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NEWS RELEASE

OPEL Solar International Files Outstanding Quarter 1, 2011 Financials

Shelton, CT and Toronto, ON, June 8, 2011 – OPEL Solar International Inc. (TSX-V: OPL) (“OPEL” or “the Company”), a leading global supplier of high concentration photovoltaic (“HCPV”) solar panels and ground-based and rooftop tracker systems, today announced the most successful revenue quarter in the Company’s history. OPEL has filed on SEDAR its Financial Statements and Management’s Discussion and Analysis (“MD&A”) for the quarter ended March 31, 2011 (collectively the “Financials”).

OPEL reported revenue of \$1.5 million in the first quarter of 2011, a number that exemplifies growth approaching almost all of OPEL’s 2010 revenue of \$1.6 million. The quarterly result surpasses the same period of 2010 by four times. Prudently however, OPEL continues to manage operating expenses for the quarter. Even though it made directional changes to meet market and economic requirements, as of March 31, 2011, the Company had \$6.7 million of cash and short term investments and continues with no debt.

OPEL Solar credits numerous business achievements for the superb quarter. The outstanding quarter began with revenue received from the order to install a 446kW solar power plant for Toray Plastics in Rhode Island. Upon its completion later in 2011, this project will be the largest solar field in the State of Rhode Island, our solar technology was Toray’s preferred choice, and we have expectations of its use at other Toray facilities worldwide.

This project announcement was followed by the strategic decision to form a Joint Venture with Ecotech Environmental Technology Ltd, of Hong Kong, creating OPEL Solar Asia Ltd (“OSA”). By entering into one of the fastest growing solar markets in the world today, OSA will install its HCPV solar panels and dual axis solar trackers in China. When the initial purchase order for OPEL Solar Asia for HCPV panels and trackers was received it had been increased to 5 Megawatts (“MW”), from the original 2 MW announcement.

OPEL made significant inroads into the U.S. utilities market by teaming with Aquarion Water Company (“Aquarion”) to provide its trackers to a water treatment facility in a groundbreaking solar energy installation on the utilities site to generate peak electric power for the treatment plant. This transaction represents an opportunity for OPEL to possibly partner in other future solar projects with Aquarion that would be tagged as part of Aquarion’s ‘carbon footprint reduction program.’

“To meet the rapidly changing economic conditions and to address new emerging markets, OPEL adjusted its marketing approach to capture new business. The strategic redirection of OPEL Solar that began in the second half of 2010 is beginning to bear fruit for us now,” stated Leon M. Pierhal, CEO of OPEL Solar. “The strong revenue result in this quarter is the start of what we believe to be a long-term growth pattern for revenue during the latter half of calendar year 2011 and on into 2012. It is our plan to vigorously forge ahead with our brownfield and municipality initiatives to add to the revenue potential of OPEL,” Pierhal emphasized.

Pierhal further added, “With the recent unrest in North Africa and the Middle East, OPEL’s aggressive sales activates for these regions were curtailed. However, because of the high demand for CPV, securing solar deployment in this region of the world remains a key business goal; therefore, new strategic partnerships or joint ventures are being considered.”

The future success for the Company cannot focus only with the solar side of the business. In February, OPEL announced the commercial possibilities of its POET technology, developed by its affiliate company, ODIS, Inc., with a valuation of its intellectual portfolio which was projected at a mean value of \$1.3 billion as more fully discussed in the Company’s news release dated March 2, 2011. POET has been a development technology of choice for U.S. government and military branches, but now OPEL was able to showcase its breakthrough potential to the commercial semiconductor markets through this valuation study. “POET is a complex platform technology in incubation. We hope to validate its extraordinary capabilities soon and be able to continue to showcase its successes,” Mr. Pierhal commented.

Michael McCoy, OPEL’s Chief Financial Officer, capped the quarter’s success with these comments. “Our 2010 bookings are beginning to transform into revenue. Over the past several years, we have come to understand the length of time it may take to close a sale with a client. After the order, there is a lengthy cycle that includes the permitting process, land preparation, agreements with power companies and other possible State or Federal issues which we have

determined could be 12-18 months or longer before there is revenue generation. With this experience now in mind, OPEL is poised to participate as a market leader in solar energy development worldwide, which is a market that has an exponential rate of growth ahead in 2011 and beyond.” McCoy concluded.

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About OPEL Solar International and OPEL Solar, Inc. and ODIS, Inc.

With operations headquartered in Shelton, CT and head office in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, the Company, through OPEL, Inc., designs, manufactures and markets high-concentration photovoltaic panels, dual- and single-axis trackers, and related PV systems, for energy applications worldwide. The Company, through ODIS Inc., a U.S. company, designs III-V semiconductor devices for military, industrial and commercial applications, including infrared sensor arrays and ultra-low-power random access memory. The Company has been awarded 35 patents and has 12 patents pending, including for its POET process, which enables the monolithic fabrication of integrated circuits containing both electronic and optical elements, with potential high-speed and low-power applications in devices such as servers, tablet computers and smartphones. OPEL’s common shares trade on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol “OPL”. For more information about OPEL, please visit the Company’s website at www.opelinc.com.

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