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## **GlobalWatt to Set Up an Advanced Amorphous Silicon Research and Development Facility at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi**

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and GlobalWatt Inc., a California photovoltaic manufacturing and management company, today (Tuesday, May 12) announced plans to collaborate on photovoltaic technology research and development activities that will enable the University to develop advanced clean energy technologies and curriculum.

Texas A&M-Corpus Christi and GlobalWatt recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding that outlines plans for cooperation to develop a turnkey amorphous silicon photovoltaic research and development laboratory on the University campus to focus advanced research in photovoltaic science to bring innovation and new technology.

“Amorphous silicon is one of the fastest-growing solar technologies used in the marketplace today,” said Yogesh Rane, director of Emerging Markets. “Thin film, as it is commonly referred to as, is a low cost alternative to crystalline technology. As the industry pushes for higher efficiencies and lower manufacturing cost per watt, we believe that future solar technologies will arise from advanced research from the finest universities.”

GlobalWatt’s Rane added that they are excited about the opportunities that Texas A&M-Corpus Christi research faculty members will have to help shape the future of this rapidly-growing industry. The commercialization of the technologies developed at the University under this effort will be used to further expand production facilities and create new employment opportunities for graduates and the local workforce.

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“Our planned agreement presents an enormous range of potential benefits to our growing engineering program,” said Dr. Harvey Knull, associate vice president for Research and Scholarly Activity and Dean of Graduate Studies. “We are focused on providing courses to our students to address the ever evolving technological global marketplace. While our joint efforts will benefit both our organizations, the real winner will be the City of Corpus Christi – which is poised to be a leader in clean technology.”

Founded in 2006 by solar industry veterans, GlobalWatt is a Silicon Valley firm specializing in solar cell/solar module manufacturing and in outsourced solar factory management. GlobalWatt delivers products of uncompromising quality to its customers around the world and the company’s team of professionals works closely with customers to provide them with all of their solar solution needs.

GlobalWatt differentiates itself from the traditional model of overseas manufacturing by focusing on the local community. By working with local investors to bring competitive and leading technologies to produce solar products, GlobalWatt helps create new local employment opportunities, new business markets and increased community wealth.

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