. Orb's headquarters are located in Bangalore, Karnataka. For more information please visit www.orbenergy.com

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