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NEWS RELEASE

OPEL Solar, Inc. Boosts U.S. Sales Force with a Director of Western Regional Sales

OPEL Ready for U.S. Solar Market's "Green" Growth

Shelton, CT, and Toronto, ON, January 6, 2010 – OPEL International Inc. (TSX-V: OPL) (“OPEL”), a leading global developer and supplier of high concentration photovoltaic (“HCPV”) and other solar products, including ground-based and rooftop tracker systems, today announced having hired Jay Johnson as Director of Western Regional Sales, where he will be responsible for business development and the sales process. In his role, Jay will be based in Northern California and will handle OPEL Solar’s project sales and dealer network expansion.

“The expansion of our solar sales force in the U.S. reinforces OPEL Solar’s commitment to the creation of green jobs to the U.S. economy, and it puts OPEL Solar closer to the hub of solar project activity arising in California and throughout the Southwest,” said Robert Pico, CEO of OPEL Solar, Inc. “Jay brings to the Company extensive utility solar photovoltaic experience, and we expect he will play an important role in broadening OPEL’s solar power grid installation business in the U.S. market.”

Jay comes to OPEL Solar with 15 years of experience in business development, with seven of those years in solar power project and energy project development sales experience. Prior to joining OPEL Solar, Jay worked for Akeena Solar in California as a commercial sales executive and for CETX Energy Agency in Texas as Director of Energy Services procuring generation services throughout the active deregulated electricity states of Texas, Illinois, and the New England market. Most recently, he was the director of commercial sales for CentroSolar America where he opened the California operations for the German based solar manufacturer.

He holds a BS Degree in Business Administration from California State University and a MBA in Technology Management from the University of Phoenix.

“By having Jay cover the western U.S., OPEL Solar can increase its responsiveness to customers and capitalize on growth of its solar business in that region,” said Frank Middleton, COO of OPEL Solar, Inc. “We are very pleased to have Jay come on board to deepen our already strong sales reach.”

About OPEL Solar, Inc. and OPEL International Inc.

With operations headquartered in Shelton, CT and Toronto, Ontario, Canada, OPEL Solar, Inc. designs, manufactures and markets high performance concentrating photovoltaic (“HCPV”) panels to transform solar energy into electricity for worldwide application. OPEL Solar’s high performance photovoltaic concentrating panels generate up to 40 percent more kilowatt-hours than conventional flat plate silicon solar panels, resulting in more cost-effective electricity generated from the sun. OPEL Solar also markets a complete line of dual and single axis solar trackers to mount solar panels for optimum power output. OPEL also designs infrared sensor type products for military and industrial applications.

A leader in gallium arsenide and solar photovoltaic technology, the Company has been awarded 39 patents and has 12 more patents pending. OPEL's common shares trade on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol "OPL". For more information about OPEL Solar, Inc., please visit the Company's website at www.opelinc.com. OPEL Solar, Inc. is a subsidiary of OPEL International Inc. (TSX-V: OPL).

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